

## *Evening Prayer- Advent*

O God, make speed to save us.

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

Reveal among us the light of your presence.

**All: That we may behold your power and glory.**

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **A Prayer**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, creator of light and darkness, to you be glory and praise for ever. As evening falls, you renew your promise to reveal among us the light of your presence. May your word be a lantern to our feet and a light upon our path that we may behold your coming among us. Strengthen us in our stumbling weakness and free our tongues to sing your praise. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All: Blessed be God for ever.**

### **O Gracious Light** *Phos hilaron*

O gracious light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of Life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

### **The Appointed Psalm**

### **The Appointed Lesson**

**The Song of Mary** *Magnificat Luke 1:46-55*

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \* for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations will call me blessed: \* the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.**

**He has mercy on those who fear him \* in every generation.**

**He has shown the strength of his arm, \* he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

**He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \* and has lifted up the lowly.**

**He has filled the hungry with good things, \* and the rich he has sent away empty.**

**He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \* for he has remembered his promise of mercy,**

**The promise he made to our fathers, \* to Abraham and his children for ever.**

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*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.**

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The Song of Simeon *Nunc Dimittis*

**Lord, you now have set your servant free \* to go in peace as you have promised;**

**For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \* whom you have prepared for all the world to see:**

**A Light to enlighten the nations, \* and the glory of your people Israel.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen**

## The Prayers

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

### *The Lord's Prayer is said*

Awaiting his coming in glory, as our Savior taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

### Suffrages A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

**R. And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**R. Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

**R. Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**R. And sustain us by your Holy Spirit.**

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the spirit of love, that in

companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Collect**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for the presence of Christ**

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

***Lord Jesus, you are the one who is to come, the one whom we await with longing hearts.***

## **Prayers**

***Thanksgiving may be made for the day.***

*Intercessions are offered*

*¶ for peace*

*¶ for individuals and their needs*

*These responses may be used*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

***Silence may be kept.***

## **The Conclusion**

## **A Prayer of Self-Dedication**

**Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you and then use us, we pray you, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **A Prayer in the evening**

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. **Amen.**

May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting.  
**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**