PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

Morning and Evening Prayer for the Seasons of the Church Year and Ordinary Time

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A RATIONALE FOR THE OFFICES

In the years since the publication of *The Book of Alternative Services* many Anglicans have found a renewed interest in regular and structured daily prayer as a means of 'praying without ceasing'. This renewed interest, however, was not served well by how Morning and Evening Prayer were laid out in *The Book of Alternative Services*. A full and satisfying use of the Offices required worshippers to turn numerous times to different pages and then back again. This editorial design meant that many of the riches of the Offices in *The Book of Alternative Services* were not well-used or even well-known.

Other factors have also influenced Daily Prayer in these first decades of the twenty-first century. First, although *The Book of Alternative Services* made some strides in more complementary language for God and more inclusive language for people, many contemporary worshippers desired that more progress be made towards language that is 'faithful and fair'. In this set of offices a balance has been sought between traditional and more inclusive language for God

Second, in 1992 the Society of Saint Francis published *Celebrating Common Prayer*, a daily prayer book that introduced a new way of structuring the Daily Offices around the liturgical year. This innovative approach, along with a wider selection of canticles and prayers, influenced many Anglicans throughout the world. In 2005 the Church of England published *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* which provides worshippers with daily prayer for every day of the week in ordinary time and daily prayer for the seasons of the liturgical year. This resource has influenced the work of the Liturgy Task Force in preparing this resource for trial use in the Anglican Church of Canada.

While the structure of Morning and Evening Prayer in *The Book of Alternative Services* is the foundation of the offices that follow, *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* has provided both texts and approaches to the offices for each season. Each office is designed so that those who use it for prayer need only move page by page through the office.

May our work enable the people of God pray without ceasing in all times and in all places.

The Liturgy Task Force, 2011-2016

Notes on the Rites

The Gathering of the Community

• Morning and Evening Prayer may begin with either a set of introductory responses based on the seasonal material from *The Book of Alternative Services* or a set based on *Common Worship: Daily Prayer*. The Morning Invitatory Psalm is taken from *Songs for the Holy One*, a Canadian translation of the Psalms into contemporary English by the late Rev'd Thomas Barnett. The Evening Hymn is taken from one of the settings or paraphrases of the *Phos hilaron* in *Common Praise*.

The Proclamation of the Word

- The Offices have been designed to be used with the Daily Office Lectionary or the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary of *The Book of Alternative Services*. If the Weekday Eucharistic Lectionary is chosen, then the first reading and psalm from Year 1 are used in the morning and the psalm and gospel from Year 2 in the evening. Another resource that may be explored is the *Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings*.
- Both *The Book of Alternative Services* and *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* have been mined to provide the responsories for the offices.
- In each office a choice of three canticles is provided. In Morning Prayer one may choose 'The Song of Zechariah', the traditional morning canticle, or one of two canticles taken from the Hebrew or Deuterocanonical Scriptures. In Evening Prayer one may choose 'The Song of Mary', the traditional evening canticle, or one of two New Testament canticles.
- The two affirmations of faith from *The Book of Alternative Services* have been included in the offices. The text of The Apostles' Creed is taken from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

The Prayers of the Community

- Each office has a litany and a suggested set of intercessions. These suggested intercessions are taken from *Common Worship: Daily Prayer*.
- The concluding collects are all taken from *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers*, but the collect of the day is always an alternative.
- The introduction to the Lord's Prayer combines that of *Common Worship: Daily Prayer* with that of *The Book of Alternative Services*.

The Sending Forth of the Community

• The concluding sentence are taken from *Common Worship: Daily Prayer*.

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A Penitential Office

The presider may read one of the following sentences of scripture as appropriate to the time of day.

Advent, Christmas and Epiphany in the Morning

- Stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. *Luke* 21.28
- Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. All flesh shall see the salvation of God. *Luke* 3.4, 6
- The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the oppressed. *Isaiah* 61.1
- A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel. *Matthew* 1.23

Advent, Christmas and Epiphany in the Evening

- Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word. *Luke* 1.38
- Sleeper awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you. *Ephesians 5.14b*
- But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. *1 Thessalonians 5.4-5*

Lent in the Morning

- If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1.8-9*
- To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. *Daniel 9.9-10*
- If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. *Mark* 8.34

Lent in the Evening

- Rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. *Joel 2.13*
- I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." *Luke 15.18-19b*

Passiontide in the Morning

- Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me;
- your rod and your staff --- they comfort me. *Psalm* 23.4
- Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry come to you. Do not hide your face from me

- in the day of my distress. Incline your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call. *Psalm 102.1-2*
- If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. *John* 8.31-32

Passiontide in the Evening

- Remember me, O Lord, when you show favour to your people; help me when you deliver them; that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory in your heritage. *Psalm* 105.4-5
- Very truly, I tell you, whoever keeps my word will never see death. John 8.51
- Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers. *Jeremiah* 20.13

Easter in the Morning

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- your rod and your staff --- they comfort me. *Psalm* 23.4
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Pentecost in the Morning

- And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. *Matthew* 28.20b
- I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. *John 14.18*
- Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked. *Psalm 1.1a*

Pentecost in the Evening

- The Lord loves those who hate evil and guards the lives of the faithful. *Psalm* 97.10
- Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. *Psalm* 97.11
- When you hide your face, all who look to you are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. *Psalm 104.29*

All Saints in the Morning

- Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart. *Psalm* 32.11
- You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. *Psalm 51.6*
- Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. *Psalm 51.12*

All Saints in the Evening

- My days are like an evening shadow; I wither away like grass. *Psalm* 102.11
- God will hear the prayer of the destitute, and will not despise their prayer. *Psalm* 102.17
- Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Let your good spirit lead me on a level path. *Psalm* 143.10

The presider then says,

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour.

Silence is kept. Then either of the following is said.

God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore and strengthen us through our Saviour Jesus Christ, so that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Or

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

The presider says,

May the God of love and power forgive *you/us* and free *you/us* from *your/our* sins, heal and strengthen *you/us* by the Holy Spirit and raise *you/us* to new life in Jesus Christ. **Amen**.

Or

Almighty God have mercy upon *you/us*, pardon and deliver *you/us* from all *your/our* sins, confirm and strengthen *you/us* in all goodness, and keep *you/us* in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A deacon or lay person using the preceding form substitutes us for you and our for your.

When this Penitential Office is used, Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer continues with the Introductory Responses.

Morning Prayer for Advent

From the Reign of Christ to Christmas Eve

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Restore us, O Creator of the stars of night; **show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.** Will you not give us life again, **so that your people may rejoice in you?** Show us your mercy, O God, **and grant us your salvation.** Blessed is the Christ who comes in your name! **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Or

O Lord, open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Reveal among us the light of your presence so that we may behold your power and glory.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God of all, to you be praise and glory for ever. In your tender compassion the dawn from on high is breaking upon us to dispel the lingering shadows of night. As we look for your coming among us this day, open our eyes to behold your presence and strengthen our hands to do your will, so that the world may rejoice and give you praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

or

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

or

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God. **Blessed be God for ever.**

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.

At the end of 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 Father, and to the Son, and to the 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.

Morning 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 Word, Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

Morning 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.

Now it is time to awake out of sleep,

for the night is far spent and the day is at hand. Now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed, for the night is far spent. Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, for the day is at hand. Put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh, for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.

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

The Canticle

'The Song of Zechariah', 'A Song of the Wilderness' or 'A Song of Baruch' may be said or sung.

The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1.68-79)

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, *
you have come to your people and set them free.
You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, *
born of the house of your servant David.
Through your holy prophets, *
you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us, *
to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.
This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship you without fear, *
holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
to give God's people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Or

A Song of the Wilderness (Isaiah 35.1, 2b-4a, 4c-6, 10) The wilderness and the dry land shall rejoice, *

the desert shall blossom and burst into song. They shall see the glory of the Lord, * the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weary hands, * and make firm the feeble knees. Say to the anxious, 'Be strong, fear not, your God is coming with judgement, * coming with judgement to save you.' Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, * and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame leap like a hart, * and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, * and streams in the desert; the ransomed of the Lord shall return with singing, * with everlasting joy upon their heads. Joy and gladness shall be theirs, * and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Or

A Song of Baruch (Baruch 5.5, 6c, 7-9)
Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height: *

look to the east and see your children,
gathered from the west and the east *

at the word of the Holy One.

They rejoice that God has remembered them *

and has brought them back to you.

For God has ordered that every high mountain *

and the everlasting hills be made low,
and the valleys filled up to make level ground *

so that they may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree * have shaded them at God's command. For God will lead this people with joy in the light of the divine glory *

with the mercy and righteousness that comes from God.

At the end of the Canticle 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 Father, and to the Son, and to the 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.

Morning Prayer continues with an Affirmation of Faith or the Litany.

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.

Morning Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

In joyful expectation let us pray to God, our Saviour and Redeemer.

O Wisdom from the mouth of the Most High, you reign over all things to the ends of the earth: come and teach us how to live. Lord Jesus, come soon.

O Head of the house of Israel, you appeared in the fire of the burning bush and you gave the law on Sinai: come with outstretched arm and ransom us. Lord Jesus, come soon.

O Branch of Jesse standing as a sign among the nations, all rulers will keep silence before you and all peoples will summon you to their aid: come, set us free and delay no more. Lord Jesus, come soon.

O Key of David and sceptre of the house of Israel, you open and none can shut; you shut and none can open: come and free the captives from prison. Lord Jesus, come soon.

O Morning Star, bright Sun of righteousness: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. Lord Jesus, come soon.

