

EVENING PRAYER

The Service of Light

Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Or

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

A light no darkness can extinguish.

O Gracious Light *Phos Hilaron*

O gracious Light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God: Father,
Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be sung by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

7 Resurrection †

We praise and thank you, O God our Father,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him you have enlightened us
by revealing the light that never fades,
for dark death has been destroyed
and radiant life is everywhere restored.

What was promised is fulfilled:

we have been joined to God,
through renewed life in the Spirit of the risen Lord.

Glory and praise to you, our Father,
through Jesus your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Spirit, in the
kingdom of light eternal,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

Psalm 119: 25-48

*NB please note and use short prayer summary at the end of Psalm 119 in
the BAS*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 3: 13-17

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed
I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
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.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Intercession or thanksgiving may be offered for
the Church
the Queen and all in authority
the world
the local community
those in need
the departed.

The Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of His presence with us that we may be strengthened and sustained by His risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen**

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

**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.**

Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia

The officiant may conclude with one of the following:

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

Amen.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

Amen.

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

May the Lord of peace give us peace in all ways and at all times. **Amen.**