



An Order for Evening Prayer
the day after Ascension Day
until the Day of Pentecost

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

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

Send your Holy Spirit upon us,

All **and clothe your people with power from on high.**
Alleluia.

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
Raised to your right hand on high
the ascended Christ shows the prints of love
and bestows on us the gifts of grace.
As your Spirit renews the face of the earth,
may we bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
and reveal your glory in all the world.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Creator Spirit, Lord of grace,
come, make in us your dwelling place;
O purest Light, in darkness shine;
fill loveless hearts, O Love Divine.

Consoler, hear your people's cry;
come down, O Gift of God, Most High.
Descend in peace, O heav'nly Dove;
come Fount of Life; come Flame of Love.

As once on Christ the Servant's head
the oil of sevenfold grace you shed,
so now anoint from love's deep springs
your chosen prophets, priests and kings.

Of ev'ry gift the living source,
of mighty deeds the unseen force,
the Father sends his promised One
to speak for all who serve his Son.

Keep far all those who wish us ill,
O Dove of Peace, be with us still,
in ev'ry danger at our side
O Friend, befriend us; be our guide.

Reveal to us the Father's love,
reveal his Son, who reigns above.
To truth, O Truth, make us all true;
in love, O Love, make all things new.

James Quinn S J, based on Veni, Creator Spiritus (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 The Spirit of the Father,
who raised Christ Jesus from the dead,
gives life to the people of God. Alleluia.***

- 1 The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus •
has set us free from the law of sin and death.
- 2 All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God; •
for we have received the Spirit that enables us to cry, 'Abba,
Father'.
- 3 The Spirit himself bears witness that we are children of God •
and if God's children, then heirs of God;
- 4 If heirs of God, then fellow-heirs with Christ; •
since we suffer with him now, that we may be glorified with
him.
- 5 These sufferings that we now endure •
are not worth comparing to the glory that shall be revealed.
- 6 For the creation waits with eager longing •
for the revealing of the children of God.

Romans 8.2, 14, 15b–19

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 Spirit of the Father,
who raised Christ Jesus from the dead,
gives life to the people of God. 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***

When you send forth your Spirit, we are created;
you renew the face of the earth.

All **When you send forth your Spirit, we are created;
you renew the face of the earth.**

O Lord, how manifold are your works;
in wisdom you have made them all.

All **You renew the face of the earth.**

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

All **When you send forth your Spirit, we are created;
you renew the face of the earth.**

from Psalm 104

Gospel Cantic

Refrain:

All **How excellent is your name in all the world,
you have set your glory above the heavens. Alleluia.**

- 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 How excellent is your name in all the world,
you have set your glory above the heavens. 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

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone
before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer is said

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
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 Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love.

All **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

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