



# Evening Prayer. 'Jesus Walks'

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Newbury, St George & St John

## **Welcome to Evening Prayer**

St George the Martyr, Wash Common & St John the Evangelist, Newbury.

### **'Jesus Walks' - Kanye West**

#### **The Greeting & Introduction**

*A candle is lit.*

**Caged Bird** by Maya Angelou

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

#### **Phos Hilaron**

Hail, gladdening Light, of his pure glory poured  
who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blest,  
holiest of holies, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest,  
the lights of evening round us shine,  
we hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine.

Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung  
with undefiled tongue,  
Son of our God, giver of life, alone:  
therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.

Φῶς ἱλαρόν, C. 3rd century

**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.**

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.**

**A Hymn of Longing. Psalm 13**

*Refrain: I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication.*

1 How long will you forget me, O Lord; for ever? •  
How long will you hide your face from me?

2 How long shall I have anguish in my soul  
and grief in my heart, day after day? •  
How long shall my enemy triumph over me?

3 Look upon me and answer, O Lord my God; •  
lighten my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

4 Lest my enemy say, 'I have prevailed against him,' •  
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.

5 But I put my trust in your steadfast love; •  
my heart will rejoice in your salvation.

6 I will sing to the Lord, •  
for he has dealt so bountifully with me.

*Refrain: I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication.*

*Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
who passed through the dark sleep of death,  
remember those who cry to you  
in shame and silence and defeat  
and raise them to your risen life,  
for you are alive and reign for ever.*

**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**

### **Matthew 27.45-56**

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.' Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

## **Jesus Walks**

*A reflection.*

### **ARC Choir. 'Walk With Me'**

From BBC iPlayer: Hip Hop: The Songs That Shook America—Kanye West, 'Jesus Walks'

## *A Song of the Blessed*

**Rejoice and be glad  
for you are the light of the world,**

Blessed are the poor in spirit, •  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, •  
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, •  
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger  
and thirst after righteousness, •  
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, •  
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, •  
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, •  
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who suffer persecution  
for righteousness' sake, •  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

*Matthew 5.3-10*

**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.**

**Rejoice and be glad  
for you are the light of the world,**

## *A Canticle*

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*

## **The Magnificat** (*The Song of Mary*)

*Refrain.* **How beautiful on the mountains  
are the feet of those who bring good news and proclaim  
the gospel of peace.**

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.

The promise made to our ancestors, •  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

*Luke 1.46-55*

**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.**

*Refrain.* **How beautiful on the mountains  
are the feet of those who bring good news and proclaim  
the gospel of peace.**

## **Prayers**

*The response to each prayer,*  
God, in your compassion  
**Hear our Prayer**

## **The Collect**

*The Collect of the day is said*

Eternal God,  
whose Son went among the crowds  
and brought healing with his touch:  
help us to show his love,  
in your Church as we gather together,  
and by our lives as they are transformed  
into the image of Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray in confidence as our Saviour has taught us,

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
Forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory,  
For ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **Closing Responses**

May Jesus walk with you

**And also with you**

Let us bless the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Final Clip.**

**ARC Choir discover Kanye has used their song!**

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