

Evening Prayer

Said or sung all together except for the sentences marked 'Call' which are for the Leader only.

+ indicates that you may make the sign of the cross.

The service begins in Silence

+In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Opening sentences

My soul waits for the Lord
more than those
who watch for the morning,
more than those
who watch for the morning.

Call: Out of the depths I have cried to You.

Response: **O Lord, hear my voice.**

Call: With my whole heart I want to praise You.

Response: **O Lord, hear my voice.**

Call: If you, Lord, should mark iniquities:

Response: **Who could stand? who could stand?**

I will wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in His word do I hope.

Expressions of faith

**Lord, You have always given
bread for the coming day;
and though I am poor,
today I believe.**

**Lord, You have always given
strength for the coming day;
and though I am weak,
today I believe.**

**Lord, You have always given
peace for the coming day;
and though of anxious heart,
today I believe.**

**Lord, You have always kept
me safe in trials;
and now, tried as I am,
today I believe.**

**Lord, You have always marked
the road for the coming day;
and though it may be hidden,
today I believe.**

**Lord, You have always lightened
this darkness of mine;
and though the night is here,
today I believe.**

**Lord, You have always spoken
when time was ripe;
and though you be silent now,
today I believe.**

Today's Scripture Reading

10 May

Psalm 147.1-12

1 How good it is to make music for our God, ♦
how joyful to honour him with praise.

2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem ♦
and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted ♦
and binds up all their wounds. R

4 He counts the number of the stars ♦
and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; ♦

his wisdom is beyond all telling.
6 The Lord lifts up the poor, ♦
but casts down the wicked to the ground. R
7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; ♦
make music to our God upon the lyre;
8 Who covers the heavens with clouds ♦
and prepares rain for the earth;
9 Who makes grass to grow upon the mountains ♦
and green plants to serve our needs. R
10 He gives the beasts their food ♦
and the young ravens when they cry.
11 He takes no pleasure in the power of a horse, ♦
no delight in human strength;
12 But the Lord delights in those who fear him, ♦
who put their trust in his steadfast love.

Revelation 21.1-10

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

Today’s Meditation Prayers for others

Canticle

In the shadow of Your wings
I will sing Your praises, O Lord.

The Lord is my light, my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the refuge of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

In the shadow of Your wings
I will sing Your praises, O Lord.
One thing I ask of the Lord,
one thing I seek;
to dwell in the presence of my God,
to gaze on Your holy place.

In the shadow of Your wings
I will sing Your praises, O Lord.

I believe I shall see the goodness
of the Lord in the land of the living.
O wait for the Lord!
Have courage and wait,
wait for the Lord.

In the shadow of Your wings
I will sing Your praises, O Lord.

Blessing

See that ye be at peace among yourselves, my children,
and love one another.

Follow the example of the wise and good
and God will comfort you and help you,
both in this world
and in the world which is to come.

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen