

EVENING PRAYER 1

(based on Sunday Evening Prayer, APBA p. 387)

Grace, mercy and peace, from God the Father, and Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Timothy 1: 2.

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
as in the beginning, so now and for ever. Amen.

Come now, praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord:
you that stand by night in the house of the Lord.
Lift up your hands in the holy place and praise the Lord:
May the Lord bless you from Zion,
the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 134.

The day is now past and the night is at hand.
Let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence may be kept.

Father of lights, receive the prayer and praise we offer you as our evening sacrifice; make us a light for all the world, delivered by your goodness from all the works of darkness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

A Psalm may be said or

I lift my eyes to the hills:
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord:
the maker of heaven and earth.
The Lord will not allow your foot to slip:
your guardian will not sleep.
See, the one who watches over Israel:
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
It is the Lord who is your keeper:
the Lord is your shelter on your right hand,
So that the sun shall not strike you by day:
neither shall the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve you from all evil:
it is the Lord who shall guard your life.
The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in:
both now and for evermore.

Psalm 121
APBA p. 360.

Lord of life, by the power of your resurrection, deliver us from all selfishness and bring us to the fullness of your joy; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

One or two Readings from Scripture or

"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah : 6-8

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Matthew 11: 28-30.

May your word live in us and bear much fruit to your glory.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:

my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

Who 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.

God has mercy on those who fear him:

from generation to generation.

The Lord has shown strength with his arm:

and scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones:

and lifting up the lowly.

God has filled the hungry with good things:

and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel:

to remember the promise of mercy,

The promise made to our forebears:

to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke 1: 47-55.

The Prayers

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed by 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.

*Prayers may be offered
for the world
for the community
for the work of the Church, and
for the needs of individuals.*

Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night: that we, who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may rest on your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, equip us with everything good that we may do his will, to whom be glory for ever. Amen.