



*Evening
Prayer*

These opening prayers are used daily:

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,
you that by night stand in the house of the Lord.

Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary
and bless the Lord.

The Lord who made heaven and earth
give you blessing out of Zion.

Psalm 134

Glory be to the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end.
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.**

*By the river stood the tree of life,
with healing for all the nations.*

I saw no temple in the city,
for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty
and the Lamb.

And the city has no need of sun or moon
to shine upon it,
for the glory of God is its light,

and its lamp is the Lamb.

By its light the nations shall walk,
and the rulers of the earth
shall bring their glory into it.

Its gates shall never be shut by day,
nor shall there be any night;
they shall bring into it
the glory and honour of the nations.

I saw the river of the water of life,
bright as crystal,
flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

And either side of the river stood the tree of life,
yielding its fruit each month,
and the leaves of the tree
were for the healing of the nations.

The throne of God and of the Lamb shall be there,
and his servants shall worship him;
and they shall see his face
and his name shall be on their foreheads.

Revelation 21.22-26; 22.1,2b,d,3b,4

*To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be
blessing and honour and glory and might,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

*By the river stood the tree of life,
with healing for all the nations.*

Glory be to the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

The appointed Psalm for the day is said:

Sunday: Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not suffer your foot to stumble;
he who watches over you will not sleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall keep you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep your soul.

The Lord shall keep watch over your going out
and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.

Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Monday: Psalm 62

On God alone my soul in stillness waits;
from him comes my salvation.

He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.

How long will all of you assail me to destroy me,
as you would a tottering wall or a leaning fence?

They plot only to thrust me down from my place of
honour; lies are their chief delight;
they bless with their mouth, but in their heart they curse.

Wait on God alone in stillness, O my soul;
for in him is my hope.

He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

In God is my strength and my glory;
God is my strong rock; in him is my refuge.

Put your trust in him always, my people;
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

The peoples are but a breath,
the whole human race a deceit;
on the scales they are altogether lighter than air.

Put no trust in oppression; in robbery take no empty
pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

God spoke once, and twice have I heard the same,
that power belongs to God.

Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,
for you repay everyone according to their deeds.

Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Tuesday: Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

One day pours out its song to another
and one night unfolds knowledge to another.

They have neither speech nor language
and their voices are not heard,

Yet their sound has gone out into all lands
and their words to the ends of the world.

In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun,
that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber
and rejoices as a champion to run his course.

It goes forth from the end of the heavens
and runs to the very end again,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart
the commandment of the Lord is pure
and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgements of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold,
sweeter also than honey,
dripping from the honeycomb.

By them also is your servant taught
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often they offend
O cleanse me from my secret faults!

Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins
lest they get dominion over me;
so shall I be undefiled,
and innocent of great offence.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Wednesday: Psalm 128

Blessed are all those who fear the Lord,
and walk in his ways.

You shall eat the fruit of the toil of your hands;
it shall go well with you, and happy shall you be.

Your wife within your house
shall be like a fruitful vine;
your children round your table,
like fresh olive branches.

Thus shall the one be blest
who fears the Lord.

The Lord from out of Zion bless you,
that you may see Jerusalem in prosperity
all the days of your life.
and may there be peace upon Israel.

Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thursday: Psalm 89

My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord: with my mouth will I proclaim your faithfulness throughout all generations.

I will declare that your love is established for ever;
you have set your faithfulness as firm as the heavens.

For you said: 'I have made a covenant with my chosen
one I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

“Your seed will I establish for ever
and build up your throne for all generations.”

The heavens praise your wonders, O Lord,
and your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones;

For who among the clouds can be compared to the Lord?
Who is like the Lord among the host of heaven?

A God feared in the council of the holy ones,
great and terrible above all those round about him.

Who is like you, Lord God of hosts?
Mighty Lord, your faithfulness is all around you.

You rule the raging of the sea;
you still its waves when they arise.

You crushed Rahab with a deadly wound
and scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.

Yours are the heavens; the earth also is yours;
you established the world and all that fills it.

