

# Daily Prayer

## The Daily Services

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### Sunday Morning

*1* This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Psalm 118.24

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

*2 The Opening Canticle, A Song of Triumph (Venite)*

O come, let us sing out to the Lord:  
let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his face with thanksgiving:  
and cry out to him joyfully in psalms.

For the Lord is a great God:  
and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth: **w**  
and the peaks of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his and he made it:  
his hands moulded dry land.

Come, let us worship and bow down:  
and kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is the Lord our God:  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Today if only you would hear his voice:  
‘Do not harden your hearts as Israel did in the wilderness;

‘When your forebears tested me:  
put me to proof though they had seen my works.

‘Forty years long I loathed that generation and said:  
“It is a people who err in their hearts,  
for they do not know my ways”;

‘Of whom I swore in my wrath:  
“They shall not enter my rest.”’

Psalm 95

*or the Easter Anthems (page 423) may be used during the Easter season.*

### *3 The Opening Prayer*

The night has passed and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence may be kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

*A pause for self-examination, the Confession and Absolution (see note 1) may be used here.*

### *4 The Psalms as appointed. A pause is observed after each.*

### *5 At the end of the (last) pause there may follow*

Lord God, whose blessed Son rose in triumph and set us free: grant us the fullness of life he promised us, that through the Holy Spirit our hearts may possess him whom our eyes cannot see, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *6 One or two Readings from the Bible as appointed.*

*The readings may be followed by a period of silence for reflection, a hymn or*

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

### *7 The Canticle, The Song of Zechariah (Benedictus)*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel:  
who has come to his people and set them free.  
The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour:  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through the holy prophets, God promised of old:  
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of  
all who hate us,  
To show mercy to our forebears:  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear:  
holy and righteous before him, all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation:  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God:  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness  
and the shadow of death:  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68–79

*8 The Apostles' Creed may be said.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**  
**On the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
from there he will come 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.**

*9 The Prayers*

Lord have mercy.  
**Christ have mercy.**  
Lord have mercy.  
**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.**

*10 The Collect of the Day*

*11 Intercessions and Thanksgivings may be made according to local custom and need.*

*12 The Morning Collect*

Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed; guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live this day in love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*13* The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us praise the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 13.14

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# Sunday Evening

*1* 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.**

## *2 The Opening Canticle, The Praise of God's Servants*

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

## *3 The Opening Prayer*

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.**

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## *4 The Psalms as appointed. A pause is observed after each.*

## *5 At the end of the (last) pause there may follow*

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.**

## *6 One or two Readings from the Bible as appointed.*

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

*7 The Canticle, The Song of Mary (Magnificat)*

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

*8 The Apostles' Creed may be said.*

*9 The Prayers*

Lord have mercy.  
**Christ have mercy.**  
Lord have mercy.

*10 The Lord's Prayer and the Collect of the Day*

*11 Intercessions and Thanksgivings may be made according to local custom and need.*

*12 The Evening Collect*

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.**

*13* The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us praise the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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.**

see Hebrews 13.20, 21

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# Monday Morning

*1* God's love has been poured into our hearts,  
**through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.**

Romans 5.5

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

## *2 The Opening Canticle, A Song of God's Marvellous Acts*

I will sing a new hymn to my God:  
O Lord you are great and marvellous,  
you are marvellous in your strength, invincible.  
Let the whole creation serve you:  
for you spoke and all things came to be;  
You sent out your Spirit and it formed them:  
no one can resist your voice.  
Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths:  
rocks melt like wax at your presence;  
But to those who revere you:  
you still show mercy.

Judith 16.13–15

## *3 The Opening Prayer*

The night has passed and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence may be kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

## *4 The Psalms as appointed. A pause is observed after each.*

## *5 At the end of the (last) pause there may follow*

Creator Spirit, Advocate promised by our Lord Jesus: increase our faith and help us to walk in the light of your presence, to the glory of God the Father; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*6 One or two Readings from the Bible as appointed.*

*The readings may be followed by a period of silence for reflection, a hymn or*

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

*7 The Canticle, A Song of Isaiah*

‘Behold, God is my salvation:  
I will trust and will not be afraid;  
‘For the Lord God is my strength and my song:  
and has become my salvation.’  
With joy you will draw water:  
from the wells of salvation.  
On that day you will say:  
‘Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;  
‘Make known his deeds among the nations:  
proclaim that his name is exalted.  
‘Sing God’s praises, who has triumphed gloriously:  
let this be known in all the world.  
‘Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion:  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.’

