

# A Simple Order for Evening Prayer

This is what we have heard from him, and the message we are announcing to you:  
God is light; there is no darkness in him at all. *1 John 1:5*

*A lamp or candle may be lit.*

The Lord is my light and my salvation  
**whom then shall I fear?**

The Lord is the strength of my life  
**of whom then shall I be afraid?**

Worship the Lord.  
**All praise to his name.**

**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.**

*Silent prayer/reflection on the past day.*

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful, let us pray to the Lord.

*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.**

Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night:  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
As darkness falls  
you renew your promise to reveal among us the light of your presence.  
By the light of Christ, your living Word,  
drive out all darkness from our hearts  
that we may walk as children of light  
and sing your praise throughout the world.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

*THE PSALM for the Day ending with:*

**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.**

*A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT*

*Silence.*

*THE GOSPEL CANTICLE: MAGNIFICAT*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord :  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;

Who 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.

God has mercy on those who fear him :  
from generation to generation.

The Lord has shown strength with his arm :  
and scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones :  
and lifting up the lowly.

God has filled the hungry with good things :  
and has 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 forebears :  
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.**

### ***THE PRAYERS***

Let us pray to God the Father, who has reconciled to himself all things in Christ:

For peace among the nations, that God may rid the world  
of violence and let peoples grow in justice and harmony;

For those who serve in public office, that they may work for the common good;

For Christian people everywhere, that we may joyfully proclaim and live our faith in Jesus Christ;

For those who suffer from hunger, sickness or loneliness,  
that the presence of Christ may bring them health and wholeness;

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

*The prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer, followed by the Collect of the Day and these evening collects:*

Eternal God,  
source of all holy desires, all good counsels and all just works:  
give your servants that peace which the world cannot give,  
that we may willingly obey your commandments,  
and that, free from the fear of our enemies,  
we may pass our time in rest and quietness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray,  
and by your great mercy  
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;  
for the love of your only Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### ***THE CONCLUSION***

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all, evermore. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**