



Evening Prayer for Wednesdays in Ordinary Time

Christ Church Bells Corners
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Evening Prayer for Wednesday

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to you.
Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

or

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Reveal among us the light of your presence,
so that we may behold your power and glory.

or

O God, be not far from us.
Come quickly to help us, O God.
The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us:
O come let us worship.

One of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

or

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

The Evening Hymn: 'O Light, Whose Splendour Thrills'

O Light, whose splendour thrills and gladdens
with radiance brighter than the sun,
pure gleam of God's unending glory,
O Jesus, blest Anointed One;
as twilight hovers near at sunset,

and lamps are lit, and children nod,
in evening hymns we lift our voices
to Author, Spirit, Word: one God.

In all life's brilliant, timeless moments,
let faithful voices sing your praise,
O Word of God, our life-bestower,
whose glory lightens endless days.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Psalm

A Psalm from the Daily Office Lectionary, the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary or the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings is said or sung.

After the Psalm one of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

or

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

Evening Prayer continues with the Reading.

The Reading

A Reading from the Daily Office Lectionary, the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary or the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings is read. After a period of silent reflection one of the following is said.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

or

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

or

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

Evening Prayer continues with the Responsory or the Canticle or both. If two Readings are read, then the Responsory follows the first Reading and the Canticle the second.

The Responsory

The Responsory is said or sung.

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 hand.

**Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

I will speak of all your works
in the gates of the city of Zion.

**Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

Evening Prayer continues with [the Second Reading or] the Canticle or an Affirmation of Faith.

The Canticle

'The Song of Mary', 'A Song of Praise' or 'A Song of Christ's Glory' may be said or sung.

The Song of Mary (Luke 1.46-55)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, *
**for you, Lord, have looked with favour
on your lowly servant.**

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
**you, the Almighty, have done great things for me
and holy is your name.**

You have mercy on those who fear you, *
from generation to generation.

You have shown strength with your arm *
**and scattered the proud in their conceit,
casting down the mighty from their thrones *
and lifting up the lowly.**

You have filled the hungry with good things *
and sent the rich away empty.

You have come to the aid of your servant Israel, *
**to remember the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our ancestors, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

or

A Song of Praise (Revelation 4.11; 5.9b, 10)

You are worthy, our Lord and God, *
to receive glory and honour and power.

For you have created all things, *
and by your will they have their being.

You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain, *
**and by your blood you ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language and nation.**

You have made them a priestly people serving our God, *
and they will reign with you on earth.

or

A Song of Christ's Glory (Philippians 2.5-11)

Christ Jesus was in the form of God, *
but he did not cling to equality with God.
He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, *
and was born in our human likeness.
Being found in human form he humbled himself, *
and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him, *
and bestowed on him the name above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, *
in heaven and on earth and under the earth;
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, *
to the glory of God the Father.

After the Canticle of the following may be said or sung.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

or

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

Evening Prayer continues with an Affirmation of Faith or the Prayers.

Affirmation of Faith

One of the following Affirmations of Faith may be said or sung.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

or

Hear, O Israel

Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.
This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.

Evening Prayer continues with the Prayers.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

The community may offer its intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings silently or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- *the social services;*
- *all who work in the criminal justice system;*
- *victims and perpetrators of crime;*
- *the work of aid agencies throughout the world;*
- *those living in poverty or under oppression.*

The Prayers continue with the Litany and a concluding collect.

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Creator of all, open a path for your Word
to declare the mystery of Christ.

Turn now, O God of hosts;
behold and tend the vine you have planted.

May your people rejoice and sing,
and your ministers be clothed with salvation.

May they stand and feed your flock
in the strength of your name.

Keep from trouble all those who trust in you
and forget not the poor for ever.

Have mercy upon us,
as we have put our hope in you.

Either the Collect of the Day or one of the following collects may be said or sung.

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labour and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

or

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Evening Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,
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.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Evening Prayer continues with the Dismissal.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Evening Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.

May God, who has called us out of darkness into the marvellous light of Christ, bless us and fill us with peace. **Amen.**