O Emmanuel, hope of the nations: come and save us, O Anointed One. **Lord Jesus, come soon.**

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- the church, that we may be ready for the coming of Christ;
- *the leaders of the church;*
- *the nations, that they may seek peace and reconciliation;*
- those who are working for justice in the world and
- *the broken, that they may find God's healing.*

After a period of silence either the Collect of the Day or one of the following collects may be said or sung.

Week of the Reign of Christ

Most High God, majestic and almighty, our beginning and our end: rule in our hearts and guide us to be faithful in our daily actions, worshipping the one who comes as Saviour and Sovereign, and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God. **Amen**.

Advent 1

God of justice and peace, from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness, so that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder before your marvellous deeds. Raise our heads in expectation, so that we may yearn for the coming of your Christ and stand without blame before him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. **Amen**.

Advent 2

God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation. Make us ready for the message that prepares the way, so that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the coming of your Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen**.

Advent 3

Merciful God, your word, spoken by the prophets, restores your people's life and hope. Fill our hearts with the joy of your saving grace, so that we may hold fast to your great goodness and in our lives proclaim your justice in all the world, through your Christ who comes among us. **Amen**.

Advent 4

O God of Elizabeth and Mary, you visited your servants with news of the world's redemption in the coming of the Saviour. Make our hearts leap with joy and fill our mouths with songs of praise, so that we may announce glad tidings of peace and welcome the Christ in our midst. **Amen**.

Morning Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory and 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.

Morning Prayer continues with the Dismissal.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Morning Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.

May Christ, when he comes, find us watching and waiting. Amen.

Evening Prayer for Advent

From the Reign of Christ to Christmas Eve

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Light and peace in Jesus Christ our hope. **Thanks be to God.** *or* Jesus Christ is the light of the world. **A light no darkness can extinguish.**

Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Creator. **It is right to offer thanks and praise.** *or* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, creator of light and darkness, to you be glory and praise for ever. As evening falls, you renew your promise to reveal among us the light of your presence. May your word be a lantern to our feet and a light upon our path so that we may behold your coming among us. Strengthen us in our stumbling weakness and free our tongues to sing your praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

or

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

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Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God. **Blessed be God for ever.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Psalm

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At the end of the Psalm one of the following may be said or sung.

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Evening Prayer continues with the Reading.

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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.

My soul is waiting for you, Light of my salvation: in your word is my hope. **My soul is waiting for you, Light of my salvation:** in your word is my hope.
There is forgiveness with you, so that you shall be held in awe.
My soul is waiting for you, Light of my salvation: in your word is my hope.
Reveal among us the light of your presence, so that we may behold your power and glory.
My soul is waiting for you, Light of my salvation: in your word is my hope.

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

The Canticle

'The Song of Mary', 'A Song of the Spirit' or 'A Song of the Lamb' 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 the Spirit (Revelation 22.12-14, 16, 17) 'Behold, I am coming soon', says the Lord 'and bringing my reward with me, * to give everyone according to their deeds. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, * the beginning and the end.' Blessed are those who do God's commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, * and may enter into the city through the gates. 'I, Jesus, have sent my angel to you, * with this testimony for all the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, * I am the bright morning star.' 'Come!' say the Spirit and the Bride; * 'Come!' let each hearer reply. Come forward, you who are thirsty, * let those who desire take the water of life as a gift.

Or

A Song of the Lamb (Revelation 19.1b, 2a, 5b, 6b, 7, 9b)

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, *
whose judgements are true and just.
Praise our God, all you servants of the Lord, *
all who fear God, both small and great.
The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns: *
let us rejoice and exult and give God the glory.
For the marriage of the Lamb has come *
and his bride has made herself ready.
Blessed are those who are invited *
to the wedding banquet of the Lamb.

At the end of the Canticle 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 Father, and to the Son, and to the 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.

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

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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 Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Watchful at all times, let us pray to God for strength to stand with confidence.

God, our Maker and Redeemer, fill the earth with justice and compassion. **God of Mary and Joseph, hear and have mercy.**

Establish righteousness in the nations. God of Mary and Joseph, hear and have mercy.

Bind up the broken-hearted, restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen. **God of Mary and Joseph, hear and have mercy.**

Shine the light of Christ on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death. **God of Mary and Joseph, hear and have mercy.**

Empower us, with all the saints in light, to be your witnesses in the world. **God of Mary and Joseph, hear and have mercy.**

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- the church, that we may be ready for the coming of Christ;
- *the leaders of the church;*
- *the nations, that they may seek peace and reconciliation;*
- those who are working for justice in the world and
- *the broken, that they may find God's healing.*

After a period of silence either the Collect of the Day or one of the following collects may be said or sung.

Week of the Reign of Christ

Most High God, majestic and almighty, our beginning and our end: rule in our hearts and guide us to be faithful in our daily actions, worshipping the one who comes as Saviour and Sovereign, and who lies and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God. **Amen**.

Advent 1

God of justice and peace, from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness, so that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder before your marvellous deeds. Raise our heads in expectation, so that we may yearn for the coming of your Christ and stand without blame before him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. **Amen**.

Advent 2

God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation. Make us ready for the message that prepares the way, so that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the coming of your Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen**.

Advent 3

Merciful God, your word, spoken by the prophets, restores your people's life and hope. Fill our hearts with the joy of your saving grace, so that we may hold fast to your great goodness and in our lives proclaim your justice in all the world, through your Christ who comes among us. **Amen**.

Advent 4

O God of Elizabeth and Mary, you visited your servants with news of the world's redemption in the coming of the Saviour. Make our hearts leap with joy and fill our mouths with songs of praise, so that we may announce glad tidings of peace and welcome the Christ in our midst. **Amen**.

Evening Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory and 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 Christ, when he comes, find us watching and waiting. **Amen**.

Morning Prayer for Christmas

From Christmas Eve to Epiphany

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Blessed are you, O Christ, incarnate Word, you were before time began and came into the world to save us. Blessed are you, Sun of righteousness; you shine with the love of God and illumine the whole universe. Blessed are you, Child of Mary; born in a manger, you shared our humanity. Let heaven and earth shout their praise.

With all the voices of heaven, we celebrate your coming, O Emmanuel. Let heaven and earth shout their praise.

With all the creatures on earth we sing and dance at your birth, O Shoot of Jesse. Let heaven and earth shout their praise.

Or

O Lord, open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise. You laid the foundation of the earth and the heavens are the work of your hands.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, creator of heaven and earth, to you be praise and glory for ever. As your living Word, eternal in heaven, assumed the frailty of our mortal flesh, so may the light of your love be born in us to fill our hearts with joy as we sing. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.** *or* Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.** *or* Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God. **Blessed be God for ever.**

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.

At the end of 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 Father, and to the Son, and to the 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.

Morning 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 Word, Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.** Morning 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.

The Word of life which was from the beginning we proclaim to you. The darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining; the Word of life which was from the beginning. That which we heard, which we saw with our eyes, and touched with our hands, we proclaim to you. For our fellowship is with God and with God's beloved, Jesus the Christ. The Word of life which was from the beginning we proclaim to you.

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

The Canticle

'The Song of Zechariah', 'A Song of Hannah' or 'A Song of God's Chosen One' may be said or sung.

The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1.68-79)
Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, *
you have come to your people and set them free.
You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, *
born of the house of your servant David.
Through your holy prophets, *
you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us, *
to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.
This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship you without fear, *
holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *

for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way, to give God's people knowledge of salvation * by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God * the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, * and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Or

A Song of Hannah (1 Samuel 2.1, 2, 3b-5, 7, 8) My heart exults in the Lord; * my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, * because I rejoice in your salvation. There is no Holy One like you, O Lord, * nor any Rock like you, our God. For you are a God of knowledge * and by you our actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty are broken, * but the feeble gird on strength. Those who were full now hire themselves out for bread, * but those who were hungry are well fed. The barren woman has borne sevenfold, * but she who has many children is forlorn. Both the poor and the rich are of your making; * you bring low and you also exalt. You raise up the poor from the dust, * and lift the needy from the ash heap. You make them sit with the rulers * and inherit a place of honour. For the pillars of the earth are yours * and on them you have set the world.

Or

A Song of God's Chosen One (Isaiah 11.1, 2, 3b-4a, 6, 9)

There shall come forth a shoot from the stock of Jesse, * and a branch shall grow out of his roots. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, * the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, * the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, * or decide by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, * and decide with equity for the meek of the earth. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, * and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf, the lion and the fatling together, * with a little child to lead them. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, * for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

At the end of the Canticle 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 Father, and to the Son, and to the 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.

Morning Prayer continues with an Affirmation of Faith or the Litany.

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.

Morning Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Let us pray to the Creator of the universe.

Holy One, by the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel: **Hear us and grant us peace.**

By the mystery of the Word made flesh: Hear us and grant us peace.

By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God:

Hear us and grant us peace. By the manifestation of your Beloved to the shepherds: Hear us and grant us peace.

By the obedience of the Maker of the world to Mary and Joseph: **Hear us and grant us peace.**

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- *the church, especially in places of conflict;*
- *the Holy Land, for peace with justice and reconciliation;*
- refugees and asylum seekers;
- homeless people and
- *families with young children.*

After a period of silence either the Collect of the Day or one of the following collects may be said or sung.

Christmas Eve

God of glory, your splendour shines from a manger in Bethlehem, where the Light of the world is humbly born into the darkness of human night. Open our eyes to Christ's presence in the shadows of our world, so that we, like him, may become beacons of your justice and defenders of all for whom there is no room. **Amen**.

Christmas (until the First Sunday after Christmas)

God of all ages, in the birth of Christ your boundless love for your people shattered the power of darkness. Be born in us with that same love and light, so that our song may blend with all the choirs of heaven and earth to the glory of your holy name. **Amen**.

Week of the First Sunday after Christmas

God of glory, you have given us a new name and robed us in salvation. May we like Anna find our home in your presence, and like Simeon recognize Jesus as the Christ, so that, in joy and thanksgiving at becoming your children, we may join with all creation to sing your praise. **Amen**.

Week of the Second Sunday after Christmas

Gracious God, you have redeemed us through Jesus Christ, the first-born of all creation, whose birth we celebrate as the child of Bethlehem. Bless us with every spiritual blessing, so that we may live as your adopted children and witness to your glory with unending praise and thanksgiving. **Amen**.

Morning Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us and 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.

Morning Prayer continues with the Dismissal.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Morning 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**.

Evening Prayer for Christmas

From Christmas Eve to Epiphany

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Light and peace in Jesus Christ our hope. **Thanks be to God.** *or* Jesus Christ is the light of the world. **A light no darkness can extinguish.**

Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Creator. **It is right to offer thanks and praise.** *or* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, our light and our salvation, to you be glory and praise for ever. To dispel the darkness of our night you sent forth your Son, the firstborn of all creation, to be the Christ, the light of the world. Rejoicing in the mystery of the Word made flesh, we acclaim him Emmanuel, as all creation sings to you.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God for ever.

or

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

or

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God. **Blessed be God for ever.**

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.

At the end of 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 Father, and to the Son, and to the 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.

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 Word, Holy Wisdom. **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.

Your salvation, O God, is near to those who fear you: your glory shall dwell in our land. Your salvation, O God, is near to those who fear you: your glory shall dwell in our land. I will listen to what you, Lord God, are saying, for you are speaking peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you. Your glory shall dwell in our land. Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Your salvation, O God, is near to those who fear you: your glory shall dwell in our land. Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven. Your glory shall dwell in our land. Righteousness shall go before you, and peace shall be a pathway for you feet. Your glory shall dwell in our land.

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

The Canticle

'The Song of Mary', 'A Song of God's Love' or 'A Song of the Holy City' 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 God's Love (1 John4.7-11, 12b)

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; *

everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, *

for God is love.

In this the love of God was revealed among us, *

that God sent the Son into the world,
so that we might live through him.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us, *

and sent the Son to be the expiation for our sins.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, *

we ought also to love one another.

For if we love one another, God abides in us, *

and God's love will be perfected in us.

Or

A Song of the Holy City (Revelation 21.1-5a)

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. God will dwell with them; they will be holy peoples, * and God, God's very self, will be with them; wiping every tear from their eyes * and 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."

At the end of the Canticle 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 Father, and to the Son, and to the 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.

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

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 Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Let us pray to the Maker of the universe.

God of wisdom, you order all things: help the church to reveal the mystery of your love and fill it with the Spirit of truth. **Holy One, make all things new.**

Ruler of the universe, the government is on your shoulders: guide the leaders of the nations and bring in your reign of justice and righteousness. **Holy One, make all things new.**

Source of all being, you call us to live together in unity: protect by your mercy all your children, bless our families and renew our communities. **Holy One, make all things new.**

Giver of peace, you bring reconciliation in the child of Bethlehem: by your healing power give to all who suffer your gift of wholeness and peace. **Holy One, make all things new.**

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- *the church, especially in places of conflict;*
- the Holy Land, for peace with justice and reconciliation;
- *refugees and asylum seekers;*
- homeless people and
- *families with young children.*

After a period of silence either the Collect of the Day or one of the following collects may be said or sung.

Christmas Eve

God of glory, your splendour shines from a manger in Bethlehem, where the Light of the world is humbly born into the darkness of human night. Open our eyes to Christ's presence in the shadows of our world, so that we, like him, may become beacons of your justice and defenders of all for whom there is no room. **Amen**.

Christmas (until the First Sunday after Christmas)

God of all ages, in the birth of Christ your boundless love for your people shattered the power of darkness. Be born in us with that same love and light, so that our song may blend with all the choirs of heaven and earth to the glory of your holy name. **Amen**.

Week of the First Sunday after Christmas

God of glory, you have given us a new name and robed us in salvation. May we like Anna find our home in your presence, and like Simeon recognize Jesus as the Christ, so that, in joy and thanksgiving at becoming your children, we may join with all creation to sing your praise. **Amen**.

Week of the Second Sunday after Christmas

Gracious God, you have redeemed us through Jesus Christ, the first-born of all creation, whose birth we celebrate as the child of Bethlehem. Bless us with every spiritual blessing, so that we may live as your adopted children and witness to your glory with unending praise and thanksgiving. **Amen**.

Evening Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us and 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**.

Morning Prayer for Epiphany From Epiphany through Presentation

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Blessed are you, David's heir, born to rule, you received gifts from the magi. Blessed are you, Son of Man, baptized by John, you saved us from ourselves. Blessed are you, Servant Lord, teaching and preaching, healing and comforting, you proclaimed God's gracious reign. With all the voices of heaven and earth, we celebrate your epiphany. Let heaven and earth shout their praise.

Or

O Lord, open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Your light springs up for the righteous and all the peoples have seen your glory.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, ruler of the nations, to you be praise and glory for ever. From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is proclaimed in all the world. As the Sun of Righteousness dawns in our hearts, anoint our lips with the seal of your Spirit so that we may witness to your gospel and sing your praise in all the earth.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

or

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

or

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God. **Blessed be God for ever.**

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.

At the end of 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 Father, and to the Son, and to the 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.

Morning 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 Word, Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

Morning 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.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before God. Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is sovereign. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Tell out the salvation of God from day to day. Let the whole earth tremble before God. Declare the glory of the Holy One among the nations and the wonders of God among the peoples. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before God.

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

The Canticle

'The Song of Zechariah', 'A Song of the New Jerusalem' or 'A Song of the Covenant' may be said or sung.

The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1.68-79)

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, * you have come to your people and set them free. You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, * born of the house of your servant David. Through your holy prophets, * you promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us, * to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant. This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: * to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship you without fear, holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life. And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, * for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way, to give God's people knowledge of salvation * by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God * the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, * and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

A Song of the New Jerusalem (Isaiah 60.1-3, 11a, 18, 19, 14b)

Arise, shine out, for your light has come, * the glory of the Lord is rising upon you. Though night still covers the earth, * and darkness the peoples; above you the Holy One arises, * and above you God's glory appears. The nations will come to your light, * and rulers to your dawning brightness. Your gates will lie open continually, * shut neither by day nor by night. The sound of violence shall be heard no longer in your land, * or ruin and devastation within your borders. You will call your walls, Salvation, * and your gates, Praise. Nor will the sun give you daylight, * nor moonlight shine upon you; but the Lord will be your everlasting light, * your God will be your splendour. For you shall be called the city of God, * the dwelling of the Holy One of Israel.

Or

A Song of the Covenant (Isaiah 42.5-8a)

Thus says God, who created the heavens, * who fashioned the earth and all that dwells in it; who gives breath to the people upon it * and spirit to those who walk in it, 'I am the Lord and I have called you in righteousness, * I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, * a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the captives from the dungeon, * from the prison, those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; * my glory I give to no other.'

At the end of the Canticle one of the following may be said or sung.

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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.

Morning Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Everlasting Light of creation, may your people in all the world worship in spirit and in truth. **Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.**

May the church discover that unity which is your will. **Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.**

May the nations of the earth seek after the ways that make for peace. Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.

May the whole creation be set free to enjoy the glorious liberty of your children. **Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.**

May all who with Christ have entered the shadow of death rest in peace and rise in glory. **Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.**

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- *the unity of the church;*
- *the peace of the world;*
- *the healing of the sick;*
- the revelation of Christ to those from whom his glory is hidden and
- all who travel.

After a period of silence either the Collect of the Day or one of the following collects may be said or sung.

Week of Epiphany

O God of light and peace, whose glory, shining in the child of Bethlehem, still draws the nations to yourself: dispel the darkness that shrouds our path, so that we may come to kneel before Christ in true worship, offer him our hearts and souls, and return from his presence to live as he has taught. **Amen**.

Week of the Baptism of Christ

God, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, mark us with your image and raise us to live our baptismal vows empowered by the Holy Spirit and the example of Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. **Amen**.

Between the Baptism of Christ and Presentation

Perfect Light of revelation, as you shone in the life of Jesus, whose epiphany we celebrate, so shine in us and through us, that we may become beacons of truth and compassion, enlightening all creation with deeds of justice and mercy. **Amen**. *or*

O God, you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus the Christ. Fill all creation with that word again, so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, your incarnate presence on the earth. **Amen**.

Presentation

God of steadfast love, you sent your Son to be the light of the world, saving people everywhere from sin and death. As Anna gave thanks for the freedom he would bring and Simeon saw in him the dawn of redemption, complete your purpose once made known in him. Make us vessels of his light, so that all the world may glory in the splendour of your peace. **Amen**.

Morning Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Believing in the promises of God and 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.

Morning Prayer continues with the Dismissal.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Morning Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.

May Christ, who sends us to the nations, give us the power of the Spirit. Amen.

Evening Prayer for Epiphany

From Epiphany through Presentation

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Light and peace in Jesus Christ our hope. **Thanks be to God.** *or* Jesus Christ is the light of the world. **A light no darkness can extinguish.**

Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Creator. **It is right to offer thanks and praise.** *or* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, our light and our salvation, to you be glory and praise for ever. You gave your Christ as a light to the nations, and through the anointing of the Spirit you established us as a royal priesthood. As you call us into your marvellous light, may our lives bear witness to your truth and our lips never cease to proclaim your praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

or

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

or

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God. **Blessed be God for ever.**

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.

