

An Order for Evening Prayer: Wednesday - Lent & Holy Week

Note: the Zoom link should work directly, but if you're asked for a password, it is "prayer". I will not be running Evening Prayer on Ash Wednesday (February 17th) – see you the following week!

	Psalm(s)	Gospel
February 24	Ps 51	Luke 11:29-32
March 3	Ps 31	Matthew 20:17-28
March 10	Ps 147	Matthew 5:17-20
March 17	Ps 145	John 5:19-30
March 24	Ps 24	John 8:31-47
March 31	Ps 70	John 13:21-32

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

Officiant: Dear friends in Christ,
as we prepare to worship almighty God,
let us with penitent and obedient hearts
confess our sins,
that we may obtain forgiveness
by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. 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

The Psalm(s) – read from the Book of Alternative Services (BAS)

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 – read from Today's English Version (Good News Bible)

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel is proclaimed.

Officiant: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Song of Mary – *The Magnificat*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; *
for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

**From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.**

**He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.**

**He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

**He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.**

**He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.**

**He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,**

**the promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

**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.**

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.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

(With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”)

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors, we pray to you, Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you, Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

The Collect(s)

The Collect of the Day – read from the BAS

Collect for Protection & Rest: Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last. **Amen.**