Isaiah 12.2–6

*8 The Apostles’ Creed may be said.*

*9 The Prayers*

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**Christ have mercy.**  
Lord have mercy.

*10 The Lord’s Prayer and the Collect of the Day*

*11 Intercessions and Thanksgivings may be made according to local custom and need.*

*12 The Morning Collect*

Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed: guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live this day in love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*13* The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us praise the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

God did not give us a spirit of cowardice

but a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

May we rekindle the gift of God within us. **Amen.**

see 2 Timothy 1.6–7

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# Monday Evening

*1* May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing,  
**so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope.**

Romans 15.13

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

## *2 The Opening Canticle, A Song of Hope*

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me:  
because the Lord has anointed me  
to bring good tidings to the afflicted.

The Lord has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted:  
to proclaim liberty for the captives,  
and release for those in prison,

To comfort all who mourn:  
to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes,

The oil of gladness instead of mourning:  
a garment of splendour for the heavy heart.

They shall be called trees of righteousness:  
planted for the glory of the Lord.

Isaiah 61.1–3

## *3 The Opening Prayer*

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.**

## *4 The Psalms as appointed. A pause is observed after each.*

### *5 At the end of the (last) pause there may follow*

God who wonderfully created us and even more wonderfully restored our humanity: strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to triumph over suffering and death, and grant us eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## *6 One or two Readings from the Bible as appointed.*

*The readings may be followed by a period of silence for reflection, a hymn or*

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

### *7 The Canticle, A Song of God's Children*

In Christ Jesus, the life-giving law of the Spirit:  
has set us free from the law of sin and death.  
All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God:  
it is the Spirit that enables us to cry, 'Abba!' Father.  
The Spirit bears witness  
that we are God's children:  
and if God's children, then heirs of God.  
We are heirs of God and fellow-heirs with Christ:  
If we share his sufferings now  
we shall be glorified with him hereafter.  
These sufferings that we now endure:  
are not worth comparing  
with the glory that shall be revealed.  
For the creation waits with eager longing:  
for the revealing of the children of God.

Romans 8.2, 14, 15b–19

### *8 The Prayers*

Lord have mercy.  
**Christ have mercy.**  
Lord have mercy.

### *9 The Lord's Prayer and the Collect of the Day*

*10 Intercessions and Thanksgivings may be made according to local custom and need.*

### *11 The Evening Collect*

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray: and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*12* The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us praise the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. **Amen.**

Hebrews 12.1

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# Tuesday Morning

*1* We will proclaim the name of the Lord.

**Ascribe greatness to our God.**

Deuteronomy 32.3

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.**

*2 The Opening Canticle, A Song of God's Mercy*

God who is rich in mercy:

out of the great love with which he loved us,

Even when we were dead through our trespasses:

made us alive together with Christ,

And raised us up with him:

and made us sit with him

in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

That he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace:

in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2.4–7

*3 The Opening Prayer*

The night has passed and the day lies open before us;

let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence may be kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,

so may the light of your presence, O God,

set our hearts on fire with love for you;

now and for ever. **Amen.**

*4 The Psalms as appointed. A pause is observed after each.*

*5 At the end of the (last) pause there may follow*

Lord, our God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier: we ask you to cleanse

us from all hypocrisy, to unite us to our fellow men and women by the bonds of peace and love, and to confirm us in holiness; now and for ever. **Amen.**

*6 One or two Readings from the Bible as appointed.*

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May your word live in us

**and bear much fruit to your glory.**

*7 The Canticle, A Song of the Blessed*

Blessed are the poor in spirit:  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn:  
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek:  
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger  
and thirst for what is right:  
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful:  
for mercy shall be shown to them.

Blessed are the pure in heart:  
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers:  
for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted  
for righteousness' sake:  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5.3–10

*8 The Apostles' Creed may be said.*

*9 The Prayers*

Lord have mercy. **Christ have mercy.** Lord have mercy.