You created the north and the south
Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your name.

You have a mighty arm;
strong is your hand and high is your right hand.

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your
throne steadfast love and faithfulness go before your face.

Happy are the people who know the shout of triumph:
they walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance.

In your name they rejoice all the day long
and are exalted in your righteousness.

For you are the glory of their strength:
and in your favour you lift up our heads.

Truly the Lord is our shield:
the Holy One of Israel is our king.

Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Friday: Psalm 11

In the Lord have I taken refuge;
how then can you say to me,
'Flee like a bird to the hills,

'For see how the wicked bend the bow
and fit their arrows to the string,
to shoot from the shadows at the true of heart.

'When the foundations are destroyed,
what can the righteous do?' [R]

The Lord is in his holy temple;
the Lord's throne is in heaven.

His eyes behold,
his eyelids try every mortal being.

The Lord tries the righteous as well as the wicked,
but those who delight in violence his soul abhors.

Upon the wicked he shall rain coals of fire
and burning sulphur; ♦
scorching wind shall be their portion to drink.

For the Lord is righteous; he loves righteous deeds,
and those who are upright shall behold his face.

Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Saturday: Psalm 118

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good'
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim,
'His mercy endures for ever.'

Let the house of Aaron now proclaim,
'His mercy endures for ever.'

Let those who fear the Lord proclaim
'His mercy endures for ever.'

In my constraint I called to the Lord;
the Lord answered and set me free.

The Lord is at my side; I will not fear;
what can flesh do to me?

With the Lord at my side as my saviour,
I shall see the downfall of my enemies.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to put any confidence in flesh.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to put any confidence in princes.

All the nations encompassed me,
but by the name of the Lord I drove them back.

They hemmed me in, they hemmed me in on every side,
but by the name of the Lord I drove them back.

They swarmed about me like bees;
they blazed like fire among thorns,
but by the name of the Lord I drove them back.

Surely, I was thrust to the brink,
but the Lord came to my help.

The Lord is my strength and my song;
and he has become my salvation.

Joyful shouts of salvation
sound from the tents of the righteous:

'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds;
the right hand of the Lord raises up;
the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.'

Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*After the appointed Psalm has been said, the following
Canticle follows, daily:*

*Christ committed no sin;
no guile was found on his lips.*

Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example,
that you should follow in his steps.

He committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips,
when he was reviled, he did not revile in turn.

When he suffered, he did not threaten,
but he trusted himself to God who judges justly.

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

By his wounds, you have been healed, for you were
straying like sheep, but have now returned
to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

1 Peter 2.21b-25

Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*The reading(s) for the day follow, please see lectionary
sheet for references and find them in your Bibles.*

*Following the readings a short time of silence is kept.
After which the Gospel Canticle is said daily:*

*Come let us return to the Lord,
for our God who will richly pardon*

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

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as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Come let us return to the Lord,
for our God who will richly pardon*

*A time of prayer is kept, the following intercessions may
be used:*

From the rising of the sun to its setting,
let us pray to the Lord.

That the people of God may know his
protection and peace this night.

That the Church may be faithful to God's calling
That we may be witnesses to the truth.

That the nations of the earth
May seek after justice and mercy.

That the whole creation, may rejoice in the Lord
The creator of heaven and earth.

That all who are sick may know healing
Through the wounds of Christ.

That the dead may find refreshment, light and peace
And come to the glorious Kingdom.

Let us commend the world, to which Christ showed the
way, to the mercy and protection of God.

The following Collect is said:

Merciful Lord,
absolve your people from their offences,
that through your bountiful goodness
we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins
which by our frailty we have committed;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour,
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 is said:

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.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And 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.

The concluding prayers are said:

The Lord bless us
and keep us from all evil
and lead us to eternal life.
Amen

May the souls of the faithful departed
through the mercy of God
rest in peace.
Amen.

A Marian devotion may follow:

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy,
hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve:
to thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.
Turn then, most gracious Advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us,
and after this our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus,
O merciful, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Amen.