At the end of 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 Father, and to the Son, and to the 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.

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 Word, Holy Wisdom. **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.

Arise, shine, for your light has come; the glory of the Lord is rising upon you. **Arise, shine, for your light has come; the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.** God's salvation has been openly shown to all people. **The glory of the Lord is rising upon you.**

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit: **Arise, shine, for your light has come; the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.** *or* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: **Arise, shine, for your light has come; the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.** *or* Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: **Arise, shine, for your light has come; the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.**

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 Appearing' 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.

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 royal priesthood serving our God, *
and they will reign with you on earth.

Or

A Song of Christ's Appearing	(1 Timothy 3.16; 6.15, 16)
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Christ Jesus was revealed in the flesh * and vindicated in the spirit. He was seen by angels * and proclaimed among the nations. Believed in throughout the world, * he was taken up in glory. This will be made manifest at the proper time * by the blessed and only Sovereign, who alone has immortality, * and dwells in unapproachable light.

At the end of the Canticle 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 Father, and to the Son, and to the 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.

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

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 Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Redeemer of the nations, guide all who seek you with a pure heart. Host of the wedding feast, hear our prayer.

Usher in your promised reign of justice and peace. Host of the wedding feast, hear our prayer.

Encompass us with your light as with a cloak, and conquer the darkness of our night. **Host of the wedding feast, hear our prayer.**

Feed the hunger of your people in desert places with your eternal bread. **Host of the wedding feast, hear our prayer.**

Change our vessels of water into the gladdening wine of new life. **Host of the wedding feast, hear our prayer.**

Welcome sinners to your banquet table. Host of the wedding feast, hear our prayer.

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- *the unity of the church;*
- *the peace of the world;*
- *the healing of the sick;*
- the revelation of Christ to those from whom his glory is hidden and
- *all who travel.*

After a period of silence either the Collect of the Day or one of the following collects may be said or sung.

Week of Epiphany

O God of light and peace, whose glory, shining in the child of Bethlehem, still draws the nations to yourself: dispel the darkness that shrouds our path, so that we may come to kneel before Christ in true worship, offer him our hearts and souls, and return from his presence to live as he has taught. **Amen**.

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God, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, mark us with your image and raise us to live our baptismal vows empowered by the Holy Spirit and the example of Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. **Amen**.

Between the Baptism of Christ and Presentation

Perfect Light of revelation, as you shone in the life of Jesus, whose epiphany we celebrate, so shine in us and through us, that we may become beacons of truth and compassion, enlightening all creation with deeds of justice and mercy. **Amen**.

or

O God, you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus the Christ. Fill all creation with that word again, so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, your incarnate presence on the earth. **Amen**.

Presentation

God of steadfast love, you sent your Son to be the light of the world, saving people everywhere from sin and death. As Anna gave thanks for the freedom he would bring and Simeon say in him the dawn of redemption, complete your purpose once made known in him. Make us vessels of his light, so that all the world may glory in the splendour of your peace. **Amen**.

Evening Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Believing in the promises of God and 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 Christ, who sends us to the nations, give us the power of the Spirit. Amen.

Morning Prayer for Lent

From Ash Wednesday until the Sunday before Palm/Passion Sunday

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

We cast our burdens upon you, O Lord, and you will sustain us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Give us the joy of your saving help again and sustain us by your bountiful Spirit. Blessed are you, O Holy One, the God of our salvation who bears our burdens.

Or

O Lord, open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love, according to your judgement give us life.

Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy, to you be praise and glory for ever. In the darkness of our sin, your light breaks forth like the dawn and your healing springs up for deliverance. As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help, sustain us with your bountiful Spirit and open our lips to sing your praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

or

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

or

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God. **Blessed be God for ever.**

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.

At the end of 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.

Morning 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 Word, Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

Morning 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.

Incline your ear to me;

make haste to answer when I call.
Incline your ear to me;
make haste to answer when I call.
Lord, hear my prayer
and let my cry come before you.
Make haste to answer when I call.
Hide not your face from me
in the day of my trouble.
Make haste to answer when I call.
You endure for ever
and your name from age to age.
Make haste to answer when I call.
You will arise and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to have pity upon her.
Make haste to answer when I call.

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

The Canticle

'The Song of Zechariah', 'The Song of Manasseh' or 'A Song of Humility' may be said or sung.

The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1.68-79)

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, * you have come to your people and set them free. You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, * born of the house of your servant David. Through your holy prophets, * you promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us, * to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant. This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: * to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship you without fear, * holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life. And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, * for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way, to give God's people knowledge of salvation * by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God * the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, * and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Or

The Song of Manasseh (Manasseh 1a, 2, 4, 6, 7ab, 9ac, 11, 12, 14b, 15b) Lord almighty and God of our ancestors, * you who made heaven and earth in all their glory: All things tremble with awe at your presence, * before your great and mighty power. Immeasurable and unsearchable is your promised mercy, * for you are God, Most High. You are full of compassion, long-suffering and very merciful, * and you relent at human suffering. O God, according to your great goodness, you have promised forgiveness for repentance * to those who have sinned against you. The sins I have committed against you * are more in number than the sands of the sea. I am not worthy to look up to the height of heaven, * because of the multitude of my iniquities. And now I bend the knee of my heart before you, * imploring your kindness upon me. I have sinned, O God, I have sinned, * and I acknowledge my transgressions. Unworthy as I am, you will save me, * according to your great mercy. For all the host of heaven sings your praise, * and your glory is for ever and ever.

Or

A Song of Humility (Hosea 6.1-6) Come let us return to the Lord * who has torn us and will heal us. God has stricken us * and will bind up our wounds. After two days, God will revive us, * and on the third day will raise us up, so that we may live in the presence of the Lord. Let us strive to know the Lord, * whose appearing is as sure as the sunrise. God will come to us like the showers, * like the spring rains that water the earth.

'O Ephraim, how shall I deal with you? * How shall I deal with you, O Judah?
'Your love for me is like the morning mist, * like the dew that goes early away.
Therefore, I have hewn them by the prophets, * and my judgement goes forth as the light.
For loyalty is my desire and not sacrifice, * and the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.'

At the end of the Canticle 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.

Morning Prayer continues with an Affirmation of Faith or the Litany.

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.

Morning Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Let us offer our intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings, saying, 'God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.'

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, **God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, **God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.**

For those preparing for baptism

and for their teachers and sponsors, **God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.**

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, **God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, **God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.**

For all whom we have injured or offended, **God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.**

For grace to amend our lives and to further your reign, **God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.**

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- those preparing for baptism and confirmation;
- those serving through leadership in church and state;
- those looking for forgiveness;
- those misled by the false gods of this present age and
- all who are hungry.

After a period of silence either the Collect of the Day or one of the following collects may be said or sung.

From Ash Wednesday until the Second Sunday in Lent

God of wilderness and water, your Son was baptized and tempted as we are. Guide us through this season, so that we may not avoid struggle, but open ourselves to blessing, through the cleansing depths of repentance and the heaven-rending words of the Spirit. **Amen**.

The Week of the Second Sunday in Lent

Artist of souls, you sculpted a people for yourself out of the rocks of wilderness and fasting. Help us as we take up your invitation to prayer and simplicity, so that the discipline of these forty days may sharpen our hunger for the feast of your holy friendship and whet our thirst for the living water you offer through Jesus Christ. **Amen**.

The Week of the Third Sunday in Lent

God of the covenant, in the glory of the cross your Son embraced the power of death and broke its hold over your people. In this time of repentance, draw all people to yourself, so that we who confess Jesus as Lord may put aside the deeds of death and accept the life of your kingdom. **Amen**.

The Week of the Fourth Sunday in Lent

God of the living, through baptism we pass from the shadow of death to the light of the resurrection. Remain with us and give us hope so that, rejoicing in the gift of the Spirit who gives life to our mortal flesh, we may be clothed with the garment of immortality, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Morning Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Trusting in the compassion of God and 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.

Morning Prayer continues with the Dismissal.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Morning Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.

May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love. **Amen**.

Evening Prayer for Lent

From Ash Wednesday until the Sunday before Palm/Passion Sunday

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Light and peace in Jesus Christ our hope. **Thanks be to God.** *or* Jesus Christ is the light of the world. **A light no darkness can extinguish.**

Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Creator. **It is right to offer thanks and praise.** *or* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, God of our salvation, to you be glory and praise for ever. In the darkness of our sin you have shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Open our eyes to acknowledge your presence, so that we may grow into your likeness from glory to glory.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God for ever.

or

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

or

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God. **Blessed be God for ever.**

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.

At the end of 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 Word, Holy Wisdom. **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.

Incline your ear to me;

make haste to answer when I call. **Incline your ear to me; make haste to answer when I call.** Lord, hear my prayer and let my cry come before you. **Make haste to answer when I call.** Hide not your face from me in the day of my trouble. **Make haste to answer when I call.** You endure for ever and your name from age to age. **Make haste to answer when I call.** You will arise and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to have pity upon her. **Make haste to answer when I call.**

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

The Canticle

'The Song of Mary', 'A Song of Christ the Servant' or 'A Song of Repentance' 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 Christ the Servant (1 Peter 2.21b-25) 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, * so 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.

Or

A Song of Repentance (1 John 1.5-9)

This is the message we have heard from Christ and proclaim to you: * that God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, * we lie and do not do what is true. But if we walk in the light as God is in the light, * we have fellowship with one another. And the blood of Jesus, the Son of God, * cleanses us from all our sins. If we say that we have no sin, * we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, * the One who is faithful and just will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

At the end of the Canticle 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:

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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 Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Let us pray, saying, 'Shepherd of souls, tend your flock.'