*10 The Lord's Prayer and the Collect of the Day*

*11 Intercessions and Thanksgivings may be made according to local custom and need.*

*12 The Morning Collect*

Lord and heavenly Father,  
you have brought us safely to this new day:  
keep us by your mighty power, protect us from sin,  
guard us from every kind of danger, and in all we do this day  
direct us in the fulfilling of your purpose,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*13 The Lord be with you. **And also with you.***

Let us praise the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

May the Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make his face to shine upon us,  
and be gracious to us; the Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us  
peace. **Amen.**

Numbers 6.24–26

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# Tuesday Evening

1 O sing to the Lord a new song:  
**sing to the Lord all the earth.**

Psalm 96.1

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

2 *The Opening Canticle, The Song of the Three*

Blessed are you, the God of our forebears:  
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed is your holy and glorious name:  
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you, glorious in your holy temple:  
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you who behold the depths:  
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom:  
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you in the heights of heaven:  
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Song of the Three 29–34

3 *The Opening Prayer*

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.**

4 *The Psalms as appointed. A pause is observed after each.*

5 *At the end of the (last) pause there may follow*

God of grace, we thank you for all your gifts to us: grant us to accept both pain and joy in faith and hope, and never to fail in love to you and to our sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

6 *One or two Readings from the Bible as appointed.*

*The readings may be followed by a period of silence for reflection, a hymn or*

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

*7 The Canticle, The Song of Simeon (Nunc dimittis)*

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:  
your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation:  
which you have prepared in the sight of every people:

A light to reveal you to the nations:  
and the glory of your people Israel.

Luke 2.29–32

*8 The Prayers*

Lord have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

Lord have mercy.

*9 The Lord's Prayer and the Collect of the Day*

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*11 The Evening Collect*

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.**

*12* The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us praise the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

2 Thessalonians 3.16

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# Wednesday Morning

*1* Rejoice always; pray without ceasing;  
in everything give thanks;  
**for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus.**

1 Thessalonians 5.16–18

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

## *2 The Opening Canticle, A Song of God's Grace*

Blessed are you,  
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
for you have blessed us in Christ Jesus  
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.  
You chose us to be yours in Christ  
before the foundation of the world:  
that we should be holy and blameless before you.  
In love you destined us to be your children,  
through Jesus Christ:  
according to the purpose of your will,  
To the praise of your glorious grace:  
which you freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1.3–6

## *3 The Opening Prayer*

The night has passed and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence may be kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

## *4 The Psalms as appointed. A pause is observed after each.*

## *5 At the end of the (last) pause there may follow*

We consecrate this day to your service, O Lord; may all our thoughts, words,  
and actions be well-pleasing to you and serve the good of our brothers and  
sisters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

*6 One or two Readings from the Bible as appointed.*

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

*7 The Canticle, Te Deum Laudamus*

We praise you, O God:  
we acclaim you as Lord.  
All creation worships you:  
the Father everlasting.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven:  
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you:  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you:  
Throughout the world, the holy Church acclaims you:  
Father, of majesty unbounded:  
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise,  
the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
You, Christ, are the King of glory:  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you took our flesh to set us free:  
you humbly chose the virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death:  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory:  
We believe that you will come to be our judge.  
Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood:  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.

*8 The Apostles' Creed may be said.*

*9 The Prayers*

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**Christ have mercy.**  
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*10 The Lord's Prayer and the Collect of the Day*

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Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed: guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live this day in love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*13* The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us praise the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant us to live in such harmony with one another in accord with Christ Jesus, that we may with one voice glorify our God and Father. **Amen.**

Romans 15.5–6

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# Wednesday Evening

*1* The glory of the Lord shall be revealed;  
**and all people shall see it together.**

Isaiah 40.5

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

## *2 The Opening Canticle, A Song of Praise*

God be gracious to us and bless us:  
and make your face to shine upon us,  
That your way may be known upon earth:  
your salvation among all nations.

*Let the peoples praise you, O God:  
let all the peoples praise you.*

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy:  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and govern the nations upon earth.

*Let the peoples praise you, O God:  
let all the peoples praise you.*

Then the earth will bring forth its increase:  
and God, our own God, will bless us.

