

THE ORDER OF
EVENING PRAYER

ACCORDING TO THE BCP (1662)
in more up to date English

The minister shall read one or more of these Scripture sentences, followed by a time for repentance:-

“If the wicked man turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he will save his life.”

Ezekiel 18: 27

“For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.”

Psalm 51: 3

“Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.”

Psalm 51: 9

“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.”

Psalm 51: 17

“Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and who relents from sending calamity.

Joel 2: 13

“The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even

though we have rebelled against him; we have not obeyed the Lord our God or kept the laws he gave us through his servants the prophets.”

Daniel 9: 9,10

“Correct me, Lord, but only with justice -- not in your anger, lest you reduce me to nothing.”

Jeremiah 10: 24.

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.”

St. Matthew 3: 2

“I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.”

St. Luke 15: 18,19

“Do not bring your servant into judgement, for no one living is righteous before you.”

Psalms 143: 2

“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

1 John 1: 8,9

Minister:

DEARLY BELOVED, in many places Scripture directs us to acknowledge and confess our many sins and wrong doing; and not to hide them from Almighty God, our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, penitent and obedient heart; so that we

may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. Although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet chiefly we ought to do so when we meet together to thank him for all the blessings we receive from him, to give him worthy praise, to hear his most holy word, and to ask for the things we need both for our body and soul. Therefore I call on all of you who are present, to accompany me with pure heart and humble voice to the throne of the heavenly grace, saying with me:

All join together in confession:

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, we have sinned and turned away from your ways like wayward sheep. We have followed too much the desires of our hearts. We have not obeyed your holy laws. We have left undone what we ought to have done, and done things which have been wrong. Lord, be merciful to us who have so greatly offended you. Spare us, O God, as we confess our wrong doing. Restore us who are penitent, according to your promises declared to us in Christ Jesus, our Lord. O merciful Father, for Jesus sake, grant that we may now live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Minister:

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who does not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn away from their wickedness and live; and has given authority to his ministers to declare to his people, being penitent, the

forgiveness of their sins: He pardons and absolves all who truly repent, and without any reserve believe his holy gospel. Wherefore let us humbly ask him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that we may do what pleases him, and that the rest of our lives may be pure and holy; so at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All join together in the Lord's Prayer:

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Minister:

O Lord, open our lips.

Answer:

And with our mouth we will praise you.

Minister:

O God, come quickly to save us.

Answer:

O Lord, make haste to help us.

All stand - The minister will say:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy

Spirit;

Answer:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Minister:

Praise the Lord.

Answer:

The Lord's Name be praised.

*One or more Psalms shall be sung or said,
followed by the Gloria -*

Minister:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Spirit;

Answer:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

The first Scripture Reading

MAGNIFICAT

Luke 1: 46-55

To be sung or said, altogether

My soul glorifies the Lord : and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
For he has been mindful : of the humble state of his servant.
From now on : all generations will call me blessed,
For the Mighty One has done great things for me :

holy is his name.

His mercy extends to those who fear him : from generation to generation.

He has performed mighty deeds with his arm : he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

He has brought down rulers from their thrones : but has lifted up the humble.

He has filled the hungry with good things : but has sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel : remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants for ever even as he said to our fathers.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Or this Canticle

Sing to the Lord a new song : for he has done marvellous things;

His right hand and his holy arm : have worked salvation for him.

The Lord has made his salvation known : and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel : all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth : burst into jubilant song with music;

Make music to the Lord with the harp : with the harp and the sound of singing,

With trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn : shout for joy before the Lord the King.

Let the sea resound, and everything in it : the world and all that live in it.

Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the Lord : for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness : and the peoples with equity.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

The second Scripture Reading

NUNC DIMITTIS

St. Luke 2: 29-32

To be sung or said altogether

Sovereign Lord, as you have promised : you now dismiss your servant in peace.

For my eyes have seen : your salvation,
Which you have prepared : in the sight of all people,

A light for revalation to the Gentiles : and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Or this Canticle

DEUS MISEREATUR

Psalm 67

To be sung or said altogether

May God be gracious to us and bless us : and make his face shine upon us,
That your ways may be known on earth : your salation among all nations.

May all the people praise you, O God : may all the people praise you.
May all the nations be glad and sing for joy : for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.
May the people praise you, O God : may all the peoples praise you.

The the land will yield its harvest : and God, our God, will bless us.
God will bless us : and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

*We declare our belief in the words of the Apostles' Creed
which we say together*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into Hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; The holy universal Church; The communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Answer: **And with your spirit.**

Minister: Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

We pray the Lord's Prayer together

OUR Father, who is in heaven, Hallowed be your Name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread; And forgive us our sins, As we forgive those that sin against us; And do not lead us into temptation, But

deliver us from evil. Amen.

Minister: Lord, show mercy to us.

Answer: **And grant us your salvation.**

Minister: Lord, save the Queen.

Answer: **And in your mercy hear us when we pray to you.**

Minister: Fill your Ministers with righteousness.

Answer: **And make your chosen people joyful.**

Minister: Lord, save your people.

Answer: **And bless our land.**

Minister: Lord, give us peace at this time.

Answer: **Because there is no one else who protects us, but only you our God.**

Minister: God, make our hearts clean within us.

Answer: **And do not take your Holy Spirit from us.**

Then shall be prayed the Collect for the day

Collect for peace.:

GOD, from whom all holy desires, all wisdom, and all right actions, come: Give to your servants your peace which the world is unable to give; that our hearts may be moved to obey your commandments, and that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in rest and peace; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Collect for help against all dangers:

GIVE light in our darkness, we humbly ask you, O Lord; and by your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

After singing a hymn, these prayers may be used.

LORD our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of Kings, Lord of lords, the only ruler of those in positions of power; who from your throne observe all people on the earth: From our hearts, we humbly ask you to look with favour on our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen *ELIZABETH*; and grant her ever more the grace of your Holy Spirit, that she may always incline to your will, and live according to your ways: generously grant her your heavenly gifts; bless her with a long and healthy life; may she be given power to overcome all her enemies, and finally after this life that she may attain everlasting joy and happiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

AMIGHTY God, the source of all goodness, we humbly ask you to bless *Charles* Prince of *Wales*, William Duke of Cambridge, and all the Royal Family: grant them your Holy Spirit; enrich them with your heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to your everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who alone works great miracles: Send down on our Bishops and

Clergy, and all congregations under their care, the healing grace from your Holy Spirit; and so that they may always please you, pour on them continually your blessing. Lord grant this for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, who has given us grace at this time in united worship to pray together; and has promised that where two or three people meet together in your Name, you will grant their requests: now Lord fulfil the desires and requests of your people, as is the best for them; granting us in this life knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come everlasting life. **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us always. **Amen.**

