



## **AN ORDER OF NIGHT PRAYER**

**Creation Tide**

***'All things in heaven and on earth'***



Newbury, St George & St John

**Welcome to Evening Prayer  
with St George the Martyr Wash Common and  
St. John the Evangelist, Newbury.**

This service takes the form of Compline or Night Prayer. It is above all, a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day. In this service we rejoice in the world that God has created and move towards a more appreciative understanding of our place in creation.



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## **The Preparation**

*A candle is lit.*

*The officiant says:*

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

**Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord

**who made heaven and earth.**

*A period of silence for reflection may follow calling to mind the fragile earth, our home and the legacy we will leave behind as part of God's creation.*

***Let us come to God to say we are sorry***

We confess to you our lack of care for the world you have given us.

Lord have mercy,

**Lord have mercy.**

We confess to you our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly.

Christ have mercy,

**Christ have mercy**

We confess to you our failure to protect resources for others,

Lord have mercy,

**Lord have mercy.**

May God who loved the world so much

that he sent his Son to be our Saviour

forgive us our sins

and make us holy to serve him in the world,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Silence is kept.*

O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**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.**

## **The Word of God**

### **Verses from Psalm 8**

Lord our God,  
the whole world tells the greatness of your name.  
**Your glory reaches beyond the stars.**

Even the babble of infants  
declares your strength,  
your power to halt the enemy and avenger.  
**Your glory reaches beyond the stars.**

I see your handiwork in the heavens:  
the moon and the stars you set in place.  
**Your glory reaches beyond the stars.**

What is humankind that you remember them,  
the human race that you care for them?  
**Your glory reaches beyond the stars.**

You treat them like gods,  
dressing them in glory and splendour.  
You give them charge of the earth, laying all at their feet:  
cattle and sheep, wild beasts,  
birds of the sky, fish of the sea, every swimming creature.  
**Your glory reaches beyond the stars.**

Lord our God,  
the whole world tells the greatness of your name.  
**Your glory reaches beyond the stars.**

**Scripture Reading     Luke 6.20-26**

***Blessings and Woes***

*Then he looked up at his disciples and said:*

*'Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.*

*'Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.*

*'Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.*

*'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you,  
revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on  
that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven;  
for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.*

*'But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.*

*'Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.*

*'Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.*

*'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their  
ancestors did to the false prophets.*

## **Benediction - a Song of Creation (shorter version)**

1 Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord: •  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

2 Bless the Lord you heavens: •  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

3 Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord: •  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

4 Bless the Lord all people on earth: •  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

5 O people of God bless the Lord: •  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

6 Bless the Lord you priests of the Lord: •  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

7 Bless the Lord you servants of the Lord: •  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

8 Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit: •  
bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart;  
bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: •  
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

### **Scripture passages are read**

*God saw everything that he had made, and indeed it was very good.*  
Genesis 1.31

*In Christ all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible  
and invisible- all things have been created through him and for him.*  
Colossians 1.16

## Short Guided Reflection to music

### Gospel Canticle

*The Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon) is said*

**Before the ending of the day,  
Creator of the world, we pray,  
Your grace and peace to us allow  
And be our guard and keeper now.**

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:  
your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation  
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;

A light to reveal you to the nations  
and the glory of your people Israel.

Luke 2.29-32

**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.**

**Before the ending of the day,  
Creator of the world, we pray,  
Your grace and peace to us allow  
And be our guard and keeper now.**

## **Lords Prayer including our prayers**

God in creation

Let us pray for our own needs and for the needs of others,  
following the pattern which Jesus gave  
when he taught us to pray to God our Father.

Through our love of the countryside, and of our towns,  
through our care for commuters and farmers,  
through our care for animals and wildlife,  
through our respect for property and tools:

**Father, hallowed be your name.**

On our farms and in our homes,  
in our colleges and schools,  
where machinery is made,  
and where policy is planned:

**Father, your kingdom come.**

By our seeking your guidance,  
by our keeping your commandments,  
by our living true to our hearts:

**Father, your will be done.**

For the millions who live in poverty and hunger,  
for our own needs, and the requirements of our neighbours,  
by cooperation, sympathy and generosity:

**give us today our daily bread.**

Because we have broken your commandments,  
doing what we ought not to do and failing as  
good stewards of your creation;

**forgive us our sins.**



If any have injured us by injustice, double dealing or exploitation:  
**we forgive those who sin against us.**

When prosperity lulls us to false security,  
or hard times prompt us to despair,  
When success makes us boastful,  
or failure makes us bitter:  
**lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

In the assurance of faith,  
in the confidence of hope,  
in the will to serve,  
help us to love Christ as Lord,  
and our neighbour as ourselves.  
**for the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

### **The Collect**

God our Father,  
*you* never cease the work you have begun  
and prosper with your blessing all human labour:  
make us wise and faithful stewards of your gifts  
that we may serve the common good,  
maintain the fabric of our world  
and seek that justice where all may share  
the good things you pour upon us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## **Closing Responses**

Go in strong and growing faith.  
Trust in the tenderness of Christ  
to heal a bruised and broken world.

**Thanks be to God.**

Go in eager and refreshing hope.  
Work with Christ risen from the dead,  
to fulfil the promise of a new creation.

**Thanks be to God.**

Let us go in peace,  
to treasure and to tend the world God made and loves.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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