May your holy people triumph over evil and grow in grace. **Shepherd of souls, tend your flock.**

May candidates for baptism and confirmation live by every word that proceeds from your mouth. **Shepherd of souls, tend your flock.**

May you guide the leaders of the nations in the ways of mercy and truth. **Shepherd of souls, tend your flock.**

May the needy not be forgotten nor the hope of the poor be taken away. **Shepherd of souls, tend your flock.**

May the sick in body, mind and spirit know your power to heal. **Shepherd of souls, tend your flock.**

May the poor in spirit inherit the kingdom of heaven and see you face to face. **Shepherd of souls, tend your flock.** Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- those preparing for baptism and confirmation;
- those serving through leadership in church and state;
- those looking for forgiveness;
- those misled by the false gods of this present age and
- all who are hungry.

After a period of silence either the Collect of the Day or one of the following collects may be said or sung.

From Ash Wednesday until the Second Sunday in Lent

God of wilderness and water, your Son was baptized and tempted as we are. Guide us through this season, so that we may not avoid struggle, but open ourselves to blessing, through the cleansing depths of repentance and the heaven-rending words of the Spirit. **Amen**.

The Week of the Second Sunday in Lent

Artist of souls, you sculpted a people for yourself out of the rocks of wilderness and fasting. Help us as we take up your invitation to prayer and simplicity, so that the discipline of these forty days may sharpen our hunger for the feast of your holy friendship and whet our thirst for the living water you offer through Jesus Christ. **Amen**.

The Week of the Third Sunday in Lent

God of the covenant, in the glory of the cross your Son embraced the power of death and broke its hold over your people. In this time of repentance, draw all people to yourself, so that we who confess Jesus as Lord may put aside the deeds of death and accept the life of your kingdom. **Amen**.

The Week of the Fourth Sunday in Lent

God of the living, through baptism we pass from the shadow of death to the light of the resurrection. Remain with us and give us hope so that, rejoicing in the gift of the Spirit who gives life to our mortal flesh, we may be clothed with the garment of immortality, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Evening Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Trusting in the compassion of God and 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 our Redeemer show us compassion and love. Amen.

Morning Prayer for Passiontide

From the Fifth Sunday in Lent until Easter Vigil

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Christ became obedient unto death for us, even death upon a cross. He was pierced for our sins, bruised for no fault but ours His punishment has won our peace, and by his wounds we are healed. Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, strength, honour, glory and praise. Amen.

or

O Lord, open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving help among the nations.

Blessed are you, God of our salvation, to you be praise and glory for ever. Full of sorrows and acquainted with grief, Christ was lifted up so that he might draw the whole world to himself. May we walk this day in the way of the cross and always be ready to share its weight, declaring your love for all the world.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

or

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

or

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God. **Blessed be God for ever.**

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.

At the end of 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.

Morning 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 Word, Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

Morning 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.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you; **by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. We preach Christ crucified, the power of God and the wisdom of God. By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world. God forbid that we should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you; by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

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

The Canticle

'The Song of Zechariah', 'A Song of Jonah' or 'The Prayer of Habakkuk' may be said or sung.

The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1.68-79)

Or

A Song of Jonah (Jonah 2.2-7, 9) I called to you, O God, out of my distress *

and you answered me;
out of the belly of Sheol I cried, *
and you heard my voice.
You cast me into the deep, *
into the heart of the seas,
and the flood surrounded me, *
all your waves and billows passed over me.
Then I said, I am driven away from your sight: *
how shall I ever look again upon your holy temple?
The waters closed in over me, *
the deep was round about me;
weeds were wrapped around my head *
at the roots of the mountains.
I went down to the land whose bars closed on me for ever, *
yet you brought up my life from the depths, O God.
As my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, O God, *
and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple
With the voice of thanksgiving, I will sacrifice to you; *
what I have vowed I will pay:
deliverance belongs to the Lord!

Or

The Prayer of Habakkuk (Habakkuk 3.2, 13a, 15-16, 17-19) O Lord, I have heard of your renown, * and I stand in awe, O Lord, of your work. In the midst of the years renew it; in the midst of the years make it known; * in wrath remember mercy. You came forth to save your people, * to save your anointed. You trampled the sea with your horses, * churning the mighty waters. I hear, and my belly trembles, * my lips quiver at the sound. Though the fig tree does not blossom, nor fruit appear on the vines, * the produce of the olive fail, and the fields yield no food, though the flock be cut off from the fold * and there be no herd in the stalls, yet will I rejoice in the Lord, * I will exult in the God of my salvation.

God, the Lord, is my strength, * who makes my feet like hinds' feet, and who makes me tread upon the high places.

At the end of the Canticle 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.

Morning Prayer continues with an Affirmation of Faith or the Litany.

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.

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Morning Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

With faith and love and in union with Christ, let us offer our prayers before the throne of grace, saying, 'God of the deep, hear our prayer.'

Have mercy on your people, for whom your Son laid down his life. **God of the deep, hear our prayer.**

Bring healing and wholeness to people and nations, and have pity on those torn apart by division. **God of the deep, hear our prayer.**

Strengthen all who are persecuted for your name's sake, and deliver them from evil. **God of the deep, hear our prayer.**

Look in mercy upon all who suffer, and hear those who cry out in pain and desolation.

God of the deep, hear our prayer.

Bring comfort to the dying, and gladden their hearts with the vision of your glory. **God of the deep, hear our prayer.**

Give rest to the departed and bring them, with your saints, to glory everlasting. **God of the deep, hear our prayer.**

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- the persecuted Church;
- *the oppressed peoples of the world;*
- *all who are lonely;*
- all who are near to death and
- *all who are facing loss.*

After a period of silence either the Collect of the Day or one of the following collects may be said or sung.

The Week of Lent 5

God of suffering and glory, in Jesus Christ you reveal the way of life through the path of obedience. Inscribe your law in our hearts, so that in life we may not stray from you but may be your people. **Amen.**

Palm/Passion Sunday to Good Friday

Sovereign God, you have established your rule over the human heart, not by force but by the servant example of Jesus Christ. Move us by your Spirit to join the joyful procession of those who confess Christ Jesus with their tongues and praise him with their lives. **Amen.**

Good Friday to Easter Vigil

Compassionate God, your love finds full expression in the gift of Jesus Christ your Son, who willingly met betrayal and death to set us free from sin. Give us courage to live obediently in these days until we greet the glory of our risen Saviour. **Amen.**

Morning Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the cross

and 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.

Morning Prayer continues with the Dismissal.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Morning Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.

May Christ, who bore our sins on the cross, set us free to serve with him in joy. Amen.

Evening Prayer for Passiontide

From the Fifth Sunday in Lent until Easter Vigil

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Light and peace in Jesus Christ our hope. **Thanks be to God.** *or* Jesus Christ is the light of the world. **A light no darkness can extinguish.**

Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Creator. **It is right to offer thanks and praise.** *or* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, God of our salvation, to you be glory and praise for ever. As we behold your Son, enthroned on the cross, stir up in us the fire of your love, so that we may be cleansed from all our sins and walk with you in newness of life, singing the praises of him who died for us and for our salvation.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God for ever.

or

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

or

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God. **Blessed be God for ever.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Psalm

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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 Word, Holy Wisdom. **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.

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By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.
God forbid that I should glory,
save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.
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Evening Prayer continues with [the Second Reading or] the Canticle or an Affirmation of Faith.

The Canticle

'The Song of Mary', 'The Song of Christ's Glory' or 'A Song of Christ the Servant' 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

The 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 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.

Or

A Song of Christ the Servant (1 Peter 2.21b-25)

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, *
so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.
By his wounds, you have been healed, *
for you were straying like sheep,
but now have returned *
to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

At the end of the Canticle one of the following may be said or sung.

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There is no commandment greater than these.

Evening Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Let us offer our praises and prayers to the one who intercedes for us, saying, "Lamb of God, we praise you."

Lord Jesus, you embraced the cross so that we might learn to give our lives for the sake of love: Lamb of God, we praise you.

Innocent captive, you submitted to the judgement of sinners: Lamb of God, we praise you.

In the hour of death you heard the penitent thief and opened to him the door of paradise: Lamb of God, we praise you.

Most merciful Saviour, you have known the pain of abandonment: **Lamb of God, we praise you.**

Lord, you love all whom God has made and gave up your own self for them: Lamb of God, we praise you.

Through your self-offering you have brought the crown of life to all people: Lamb of God, we praise you.

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- *the persecuted Church;*
- *the oppressed peoples of the world;*
- *all who are lonely;*
- all who are near to death and
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The Week of Lent 5

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Compassionate God, your love finds full expression in the gift of Jesus Christ your Son, who willingly met betrayal and death to set us free from sin. Give us courage to live obediently in these days until we greet the glory of our risen Saviour. **Amen.**

Evening Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the cross and 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 Christ, who bore our sins on the cross, set us free to serve with him in joy. Amen.

Morning Prayer for Easter

From Easter to Ascension

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!** Let us praise our God **who has given us life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead.** Let us rejoice, then, even in our distress. **We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.** O God, you have claimed us as your own **and called us from our darkness into the light of your day.** Alleluia! Christ is risen. **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Or

O Lord, open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise. In your resurrection, O Christ, let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

Blessed are you, God of our salvation, to you be praise and glory for ever. As once you ransomed your people from Egypt and led them to freedom in the promised land, so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the loving reign of the risen Christ. May we, the first fruits of your new creation, rejoice in this new day you have made and praise you for your mighty acts.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.** *or* Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.** *or* Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God.

Blessed be God forever.

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.

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Morning 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 Word, Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

Morning 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.

