

# Evening Prayer – Friday (October)

	First Reading	Psalm(s)	Gospel
October 2	Hosea 10:1-15	Ps 107:1-32	Luke 6:12-26
October 9	Micah 3:9-4:5	Ps 141, Ps 143:1-11	Luke 8:1-15
October 16	Sirach 1:1-10, 18-27	Ps 22	Luke 9:28-36
October 23	Sirach 11:2-20	Ps 35	Luke 10:38-42
October 30	Sirach 34:1-8	Ps 51	Luke 12:13-31

Officiant: Stay with us, Lord, for evening draws on, and the day is almost over.

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;

**All: Hear my voice when I cry to you.**

Officiant: Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense,

**All: The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## The Invitatory – *Phos Hilaron*

**O gracious Light,**

**pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,**

**O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!**

**Now as we come to the setting of the sun,**

**and our eyes behold the vesper light,**

**we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,**

**O Son of God, O Giver of life,**

**and to be glorified through all the worlds.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

*First Reading*

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*The Psalm(s)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. **Amen.**

*The Gospel*

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*The Gospel is proclaimed.*

Officiant: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Affirmation of Faith** – *The Apostle's Creed*

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

# The Great Litany

God the Father, creator of heaven and earth, **Have mercy on us.**

God the Son, redeemer of the world, **Have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide, **Have mercy on us.**

Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God,  
**Have mercy on us.**

Lord, remember not our offences, nor the offences of our forebears; spare us, good Lord, spare your people whom you have redeemed with your precious blood. **Spare us, good Lord.**

From all evil and mischief, from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the devil, from your wrath, and from everlasting condemnation, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all spiritual blindness, from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all deadly sin, and from the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of your word and commandment, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

From earthquake and tempest; from drought, fire, and flood; from civil strife and violence; from war and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of your holy incarnation, by your baptism, fasting, and temptation; and by your proclamation of the kingdom, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

By your agony and bitter grief, by your cross and passion, by your precious death and burial, by your glorious resurrection and ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

In our times of trouble, in our times of prosperity, in the hour of death, and on the day of judgement, **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Receive now our prayers, Lord God. May it please you to rule and govern your holy Church universal and lead it in your way. **Hear us, good Lord.**

Bless and defend all who strive for our safety and protection, and shield them in all dangers and adversities. **Hear us, good Lord.**

Grant wisdom and insight to those who govern us, and to judges and magistrates the grace to execute justice with mercy. **Hear us, good Lord.**

Enlighten all bishops, priests, and deacons with true knowledge and understanding of your word, that in their preaching and living they may declare it clearly and show its truth. **Hear us, good Lord.**

Bless all your servants preparing for ministry in your Church. Pour your grace upon them that they may serve others as Christ himself has served us, for the building up of his Body in love. **Hear us, good Lord.**

Encourage and prosper your servants who spread the gospel in all the world, and send out labourers into the harvest. **Hear us, good Lord.**

Bless and keep your people, that all may find and follow their true vocation and ministry. **Hear us, good Lord.**

Give us a heart to love and reverence you, that we may diligently live according to your commandments. **Hear us, good Lord.**

To all your people give growth in grace to listen to your word, to receive it gladly, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. **Hear us, good Lord.**

Strengthen those who stand firm in the faith, encourage the faint-hearted, raise up those who fall, and finally beat down Satan under our feet. **Hear us, good Lord.**

To all nations grant unity, peace, and concord, and to all people give dignity, food, and shelter. **Hear us, good Lord.**

Grant us abundant harvests, strength and skill to conserve the resources of the earth, and wisdom to use them well. **Hear us, good Lord.**

Enlighten with your Spirit all who teach and all who learn. **Hear us, good Lord.**

Come to the help of all who are in danger, necessity, and trouble; protect all who travel by land, air, or water; and show your pity on all prisoners and captives. **Hear us, good Lord.**

Strengthen and preserve all women who are in childbirth, and all young children, and comfort the aged and lonely. **Hear us, good Lord.**

Defend and provide for the widowed and the orphaned, the refugees and the homeless, the unemployed, and all who are desolate and oppressed. **Hear us, good Lord.**

Heal those who are sick in body or mind, and give skill and compassion to all who care for them. **Hear us, good Lord.**

Grant us true repentance, forgive our sins, and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy word. **Hear us, good Lord.**

Son of God, we ask you to hear us. **Son of God, we ask you to hear us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **Grant us your peace.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

Officiant: Let us pray together.

**All: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: May the Lord of peace give us peace in all ways and at all times. **Amen.**