

# Evening Prayer

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## All Saints until Advent

**‘Hitherto I have served you as a soldier;  
allow me now to become a soldier to God.’**

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

From earliest times, Christians gathered at regular hours during each day and night to respond to God's word with praise on behalf of all creation and with intercession for the salvation of the world.

We invite you to participate with us in this service as we close the day in prayer.

Please put your settings on mute for the service until the dismissal where we will all respond.



O God, make speed to save us.

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

Your faithful servants bless you.

**All They make known the glory of your kingdom.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,  
our light and our salvation,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
Now, as darkness is falling,  
wash away our transgressions,  
cleanse us by your refining fire  
and make us temples of your Holy Spirit.

By the light of Christ,  
dispel the darkness of our hearts  
and make us ready to enter your kingdom,  
where songs of praise for ever sound.

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.

**Amen.**

***From Psalm 112***

Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly  
delight in his commandments.

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the  
upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness  
endures forever.

**They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious,  
merciful, and righteous.**

It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their  
affairs with justice.

**For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered  
for ever.**

They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm,  
secure in the LORD.

**Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will  
look in triumph on their foes.**

They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their  
righteousness endures for ever; their head is exalted in honour.

**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.*

**A reading from the book Deuteronomy**

If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted towards your needy neighbour. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be.

Give liberally and ungrudgingly when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbour in your land.'

*Deuteronomy 15.7, 8, 10, 11*

*Canticle*

*Refrain:*

**All** We have come before the throne of God  
to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

- 1 We have come before God's holy mountain,  
to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God.
- 2 **We have come before countless angels making festival,  
before the assembly of the firstborn citizens of heaven.**
- 3 We have come before God, who is judge of all,  
before the spirits of the just made perfect.

- 4 **We have come before Jesus,  
the mediator of the new covenant.**
- 5 We are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken:  
so let us give thanks and offer to God acceptable worship,
- 6 **Full of reverence and awe;  
for our God is a consuming fire.**

*Hebrews 12.22-24a,28,29*

**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.**

**All We have come before the throne of God  
to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.**

### ***Scripture Reading***

Jesus told this parable, 'The king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

*Matthew 25. 34-40*

*The reading may be followed by a time of silence.*

Lord, you will guide me with your counsel  
and afterwards receive me with glory.

**Lord, you will guide me with your counsel  
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

For I am always with you;  
you hold me by my right hand.

**And afterwards receive me with glory.**

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

**Lord, you will guide me with your counsel  
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

*from Psalm 73*

## **Gospel Canticle**

### **Refrain:**

**Well done, good and faithful servant:**

**you have been faithful over a little, I will make you ruler over much.**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;  
he has looked with favour 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,  
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm  
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,  
Casting down the mighty from their thrones  
and lifting up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away empty.  
He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,  
to remember his promise of mercy,  
The promise made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke 1.46-55

**Refrain:**

**Well done, good and faithful servant:  
you have been faithful over a little,  
I will make you ruler over much.  
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.**

***Intercessions are offered***

***The Collect of the day is said***

God all powerful,  
who called Martin from the armies of this world  
to be a faithful soldier of Christ:  
give us grace to follow him  
in his love and compassion for the needy,  
and enable your Church to claim for all people  
their inheritance as children of God;  
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.

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

As our Saviour has 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.**

## **The Conclusion**

May Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven, bring us to reign with him in glory.

**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



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