Death is swallowed up in victory. **Where, O death, is your sting?** Christ is risen from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. **Death is swallowed up in victory.** The trumpet will sound and the dead shall be raised. **Where, O death, is your sting?** We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed. **Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your sting?**

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

The Canticle

'The Song of Zechariah', 'The Song of Moses and Miriam' or 'A Song of the New Creation' may be said or sung.

The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1.68-79) Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, * you have come to your people and set them free. You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, * born of the house of your servant David. Through your holy prophets, * you promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us, * to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant. This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: * to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship you without fear, * holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life. And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, * for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way, to give God's people knowledge of salvation * by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God * the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, * and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Or

The Song of Moses and Miriam (Exodus 15.1b-3, 6, 10, 13, 17) I will sing to the Lord, for you have triumphed gloriously, * the horse and rider you have thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my song * and has become my salvation. This is my God whom I will praise, * the God of my ancestors whom I will exalt. The Lord is a warrior, * the Lord is the divine name. Your mighty hand, O Lord, is glorious in power; * your mighty hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy. At the blast of your nostrils, the sea covered them; * they sank as lead in the mighty waters. In your unfailing love, O Lord, * you lead the people whom you have redeemed. And by your invincible strength * you will guide them to your holy dwelling. You will bring them in and plant them, O Lord, * in the sanctuary which your hands have established.

Or

A Song of the New Creation (Isaiah 43.15, 16, 18, 19, 20c, 21)
'I am the Lord, your Holy One, *
the Creator of Israel, your Sovereign.'
Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, *
a path in the mighty waters,
'Remember not the former things, *
nor consider the things of old.
Behold, I am doing a new thing; *
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert, *
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself, *
that they might declare my praise.'

At the end of the Canticle 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.

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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

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Morning Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Let us offer our intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings, saying, 'Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.'

May we live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross. **Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.**

May all people receive the good news of Christ's victory. **Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.**

May those born to new life in the waters of baptism know the power of Christ's resurrection. **Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.**

May those who suffer pain and anguish find healing and peace in the compassion of Christ. **Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.**

May we be united in Christ's undying love with all who have passed through the gates of death. **Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.**

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

• the people of God that they might proclaim the risen Lord;

- God's creation that the peoples of the earth may meet their responsibility to care;
- those in despair and darkness that they may find the hope and light of Christ;
- those in fear of death that they may find faith through the resurrection and
- prisoners and captives.

After a period of silence either the Collect of the Day or one of the following collects may be said or sung.

Week of Easter

Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection and the world was changed forever. Teach us to keep faith with them, so that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep and our faith as true. **Amen**.

Week of Easter 2

O God, you raised up Jesus Christ as your faithful witness and the first-born of the dead. By your Holy Spirit, help us to witness to him so that those who have not yet seen may come to believe in him who is, and was, and is to come. **Amen**.

Week of Easter 3

Holy and righteous God, you raised Christ from the dead and glorified him at your right hand. Let the words of scripture, fulfilled in Jesus your Son, burn within our hearts and open our minds to recognize him in the breaking of bread. **Amen**.

Week of Easter 4

Holy Shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, so that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, where we celebrate with you for ever. **Amen**.

Week of Easter 5

God of life, you sent your Son into the world that we might live through him. May we abide in his risen life, so that we may bear the fruit of love for one another and know the fullness of joy. **Amen**.

Week of Easter 6

Faithful God, make our hearts bold with love for one another. Pour out your Spirit upon all people, so that we may live your justice and sing in praise the new song of your marvellous victory. **Amen**.

Morning Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation

and 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.

Morning Prayer continues with the Dismissal.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Morning Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life. Amen.

Evening Prayer for Easter

From Easter to Ascension

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Light and peace in Jesus Christ our hope. **Thanks be to God.** *or* Jesus Christ is the light of the world. **A light no darkness can extinguish.**

Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Creator. **It is right to offer thanks and praise.** *or* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, God of the living, to you be glory and praise for ever. From the deep waters of death you brought your people to new birth by raising Jesus to life in triumph. Through him dark death has been destroyed and radiant life is everywhere restored. As you call us out of darkness into his marvellous light, may our lives reflect his glory and our lips repeat the endless song.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

or

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

or

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God. **Blessed be God for ever.**

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.

At the end of 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 Word, Holy Wisdom. **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.

Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your sting? Christ is risen from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
Death is swallowed up in victory.
The trumpet will sound
and the dead shall be raised.
Where, O death, is your sting?
We shall not all sleep,
but we shall be changed.
Death is swallowed up in victory.
Where, O death, is your sting?

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

The Canticle

'The Song of Mary', 'A Song of Faith' or 'A Song of God's Children' 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 Faith (1 Peter 1.3-5, 18, 19, 21) Blessed are you, the God and Father * of our Lord Jesus Christ! By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope * through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading, * kept in heaven for us, who are being protected by your power through faith, * for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. We were ransomed from the futile ways of our ancestors * not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ * like that of a lamb without spot or stain. Through Christ we have confidence in your, O God,

who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, *

so that our faith and hope are set on you.

Or

A Song of God's Children (Romans 8.2, 14, 15b-19)

At the end of the Canticle 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 an Affirmation of Faith or the Litany.

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 Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Let us pray, saying, 'Giver of life, hear our prayer.'

Fill us with the joy of Christ's holy and life-giving resurrection. **Giver of life, hear our prayer.**

Strengthen isolated and persecuted churches in the Easter gospel. **Giver of life, hear our prayer.**

Grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love. **Giver of life, hear our prayer.**

Provide for those who lack food, work or shelter. **Giver of life, hear our prayer.**

Bring wars and famines throughout the earth to an end. **Giver of life, hear our prayer.**

Reveal the light of your presence to the sick, the weak and the dying. **Giver of life, hear our prayer.**

Send the fire of your Holy Spirit upon your people. **Giver of life, hear our prayer.**

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- *the people of God that they might proclaim the risen Lord;*
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Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection and the world was changed forever. Teach us to keep faith with them, so that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep and our faith as true. **Amen**.

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Holy Shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, so that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, where we celebrate with you for ever. **Amen**.

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Week of Easter 6

Faithful God, make our hearts bold with love for one another. Pour out your Spirit upon all people, so that we may live your justice and sing in praise the new song of your marvellous victory. **Amen**.

Evening Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation and 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. Alleluia. Alleluia. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Evening Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life. Amen.

Morning Prayer for Pentecost

From Ascension through Trinity Sunday

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Your love, O God, has been poured into our hearts. We abide in you and you in us. We will give thanks to you and call upon your name; we will make known your deeds among the peoples. We raise our songs of praise to you and speak of all your marvellous works. You alone are the Holy One, who was and is and is to come!

Or

O Lord, open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, and clothe us with power from on high. Alleluia.

Blessed are you, creator God, to you be praise and glory for ever. As your Spirit moved over the face of the waters bringing light and life to your creation, pour out your Spirit on us today so that we may walk as children of light and by your grace reveal your presence.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

or

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

or

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God. **Blessed be God forever.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Psalm

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

At the end of the Psalm(s) 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 Father, and to the Son, and to the 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.

Morning 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 Word, Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

Morning 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.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people and kindle in us the fire of your love. All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God and fellow-heirs with Christ. **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.** Renew the face of your creation, Creator of all, and pour on us the gifts of your Spirit, **and kindle in us the fire of your love.** For the creation waits with eager longing for the glorious liberty of the children of God. **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

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

The Canticle

'The Song of Zechariah', 'A Song of Ezekiel' or 'A Song of Judith' may be said or sung.

The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1.68-79)

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, *
you have come to your people and set them free.
You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, *
born of the house of your servant David.
Through your holy prophets, *
you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us, *
to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.
This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship you without fear, *
holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
to give God's people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
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Or

A Song of Ezekiel (Ezekiel 36.24-26, 28b) I will take you from the nations, * and gather you from all the countries. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, * and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses. A new heart I will give you, * and put a new spirit within you. And I will remove from your body the heart of stone * and give you a heart of flesh. You shall be my people, * and I will be your God.

Or

A Song of Judith (Judith 16.13-16)

I will sing a new song to my God, * for you are great and glorious, truly strong and invincible. May your whole creation serve you, * for you spoke and all things came to be. You sent forth your Spirit and they were formed, * for no one can resist your voice. Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths; * at your presence rocks shall melt like wax. But to those who fear you, * you continue to show mercy. No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, * but whoever fears you shall stand in your sight for ever.

At the end of either Canticle 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 Father, and to the Son, and to the 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.**

Morning Prayer continues with an Affirmation of Faith or the Litany.

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.

Morning Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Let us offer our intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings, saying, 'God of the prophets, hear our prayer.'

Lift up our hearts to the heavenly places and inspire us to serve you as a royal priesthood. **God of the prophets, hear our prayer.**

Let all peoples acknowledge your reign of justice and peace and grant on earth the blessing of peace. **God of the prophets, hear our prayer.**

Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit and renew your church with power from on high. **God of the prophets, hear our prayer.**

May peace abound and righteousness flourish, so that we may vanquish injustice and wrong. **God of the prophets, hear our prayer.**

Help us to proclaim the good news of salvation, and grant us the needful gifts of your grace. **God of the prophets, hear our prayer.**

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- God's royal priesthood, for empowerment by the Spirit;
- those who wait on God, that they may find renewal;
- all people, that they may acknowledge the reign of the ascended Christ;
- the earth, for productivity and for fruitful harvests and
- all who are struggling with broken relationships.

After a period of silence either the Collect of the Day or one of the following collects may be said or sung.

Ascension to the Sunday after Ascension

Risen and ascended Christ, you surround us with witnesses and send us the Counsellor who opens our minds to understand your teaching. Bless us with such grace so that our lives may become a blessing for the world now, and in the age to come. **Amen**.