You, O God, will bless us:  
and all the ends of the earth will fear you.

Psalms 67

## *3 The Opening Prayer*

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.**

## *4 The Psalms as appointed. A pause is observed after each.*

## *5 At the end of the (last) pause there may follow*

God of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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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

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*12* The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us praise the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

May our Lord Jesus Christ, and God our Father, comfort our hearts and establish them in every good work and word. **Amen.**

2 Thessalonians 2.16–17

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# Thursday Morning

*1* This is the message we have heard from Christ:  
**that God is light, in whom there is  
no darkness at all.**

1 John 1.5

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

## *2 The Opening Canticle, A Song of God's Herald*

Go up to a high mountain  
herald of good tidings to Zion:  
lift up your voice with strength,  
herald of good tidings to Jerusalem.  
Lift up your voice, fear not:  
say to the cities of Judah, 'Behold your God!'  
See the Lord God, coming with power:  
coming to rule with his mighty arm.  
He brings his reward for the people of God:  
the recompense for those who are saved.  
God will feed his flock like a shepherd:  
and gather the lambs in his arms;  
He will hold them to his breast:  
and gently lead those that are with young.

Isaiah 40.9–11

## *3 The Opening Prayer*

The night has passed and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence may be kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

## *4 The Psalms as appointed. A pause is observed after each.*

### *5 At the end of the (last) pause there may follow*

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us in your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share our human nature, so we may be partakers in his divine glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*6 One or two Readings from the Bible as appointed.*

*The readings may be followed by a period of silence for reflection, a hymn or*

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

*7 The Canticle, The Hymn of the Word*

In the beginning was the Word:  
and the Word was with God,  
And the Word was God:  
He was in the beginning with God.  
All things were made through him:  
and without him, was not anything made that was made.  
In him was life:  
and the life was the light of all people.  
The light shines in the darkness:  
and the darkness has not overcome it.  
He was in the world:  
and the world was made through him  
yet the world knew him not.  
He came to his own home:  
and his own people received him not.  
But to all who received him who believed on his name:  
he has given power to become children of God;  
Who were born not of blood  
nor of the will of the flesh:  
nor of the will of a man but of God.  
And the Word became flesh:  
and dwelt among us full of grace and truth;  
We have beheld his glory:  
glory as of the only Son from the Father.  
And from his fullness have we all received:  
and grace upon grace.

John 1.1–5, 10–14, 16

*8 The Apostles' Creed may be said.*

*9 The Prayers*

Lord have mercy.  
**Christ have mercy.**  
Lord have mercy.

*10 The Lord's Prayer and the Collect of the Day*

*11 Intercessions and Thanksgivings may be made according to local custom and need.*

*12 The Morning Collect*

Lord and heavenly Father,  
you have brought us safely to this new day:  
keep us by your mighty power, protect us from sin,  
guard us from every kind of danger,  
and in all we do this day  
direct us in the fulfilling of your purpose,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*13* The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us praise the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

May the God of peace equip us with everything good so that we may do his will; and may he work in us that which is pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever. **Amen.**

see Hebrews 13.20–21

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# Thursday Evening

*1* The Lord our God the Almighty reigns.  
**Let us rejoice and exult and give God the glory.**

Revelation 19.6–7

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

## *2 The Opening Canticle, A Song of Joy*

Be joyful in the Lord, all the earth:  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God:  
it is he who has made us, and we are his;  
for we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise:  
give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good;  
his loving-kindness is everlasting:  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Psalm 100

## *3 The Opening Prayer*

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.**

## *4 The Psalms as appointed. A pause is observed after each.*

### *5 At the end of the (last) pause there may follow*

God our Saviour, you sent Jesus into the world of sin, and delivered him up to death for us: kindle in our hearts the same love with which he loved his own to the end; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## *6 One or two Readings from the Bible as appointed.*

*The readings may be followed by a period of silence for reflection, a hymn or*

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

### *7 The Canticle, The Song of Christ's Glory*

Christ Jesus was in the form of God:  
but he did not cling to equality with God.  
He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant:  
and was born in our human likeness.  
Being found in human form, he humbled himself:  
and became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God has highly exalted him:  
and bestowed on him the name above every name,  
That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow:  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth;  
And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord:  
to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2.5b–11

### *8 The Prayers*

Lord have mercy.  
**Christ have mercy.**  
Lord have mercy.

