

Evening Prayer Easter Season¹

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.

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.

¹ Based on *Common Worship: Daily Prayer*. London: Church House Publishing, 2007.

The Word of God

Psalmody

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.

Scripture Reading

The readings appointed for the day are read, followed by a reflection.

An Easter responsory

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.

Gospel Canticle

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary)

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

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and to the Holy Spirit;
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and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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Prayers

The response:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

On this day that the Lord has made,
let us pray for the people he has redeemed.

That we may live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross: *R*

That all people may receive the good news of his victory: *R*

That those born to new life in the waters of baptism
may know the power of his resurrection: *R*

That those who suffer pain and anguish
may find healing and peace in the wounds of Christ: *R*

That in the undying love of Christ
we may be united with all who have died in the faith of Christ: *R*

Let us commend the world, in which Christ rose from the dead,
to the mercy and protection of God.

The Collect

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

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

All Our Father, who art in heaven ...

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.