



An Order for Evening Prayer

During Easter Season

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

All **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

In your resurrection, O Christ,

All **let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord,
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the deep waters of death
you brought your people to new birth
by raising your Son to life in triumph.

Through him dark death has been destroyed
and radiant life is everywhere restored.

As you call us out of darkness into his marvellous light
may our lives reflect his glory
and our lips repeat the endless song.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
your sweetest notes employ,
the Paschal victory to hymn
in strains of holy joy.

How Judah's lion burst his chains
and crushed the serpent's head;
and brought with him, from death's domains,
the long-imprisoned dead.

Triumphant in his glory now
his sceptre ruleth all,
earth, heaven, and hell before him bow,
and at his footstool fall.

While joyful thus his praise we sing,
his mercy we implore,
into his palace bright to bring
and keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
while endless ages run. Alleluia, Amen.

Fulbert of Chartres, tr: Robert Campbell (Tune: CM)

This opening prayer may be said

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said.

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

If there are two Scripture readings, the first may be read here, or both may be read after the canticle.

Canticle

**All God raised Christ from the dead,
the Lamb without spot or stain. Alleluia.**

- 1 Blessed be the God and Father •
of our Lord Jesus Christ!
- 2 By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope •
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
- 3 Into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and
unfading, •
kept in heaven for you,
- 4 Who are being protected by the power of God through
faith, •
for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
- 5 You were ransomed from the futile ways of your ancestors •
not with perishable things like silver or gold
- 6 But with the precious blood of Christ •
like that of a lamb without spot or stain.
- 7 Through him you have confidence in God,
who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, •
so that your faith and hope are set on God.

1 Peter 1.3-5, 18, 19, 21

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and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

All **God raised Christ from the dead,
the Lamb without spot or stain. Alleluia.**

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence.

A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow

The Lord is my strength and my song:
he has become my salvation.

All **The Lord is my strength and my song:
he has become my salvation.**

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.

All **He has become my salvation.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

All **The Lord is my strength and my song:
he has become my salvation.**

from Psalm 118

Gospel Canticle

Refrain:

All **The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone. Alleluia.**

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

- 2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; •
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.
- 3 He has mercy on those who fear him, •
from generation to generation.
- 4 He has shown strength with his arm •
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,
- 5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones •
and lifting up the lowly.
- 6 He has filled the hungry with good things •
and sent the rich away empty.
- 7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, •
to remember his promise of mercy,
- 8 The promise made to our ancestors, •
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke 1.46-55

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone. Alleluia.**

Prayers

Thanksgiving may be made for the day.

Intercessions are offered

¶ *for peace*

¶ *for individuals and their needs*

This cycle and this prayer may be used.

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

(or)

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day or the following is said

God of life,

who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son

to the death of the cross,

and by his glorious resurrection

have delivered us from the power of our enemy:

grant us so to die daily to sin,

that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer is said

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All **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 Conclusion

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.

All **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**