



An Order for Evening Prayer

During Epiphany Season

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

All your glory is proclaimed in all the world.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,

our light and our salvation,

to you be glory and praise for ever.

You gave your Christ as a light to the nations,

and through the anointing of the Spirit

you established us as a royal priesthood.

As you call us into your marvellous light,

may our lives bear witness to your truth

and our lips never cease to proclaim your praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;

bow down before him, his glory proclaim;

with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness

kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness:

high on his heart he will bear it for thee,

comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,

guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness

of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:

truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,

these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

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bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.

J S B Monsell (Tune: 13 10 13 10)

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 You created all things, O God,
and are worthy of our praise for ever.**

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

2 For you have created all things, ♦
and by your will they have their being.

3 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.

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

Revelation 4.11; 5.9b,10

**All 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.**

**All You created all things, O God,
and are worthy of our praise for ever.**

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

Arise, shine, for your light has come;
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.

All **Arise, shine, for your light has come;
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.**

God's salvation has been openly shown to all people.

All **The glory of the Lord is rising upon you.**

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

All **Arise, shine, for your light has come;
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.**

from Isaiah 60

Gospel Cantic

Refrain:

All **Behold, my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
the anointed one on whom my Spirit rests.**

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

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

All **Behold, my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
the anointed one on whom my Spirit rests.**

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 God,

in Christ you make all things new:

transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your
grace,

and in the renewal of our lives

make known your heavenly glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer is said

Believing the promises 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 Christ, who sends us to the nations,
give us the power of his Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**