

# An Order for Evening Prayer

## Wednesday – Eastertide

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 April 28\*, but the readings are included below for anyone who wishes to pray on their own or with others.

	<b>Psalm(s)</b>	<b>Reading(s)</b>
April 7	Ps 115	John 15:1-11
April 14	Ps 12, 13, 14	John 17:20-26
April 21	Ps 119:25-48	Luke 4:38-44
April 28 *	Ps 49, 53	Luke 6:27-38
May 5	Ps 119:73-96	Luke 8:16-25
May 12 – Eve of the Ascension	Ps 68:1-20	2 Kings 2:1-15, Revelation 5:1-14
May 19	Ps 119:121-144	Luke 10:17-24

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. Alleluia!**

### **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, \*  
or 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***

Let us confess the faith of our baptism,  
as we say,

**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

(In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, "Hear us, Lord of glory!")

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That our families, friends, neighbours, and all who have asked for our prayers may be freed from anxiety, that they may live in joy, peace, and health, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

## The Collect(s)

1) *The Collect of the Day* – read from the BAS

2) *Collect for Peace*: Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements, and all just works, give to us your servants that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on doing your will, and that, freed from fear of our enemies, we may pass our time in rest and quietness; 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.**

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