

Evening Prayer for Ordinary Time



Introduction .

+O God, come to our aid.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.

Amen.

Hymn

1 The day you gave us, Lord, is ended,
the darkness falls at your behest;
to you our morning hymns ascended,
your praise shall hallow now our rest.

2 We thank you that your church, unsleeping
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping,
and rests not now by day or night.

3 As o'er each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of pray'r is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.

4 The sun, that bids us rest, is waking
our brethren 'neath the western sky,
and hour by hour fresh lips are making
your wondrous doings heard on high.

5 So be it, Lord; your throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
but stand and rule and grow forever,
'til all your creatures own your sway

Psalm 139

O Lord, you search me and you know me,
you know my resting and my rising,
you discern my purpose from afar.
You mark when I walk or lie down,
all my ways lie open to you.

Before ever a word is on my tongue
you know it, O Lord, through and through.
Behind and before you besiege me,
your hand ever laid upon me.
Too wonderful for me this knowledge,
too high, beyond my reach.

O where can I go from your spirit,
or where can I flee from your face?
If I climb the heavens, you are there.
If I lie in the grave, you are there.

If I take the wings of the dawn
and dwell at the sea's furthest end,
even there your hand would lead me,
your right hand would hold me fast.

If I say: 'Let the darkness hide me
and the light around me be night,'
even darkness is not dark for you
and the night is as clear as the day.

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Amen.

Short Reading

1 John 2:3-6

We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him. We can be sure that we are in God only when the one who claims to be living in him is living the same kind of life as Christ lived.

Short Responsory

Guard us, Lord, as the apple of your eye.
– *Guard us, Lord, as the apple of your eye.*
Hide us in the shadow of your wings.
– *Guard us, Lord, as the apple of your eye.*
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
– *Guard us, Lord, as the apple of your eye.*

Canticle

Magnificat

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!

His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons for ever.

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Amen.

Prayers and intercessions

Father in heaven, thank you for your blessings today... forgive my sins today... I am truly sorry. Bless this house with your peace; bless my family and friends wherever they are, the living...and the departed. Bless all I have wronged... and those who have wronged me... Give me a forgiving spirit; and bless me your unworthy servant. I leave with you my worries...and my hopes...for you know what is best for me. All these things I ask through Jesus Christ and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Pray in your own words for others and yourself or a keep a moment of silence

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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,
and 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.

+The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore, Amen