Sunday after Ascension to Pentecost

God of boundless grace, you call us to drink freely of the well of life and to share the love of your holy being. May the glory of your love, made known in the victory of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, transform our lives and the world he lived and died to save. We ask this in his name and for his sake. **Amen**.

Pentecost to Trinity Sunday

Holy God, you spoke the world into being. Pour your Spirit to the ends of the earth, so that your children may return from exile as citizens of your commonwealth, and our divisions may be healed by your word of love and righteousness. **Amen**.

The Week of Trinity Sunday

God of delight, your Wisdom sings your Word at the crossroads where humanity and divinity meet. Invite us into your joyful being where you know and are known in each beginning, in all sustenance, in every redemption, so that we may manifest your unity in the diverse ministries your entrust to us, truly reflecting your triune majesty in the faith that acts, in the hope that does not disappoint, and in the love that endures. **Amen**.

Morning Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit and 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.

Morning Prayer continues with the Dismissal.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Morning Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.

May the Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love. **Amen**.

Evening Prayer for Pentecost

From Ascension to the Sunday after Trinity

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Light and peace in Jesus Christ our hope. **Thanks be to God.** *or* Jesus Christ is the light of the world. **A light no darkness can extinguish.**

Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Creator. **It is right to offer thanks and praise.** *or* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, to you be glory and praise for ever. Raised to your side in honour on high, the ascended Christ shows the prints of love and bestows on us the gifts of grace. As your Spirit renews the face of the earth, may we bring forth the fruit of the Spirit and reveal your glory in all the world.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God for ever.

or

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

or

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God. **Blessed be God forever.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Psalm

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

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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 Word, Holy Wisdom. **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.

When you send forth your Spirit, we are created;you renew the face of the earth.When you send forth your Spirit, we are created;you renew the face of the earth.O Creator of all, how manifold are your works;

in wisdom you have made them all. When you send forth your Spirit, we are created; you renew the face of the earth.

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

The Canticle

'The Song of Mary', 'A Song of God's Grace' or 'A Song of Redemption' 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 God's Grace (Ephesians 1.3-10)

Blessed are you, * the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for you have blessed us in Christ Jesus * with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. You chose us to be yours in Christ before the foundation of the world, * that we should be holy and blameless before you. In love you destined us for adoption as your children, through Jesus Christ, *

according to the purpose of your will,
to the praise of your glorious grace, *
which you freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.
In you, we have redemption
through the blood of Christ, *
the forgiveness of our sins.
According to the riches of your grace, *
which you have lavished upon us.
You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight, *
the mystery of your will.
According to your purpose
which you set forth in Christ, *
as a plan for the fullness of time,
to unite all things in Christ, *
things in heaven and things on earth.

Or

A Song of Redemption (Colossians 1.13-18a, 19, 20a)

Immortal One, you have delivered us from the power of darkness, * and transferred us to the commonwealth of your Beloved; in whom we have redemption, * the forgiveness of our sins. He is your very image, * the firstborn of all creation, in whom all things were created, * in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, through whom and for whom all things were created, * who is before all things and in whom all things hold together. Your Beloved is the head of the body, the church, * and is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, in whom all your fullness was pleased to dwell; * and through whom you were pleased to reconcile all things.

At the end of either Canticle one of the following may be said or sung.

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Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

Evening Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Let us pray to God the Holy Spirit, saying, 'Come, Holy Spirit, come.'

Come, Holy Spirit, creator: renew the face of the earth. **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Come, Holy Spirit, counsellor: touch our lips so that we may proclaim your word. **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Come, Holy Spirit, power from on high: make us agents of peace and ministers of wholeness. **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Come, Holy Spirit, breath of God: give life to the dry bones of this exiled age, and make us a living people, holy and free. **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Come, Holy Spirit, wisdom and truth: strengthen us in the risk of faith. **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

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After a period of silence either the Collect of the Day or one of the following collects may be said or sung.

Ascension to the Sunday after Ascension

Risen and ascended Christ, you surround us with witnesses and send us the Counsellor who opens our minds to understand your teaching. Bless us with such grace so that our lives may become a blessing for the world now, and in the age to come. **Amen**.

Sunday after Ascension to Pentecost

God of boundless grace, you call us to drink freely of the well of life and to share the love of your holy being. May the glory of your love, made known in the victory of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, transform our lives and the world he lived and died to save. We ask this in his name and for his sake. **Amen**.

Pentecost to Trinity Sunday

Holy God, you spoke the world into being. Pour your Spirit to the ends of the earth, so that your children may return from exile as citizens of your commonwealth, and our divisions may be healed by your word of love and righteousness. **Amen**.

The Week of Trinity Sunday

God of delight, your Wisdom sings your Word at the crossroads where humanity and divinity meet. Invite us into your joyful being where you know and are known in each beginning, in all sustenance, in every redemption, so that we may manifest your unity in the diverse ministries your entrust to us, truly reflecting your triune majesty in the faith that acts, in the hope that does not disappoint, and in the love that endures. **Amen**.

Evening Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit and 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. Alleluia. Alleluia. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Evening Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.

May the Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love. **Amen**.

Morning Prayer for All Saints

From All Saints until the First Sunday of Advent

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Great are you, O Lord, and greatly to be praised. **There is no end of your greatness.** One generation shall praise your works to another **and shall declare your power.** All your works praise you, **and your faithful servants bless you.** They make known the glory of your reign of justice and peace **and speak of your power.** Our mouths shall speak your praise; **let all flesh praise your holy name for ever and ever.**

Or

O Lord, open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Your faithful servants bless you. They make known the glory of your kingdom.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, ruler and judge of all, to you be praise and glory for ever. In the darkness of this age that is passing away may the light of your presence which the saints enjoy surround our steps as we journey on. May we reflect your glory this day and so be made ready to see your face in the heavenly city where night shall be no more.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

or

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

or

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God. **Blessed be God for ever.**

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.

At the end of 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 Father, and to the Son, and to the 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.

Morning 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 Word, Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

Morning 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.

You are righteous, O Lord, and delight in righteous deeds; the just shall see your face. You are righteous, O Lord, and delight in righteous deeds; the just shall see your face. When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do? You are righteous, O Lord, and delight in righteous deeds. Your eyes behold the inhabited world; your piercing eye weighs our worth. The just shall see your face. You weigh the righteous as well as the wicked, but those who delight in violence, you abhor. You are righteous, O Lord, and delight in righteous deeds; the just shall see your face.

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

The Canticle

'The Song of Zechariah', 'A Song of the New Creation' or 'A Song of Wisdom' may be said or sung.

The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1.68-79)

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, * you have come to your people and set them free. You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, * born of the house of your servant David. Through your holy prophets, * you promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us, * to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant. This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: * to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship you without fear, * holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life. And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, * for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way, to give God's people knowledge of salvation * by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God * the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, * and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Or

A Song of the New Creation (Isaiah 43.15, 16, 18, 19, 20c, 21) 'I am the Lord, your Holy One, * the Creator of Israel, your Sovereign.' Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, * a path in the mighty waters. "Remember not the former things, * nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; * now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, * to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself, * that they might declare my praise.'

Or

A Song of Wisdom (Wisdom 9.1-4, 9-11) O God of our ancestors and Lord of mercy, * you have made all things by your word. By your wisdom you have formed us, * to have dominion over the creatures you have made; to rule the world in holiness and righteousness * and to pronounce judgement in uprightness of soul. Give us the Wisdom that sits by your throne; * do not reject us from among your servants, With you is Wisdom, she who knows your works, * and was present when you made the world. She understands what is pleasing in your sight * and what is right according to your commandments. Send her forth from the holy heavens * from the throne of your glory send her, so that she may labour at our side * and so that we may learn what is pleasing to you. For she knows and understands all things, * she will guide us wisely in our actions and guard us with her glory.

At the end of the Canticle 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 Father, and to the Son, and to the 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.

Morning Prayer continues with an Affirmation of Faith or the Litany.

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.

Morning Prayer continues with the Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Let us give thanks to the God of all the faithful.

For the beauty and wonder of creation: **God of all the faithful, we thank you.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ: God of all the faithful, we thank you.

For our daily food, for our friends and families: **God of all the faithful, we thank you.**

For minds to think and hearts to love: **God of all the faithful, we thank you.**

For health, strength and skill to work, and for leisure to rest and play: **God of all the faithful, we thank you.**

For those who are brave and courageous, patient in suffering and faithful in adversity: **God of all the faithful, we thank you.**

For all who pursue peace, justice and truth:

God of all the faithful, we thank you.

For [... and] all the saints whose lives have reflected the light of Christ: **God of all the faithful, we thank you.**

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- the saints on earth, that they may live as citizens of heaven;
- *all people, that they may hear and believe the word of God;*
- all who fear the winter months;
- all sovereigns and political leaders, that they may imitate the righteous rule of Christ and
- all who grieve or wait with the dying.

After a period of silence either the Collect of the Day or one of the following collects may be said or sung.

Week of All Saints

God of unfailing light, in your realm of glory the poor are blessed, the hungry filled and every tear is wiped away. Strengthened by this vision, may we follow in the way of holiness that your Son made known in life and death. **Amen.**

Week of the Sunday between 6 and 12 November inclusive

Ever-living God, you inscribe our names in your book of life, so that we may share in the first-fruits of salvation. Grant that we may acknowledge Christ as our redeemer and, trusting in him, be confident that none of your own will be lost or forgotten. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. **Amen.**

Week of the Sunday between 13 and 19 November inclusive

O God, in Christ you give us hope for a new heaven and a new earth. Grant us wisdom to interpret the signs of our times, courage to stand in the time of trial, and faith to witness to your truth and love. **Amen.**

The Reign of Christ to the First Sunday of Advent

Holy God, our refuge and strength, you have redeemed your scattered children, gathering them from all the corners of the earth through your firstborn, the Christ, in whom all things are held together. Make of us a just and righteous people, worthy by grace to inherit with him the kingdom of light and peace where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Morning Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Uniting with the whole company of heaven and 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.

