



An Order for Evening Prayer

During Lent

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

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

Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love,

All **according to your judgement give us life.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

In the darkness of our sin you have shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.

Open our eyes to acknowledge your presence,
that freed from the misery of sin and shame
we may grow into your likeness from glory to glory.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Lord Jesus, think on me,
and purge away my sin;
from earthborn passions set me free,
and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me
with many a care opprest;
let me thy loving servant be,
and taste thy promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity
point thou the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see,
and share thy joy at last.

George the Sinner, tr: A W Chatfield (Tune: SM)

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 Christ committed no sin,
no guile was found on his lips.**

- 1 Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, •
that you should follow in his steps.
- 2 He committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips, •
when he was reviled, he did not revile in turn.
- 3 When he suffered, he did not threaten, •
but he trusted himself to God who judges justly.
- 4 Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, •
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.
- 5 By his wounds, you have been healed,
for you were straying like sheep, •
but have now returned
to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

1 Peter 2.21b–25

**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 Christ committed no sin,
no guile was found on his lips.**

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

Forsake me not, O Lord;
be not far from me, O my God.

***All Forsake me not, O Lord;
be not far from me, O my God.***

Make haste to help me,
O Lord of my salvation.

All Be not far from me, O my God.

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

***All Forsake me not, O Lord;
be not far from me, O my God.***

from Psalm 38

Gospel Cantic

Refrain:

***All Come, let us return to the Lord,
for our God will richly pardon.***

1 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 Come, let us return to the Lord,
for our God will richly pardon.**

Prayers

Thanksgiving may be made for the day.

Intercessions are offered

¶ *for peace*

¶ *for individuals and their needs*

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

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer is said

Trusting in the compassion of God,
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 God our Redeemer show us compassion and love.

All **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**