



An Order for Evening Prayer

During Passiontide

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.

As we behold your Son, enthroned on the cross,
stir up in us the fire of your love,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins,
and walk with you in newness of life
singing the praise of him who died
for us and our salvation.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The royal banners forward go,
the cross shines forth in mystic glow;
where he in flesh, our flesh who made,
our sentence bore, our ransom paid.

There whilst he hung, his sacred side
by soldier's spear was opened wide,
to cleanse us in the precious flood
of water mingled with his blood.

Fulfilled is now what David told
in true prophetic song of old,
how God the nations' King should be;
for God is reigning from the tree.

O tree of glory, tree most fair,
ordained those holy limbs to bear,
how bright in purple robe it stood,
the purple of a Saviour's blood!

Upon its arms, like balance true,
he weighed the price for sinners due,
the price which none but he could pay,
and spoiled the spoiler of his prey.

To thee, eternal Three in One,
let homage meet by all be done:
as by the cross thou dost restore,
so rule and guide us evermore.

Venantius Fortunatus, tr: J M Neale (alt.) (Tune: LM)

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 **At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow.**

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

Philippians 2.5–11

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

All **At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow.**

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***

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

All **by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

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

All **We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.**

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

All **By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

By his wounds you have been healed.

All **We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;
by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

cf 1 Peter 2

Gospel Cantic

Refrain:

All **God's love for us is revealed
in that, while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us.**

- 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 God's love for us is revealed
in that, while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us.**

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

(from the Fifth Sunday of Lent)

Most merciful God,

who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world:

grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross

we may triumph in the power of his victory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

(or, from Palm Sunday)

Almighty and everlasting God,

who in your tender love towards the human race sent your

Son our Saviour Jesus Christ

to take upon him our flesh

and to suffer death upon the cross:

grant that we may follow the example of his patience and
humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Standing at the foot of the cross,
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 Christ, who bore our sins on the cross,
set us free to serve him with joy.

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.