



# Evening Prayer

*Lord, teach us to pray*



Newbury, St George & St John

**Welcome to Evening Prayer on the eve of Corpus Christi  
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.

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## Preparation

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

Dwell with us this night, O God,  
**Dwell with us in love.**

### *A candle is lit*

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
In the darkness of our sin  
you have shone in our hearts  
to give the light of knowledge of the glory of God  
in the face of Jesus Christ.  
As we behold your Son, enthroned on the cross,  
stir up in us the fire of your love  
that we may be cleansed from all our sins  
and walk with you as children of light.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy spirit:  
**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.**

## The Word of God

## **Psalmody**

### Psalm 12

***You, O Lord, will watch over us.***

- 1 Help me, Lord, for no one godly is left;  
the faithful have vanished from the whole human race.
- 2 **They all speak falsely with their neighbour;  
they flatter with their lips, but speak from a double heart.**
- 3 O that the Lord would cut off all flattering lips  
and the tongue that speaks proud boasts!
- 4 **Those who say, 'With our tongue will we prevail;  
our lips we will use; who is lord over us?'**
- 5 'Because of the oppression of the needy,  
and the groaning of the poor,  
I will rise up now,' says the Lord,  
'and set them in the safety that they long for.'
- 6 **The words of the Lord are pure words,  
like silver refined in the furnace  
and purified seven times in the fire.**
- 7 You, O Lord, will watch over us  
and guard us from this generation for ever.
- 8 **The wicked strut on every side,  
when what is vile is exalted by the whole human race.**

***You, O Lord, will watch over 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.**

## **Gospel Reading**

Luke 11.1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come.  
Give us each day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.  
And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Forsake me not, O Lord;  
be not far from me, O my God.  
**Forsake me not, O Lord;  
be not far from me, O my God.**  
Make haste to help me,  
O Lord of my salvation.  
**Be not far from me, O my God.**  
Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
**Forsake me not, O Lord;  
be not far from me, O my God.**

## **The Magnificat**

***Remember your promise of mercy,  
To Abraham and his children for ever.***

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.**

**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.**

***Remember your promise of mercy,  
To Abraham and his children for ever.***

*Luke 1.46-55*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*The response below may be used at the end of each bidding.*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

### **The Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you have given us your servants grace,  
by the confession of a true faith,  
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity  
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:  
keep us steadfast in this faith,  
That we may evermore be defended from all adversities;  
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.

**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Trusting in the compassion of God,  
as our Saviour 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.**

In darkness and in light,  
in trouble and in joy,  
help us, heavenly Father,  
be near us heavenly Mother,  
guide us holy spirit,  
to serve your purpose,  
and to praise your name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Closing responses**

O Trinity of Love,  
You have been with us at the world's beginning,

**Be with us till the world's end.**

You have been with us at our life's shaping,

**Be with us at our life's end.**

You have been with us at the sun's rising,

**Be with us till the day's end.**

**Amen.**

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