### *9 The Lord's Prayer and the Collect of the Day*

*10 Intercessions and Thanksgivings may be made according to local custom and need.*

### *11 The Evening Collect*

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.**

*12* The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us praise the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 13.14

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## Friday Morning

*1* Through Christ let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God,  
**the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.**

Hebrews 13.15

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

### *2 The Opening Canticle, A Song of God's Grace*

We have complete freedom:  
to go into the most holy place by means of the death of Jesus.  
He opened for us a new way, a living way:  
through the curtain, through his own body.  
Since we have a great high priest  
set over the household of God:  
let us draw near with a sincere heart and a sure faith,  
With hearts that have been made clean  
from a guilty conscience:  
and bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 10.19–22

### *3 The Opening Prayer*

The night has passed and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence may be kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

### *4 The Psalms as appointed. A pause is observed after each.*

### *5 At the end of the (last) pause there may follow*

Holy God, through your beloved Son you reconciled all things to yourself,  
making peace by the blood of his cross: fill us and those for whom we pray  
with your peace and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*6 One or two Readings from the Bible as appointed.*

*The readings may be followed by a period of silence for reflection, a hymn or*

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

*7 The Canticle, Saviour of the World*

Jesus, Saviour of the world,  
come to us in your mercy:  
we look to you to save and help us.  
By your cross and your life laid down,  
you set your people free:  
we look to you to save and help us.  
When they were ready to perish,  
you saved your disciples:  
we look to you to come to our help.  
In the greatness of your mercy,  
loose us from our chains:  
forgive the sins of all your people.  
Make yourself known as our saviour  
and mighty deliverer:  
save and help us that we may praise you.  
Come now and dwell with us, Lord Christ Jesus:  
hear our prayer and be with us always.  
And when you come in your glory:  
make us to be one with you  
and to share the life of your kingdom.

*8 The Apostles' Creed may be said*

*9 The Prayers*

Lord have mercy.  
**Christ have mercy.**  
Lord have mercy.

*10 The Lord's Prayer and the Collect of the Day*

*11 Intercessions and Thanksgivings may be made according to local custom and need.*

*12 The Morning Collect*

Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed; guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live this day in love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*13* The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us praise the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Peace be to us all, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Ephesians 6.23

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# Friday Evening

1 Peace to those who are far off.

**Peace to those who are near.**

Ephesians 2.17

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

## 2 *The Opening Canticle, The Lord's Servant*

He was despised; he was rejected:  
a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief.  
As one from whom people hide their faces:  
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.  
Ours were the sufferings he bore:  
ours the torments he endured,  
While we thought he was being punished:  
struck by God and brought low.  
He was pierced for our sins:  
bruised for no fault but ours.  
His punishment has won our peace:  
and by his wounds we are healed.  
We had all strayed like sheep:  
all taking our own way;  
But the Lord laid on him:  
the guilt of us all.

Isaiah 53.3–6

## 3 *The Opening Prayer*

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.**

## 4 *The Psalms as appointed. A pause is observed after each.*

## 5 *At the end of the (last) pause there may follow*

Holy Spirit, sanctifier, cleanse us from all hypocrisy, unite us to one another in the bonds of peace and love, and confirm us in holiness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*6 One or two Readings from the Bible as appointed.*

*The readings may be followed by a period of silence for reflection, a hymn or*

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

*7 The Canticle, A Song to the Lamb*

You are worthy, our Lord and God:  
to receive glory and honour and power.

For you have created all things:  
and by your will they have their being.

You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain:  
and by your blood you ransomed for God  
saints from every tribe and language and nation.

You have made them to be a kingdom and priests  
serving our God:  
and they will reign with you on earth.

