

# An order for Evening Prayer (BCP)

## *Welcome & Notices*

### *Introduction*

I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

*Psalm 51. 3.*

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

*Psalm 51. 17.*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us:

but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*1 S. John 1. 8,9.*

### *The minister introduces the service*

Beloved, we are come together in the presence of almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all men such things as their well-being doth require.

Wherefore let us kneel in silence, and remember God's presence with us now.

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.**

**But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.**

**Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.**

*The minister says*

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that 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.**

*These responses are used*

O Lord, open thou our lips  
**and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

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

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

Praise ye the Lord.

**The Lord's name be praised.**

*Then follows the Psalm appointed for the day. At the end of the Psalm, we say:*

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

### ***First Lesson***

#### ***Magnificat***

- 1. My soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.**
- 2. For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.**
- 3. For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.**
- 4. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.**
- 5. And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.**
- 6. He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.**
- 7. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.**
- 8. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.**

9. **He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.**

*Luke 1.46-55*

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

## ***Second Lesson***

### ***Nunc Dimittis***

1. **Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : according to thy word.**
2. **For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation;**
3. **Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people;**
4. **To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of thy people Israel.**

*Luke 2.29-32*

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

## ***The Apostles' Creed***

**I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.**

**He descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

### ***Prayers***

The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.  
**And grant us thy salvation.**

O Lord, save the Queen.  
**And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.  
**And make thy chosen people joyful.**

O Lord, save thy people.  
**And bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
**Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only  
thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
**And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

## ***The Collect of the Day***

### ***The Collect for Peace***

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that, by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

### ***The Collect for Aid against all Perils***

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

## ***Intercessions***

### ***The Grace***

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

## ***Sermon***

## ***Hymn***

## ***The Blessing***