To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb:  
be blessing and honour and glory and might, for ever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 4.11; 5.9b–10

*8 The Prayers*

Lord have mercy.  
**Christ have mercy.**  
Lord have mercy

*9 The Lord's Prayer and the Collect of the Day*

*10 Intercessions and Thanksgivings may be made according to local custom and need.*

*11 The Evening Collect*

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray: and in your great mercy defend us from  
all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son our Saviour  
Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*12 The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

Let us praise the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

May the God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, restore,  
establish, strengthen us. To him be the dominion for ever and ever. **Amen.**

1 Peter 5.10–11

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# Saturday Morning

*1* God has shone in our hearts,  
to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus  
Christ.

2 Corinthians 4.6

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

## *2 The Opening Canticle, A Song of Creation*

Bless the Lord all created things:  
who is worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Bless the Lord all people of the earth:  
who is worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

O people of God bless the Lord:  
bless the Lord you priests of the Lord,

Bless the Lord you servants of the Lord:  
who is worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit:  
bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart.

Bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit:  
who is worthy to be praised and exalted for ever. Song of the Three 35ff

## *3 The Opening Prayer*

The night has passed and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence may be kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever. Amen.

## *4 The Psalms as appointed. A pause is observed after each.*

## *5 At the end of the (last) pause there may follow*

Creator God, whose praise and power are proclaimed by the whole creation:  
receive our morning prayers, we pray, and renew us in your service; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## *6 One or two Readings from the Bible as appointed.*

*The readings may be followed by a period of silence for reflection, a hymn or*

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

*7 The Canticle, A Song of Redemption*

Christ is the image of the invisible God:  
the first-born of all creation.  
For in him all things were created:  
in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.  
All things were created through him and for him:  
he is before all things  
and in him all things hold together.  
He is the head of the body, the Church:  
he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead.  
For it pleased God that in him  
all fullness should dwell:  
and through him all things be reconciled to himself.

Colossians 1.15–20

*8 The Apostles' Creed may be said.*

*9 The Prayers*

Lord have mercy.  
**Christ have mercy.**  
Lord have mercy.

*10 The Lord's Prayer and the Collect of the Day*

*11 Intercessions and Thanksgivings may be made according to local custom and need.*

*12 The Morning Collect*

Lord and heavenly Father,  
you have brought us safely to this new day:  
keep us by your mighty power, protect us from sin,  
guard us from every kind of danger,  
and in all we do this day  
direct us in the fulfilling of your purpose,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*13 The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**  
Let us praise the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**  
May the peace of God which passes all understanding keep our hearts and  
minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

Philippians 4.7

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# Saturday Evening

*1* Grace to you and peace  
from **God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

Ephesians 1.2

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

## *2 The Opening Canticle, A Song of the Shepherd*

The Lord is my shepherd:  
therefore can I lack nothing.  
He shall make me lie down in green pastures:  
and lead me beside still waters.  
He shall refresh my soul:  
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.  
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil:  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff comfort me.  
You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me:  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup shall be full.  
Surely your goodness and loving-kindness  
shall follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm 23

## *3 The Opening Prayer*

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.**

## *4 The Psalms as appointed. A pause is observed after each.*

### *5 At the end of the (last) pause there may follow*

Lord Christ, eternal Word and Light of the Father's glory: send your light and your truth that we may both know and proclaim your word of life, to the glory of God the Father; for you now live and reign, God for all eternity. **Amen.**

*6 One or two Readings from the Bible as appointed.*

*The readings may be followed by a period of silence for reflection, a hymn or*

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

*7 The Canticle, the Easter Anthems*

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:  
so let us celebrate the feast,  
Not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.  
Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:  
death has no more dominion over him.  
In dying, he died to sin once for all:  
in living, he lives to God.  
See yourselves, therefore, as dead to sin:  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Christ has been raised from the dead:  
the first fruits of those who sleep.  
For since by one man came death:  
by another has come also the resurrection of the dead,  
For as in Adam all die:  
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

*8 The Prayers*

Lord have mercy. **Christ have mercy.** Lord have mercy.

*9 The Lord's Prayer and the Collect of the Day*

*10 Intercessions and Thanksgivings may be made according to local custom and need.*

*11 The Evening Collect*

Come to visit us, Lord, this night, so that by your strength we may rise at daybreak to rejoice in the resurrection of Christ your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*12 The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

Let us praise the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Even so, come Lord Jesus. **Amen.**

see Revelation 22.13

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