Morning Prayer continues with the Dismissal.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Morning Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.

May Christ, who has opened to us the gates of heaven, bring us to reign with him in glory. **Amen**.

Evening Prayer for All Saints

From All Saints until the First Sunday of Advent

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

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.**

Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Creator. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** *or* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, our light and our salvation, to you be glory and praise for ever. Now, as darkness is falling, wash away our transgressions, cleanse us by your refining fire and make us temples of your Holy Spirit. By the light of Christ, dispel the darkness of our hearts and make us ready to enter your reign of justice and peace, where songs of praise for ever sound.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

or

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

or

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God. **Blessed be God for ever.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Psalm

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At the end of the Psalm one of the following may be said or sung.

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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.

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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.

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

The Canticle

'The Song of Mary', 'A Song of the Blessed' or 'A Song of God's Assembled' 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 the Blessed (Matthew 5.3-12)

Blessed are the poor in spirit, * for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, * for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, * for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, * for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, * for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, * for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, * for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, * for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you * and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, * for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Or

A Song of God's Assembled (Hebrews 12.22-24a, 28, 29) We have come before God's holy mountain, *

At the end of the Canticle one of the following may be said or sung.

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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 Litany.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Let us pray to the God of all the faithful.

With the noble fellowship of the prophets may we discern the signs of your reign in our midst: **God of all the faithful, remember your promise of mercy.**

With the glorious company of the apostles may we proclaim your gospel throughout the world: **God of all the faithful, remember your promise of mercy.**

With the white-robed army of martyrs may we be ready to suffer for the truth's sake: **God of all the faithful, remember your promise of mercy.**

With all who are anointed by your Spirit may we bring good news to the poor and freedom to the oppressed: **God of all the faithful, remember your promise of mercy.**

With the saints in light may we bind up the broken-hearted and comfort all who mourn: **God of all the faithful**, **remember your promise of mercy**.

With the whole company of Christ's pilgrim people may we come to the inheritance of the saints in glory: **God of all the faithful, remember your promise of mercy.** Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- the saints on earth, that they may live as citizens of heaven;
- *all people, that they may hear and believe the word of God;*
- all who fear the winter months;
- all sovereigns and political leaders, that they may imitate the righteous rule of Christ and
- *all who grieve or wait with the dying.*

After a period of silence either the Collect of the Day or one of the following collects may be said or sung.

Week of All Saints

God of unfailing light, in your realm of glory the poor are blessed, the hungry filled and every tear is wiped away. Strengthened by this vision, may we follow in the way of holiness that your Son made known in life and death. **Amen.**

Week of the Sunday between 6 and 12 November inclusive

Ever-living God, you inscribe our names in your book of life, so that we may share in the first-fruits of salvation. Grant that we may acknowledge Christ as our redeemer and, trusting in him, be confident that none of your own will be lost or forgotten. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. **Amen.**

Week of the Sunday between 13 and 19 November inclusive

O God, in Christ you give us hope for a new heaven and a new earth. Grant us wisdom to interpret the signs of our times, courage to stand in the time of trial, and faith to witness to your truth and love. **Amen.**

The Reign of Christ to the First Sunday of Advent

Holy God, our refuge and strength, you have redeemed your scattered children, gathering them from all the corners of the earth through your firstborn, the Christ, in whom all things are held together. Make of us a just and righteous people, worthy by grace to inherit with him the kingdom of light and peace where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Evening Prayer continues with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Uniting with the whole company of heaven and 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 Christ, who has opened to us the gates of heaven, bring us to reign with him in glory. **Amen**.

Morning and Evening Prayer for Ordinary Time

A Penitential Office

The presider may read one of the following sentences of scripture as appropriate to the time of day.

Morning

- The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. *Psalm 51.18*
- Let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, who may have mercy on them, and to our God, who will abundantly pardon. *Isaiah* 55.7
- If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1.9
- Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning, for I put my trust in you; show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my soul to you. *Psalm* 143.8

Evening

- Stay with us, Lord, for evening draws on, and the day is almost over. *Luke* 24.29
- Seek the one who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night; who calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out upon the surface of the earth; the Lord is the name of the Holy One. *Amos 5.8*
- Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." *John 8.12*
- Revive me, O Lord, for your name's sake; for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble. *Psalm* 143.11

The presider then says,

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour.

Silence is kept. Then either of the following is said.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore and strengthen us through our Saviour Jesus Christ, so that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

or

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

The presider says,

May the God of love and power forgive *you/us* and free *you/us* from our sins, heal and strengthen *you/us* by the Holy Spirit and raise *you/us* to new life in Jesus Christ. **Amen**. *or* Almighty God have mercy upon *you/us*, pardon and deliver *you/us* from all *your/our* sins, confirm and strengthen *you/us* in all goodness,

and keep *you/us* in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A deacon or lay person using the preceding form substitutes us for you and our for your.

When this Penitential Office is used, Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer continues with the Introductory Responses.

Morning Prayer for Sunday

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Lord, open our lips, and our mouth shall proclaim your praise. O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us. or O Lord, open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise. In your resurrection, O Christ, let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia. or O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise and your glory all day long. Christ has triumphed over death: 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.**

Invitatory Psalm: Psalm 95.1-7

Come, sing to the Holy One ! Shout for joy to the Rock who defends us! Come into the Presence with thanksgiving! Raise our voices in joyful hymns! Truly the Holy One is a great God, supreme above all gods, in whose hands are the ends of the earth and the heights of all the mountains. The sea belongs to God who made it, whose hands formed the dry land. Come, worship and bow down; kneel in the presence of our Creator. Truly, truly, our God is the Holy One, whose people we are, all in God's pasture.

The following verses may be added.

Now, today, hear the voice of the Holy One: "Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah, as you did in the wilderness at Massah, where your ancestors tested me, put me on trial, though they had seen my works. Forty long years I loathed that generation and said, "These people go astray in their hearts. They do not know my ways. Therefore I swore in my wrath, They shall not enter my restful land."

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.

Morning 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.**

Morning 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.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead. And Christ shall give you light. Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead. And Christ shall give you light.

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth. Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead. And Christ shall give you light.

When Christ our life appears you will appear with him in glory. Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead. And Christ shall give you light.

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

The Canticle

'The Song of Zechariah', 'A Song of David' or 'Bless the Lord' may be said or sung.

The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1.68-79)

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, * you have come to your people and set them free. You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, * born of the house of your servant David. Through your holy prophets, * you promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us, * to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant. This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: * to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship you without fear, * holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life. And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, * for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way, to give God's people knowledge of salvation * by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God * the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, * and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Or

A Song of David (1 Chronicles 29.10b-13, 14b)

Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever; *

for yours is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour and the majesty.

Everything in heaven and on earth is yours; *

you are sovereign, O Lord,
and you are exalted as head over all.

Riches and honour come from you *

and you rule over all.

In your hand are power and might; *

yours it is to give power and strength to all.

And now we give you thanks, our God, *

and praise your glorious name.

For all things come from you, *

and of your own have we given you.

Bless the Lord (The Song of the Three 29-34) Blessed are you, the God of our ancestors, * worthy to be praised and exalted for ever. Blessed is your holy and glorious name, * worthy to be praised and exalted for ever. Blessed are you, in your holy and glorious temple, * worthy to be praised and exalted for ever. Blessed are you who look into the depths, * worthy to be praised and exalted for ever. Blessed are you, enthroned upon the cherubim, * worthy to be praised and exalted for ever. Blessed are you on your heavenly throne, * worthy to be praised and exalted for ever. Blessed are you in the heights of heaven, * worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

After the Canticle 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.

Morning 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.

Morning 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 Church throughout the world;*
- all who lead the church, ordained and lay;
- *the leaders of the nations;*
- *the natural world and the resources of the earth;*
- all who are in any kind of need.

The Prayers continue with the Litany and a concluding collect.

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

God of Israel, may this day be one of fulfillment and peace. **Holy One, hear and have mercy.**

Teach us to love others as you have loved us. **Holy One, hear and have mercy.**

Fill the world with your peace and justice. Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Strengthen and relieve those who are in need. Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Renew the Church through the power of your life-giving Spirit. **Holy One, hear and have mercy.**

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

Source of light, yours is the morning and yours is the evening. May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine for ever in our hearts and draw us to that light where you live in radiant glory. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

or

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Morning 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.

Morning Prayer continues with the Dismissal.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Morning Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life. **Amen**.

Evening Prayer for Sunday

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.
In your resurrection, O Christ,
let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia. *or*O God, be not far from us.
Come quickly to help us, O God.
Christ has triumphed over death:
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 Gladsome Light, O Grace'

O gladsome Light, O grace of God the Father's face, the eternal splendour wearing; celestial, holy, blest, our Saviour Jesus Christ, joyful in your appearing.

As day fades into night, we see the evening light, our hymn of praise outpouring, Father of might unknown, Christ, your incarnate Son, and Holy Spirit adoring.

To you of right belongs all praise of holy songs,

O Son of God, life-giver; you, therefore, O Most High, the world will glorify, and shall exalt for ever.

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 are my light and my salvation; you are the strength of my life. Lord, you are my light and my salvation; you are the strength of my life.

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it. Lord, you are my light and my salvation; you are the strength of my life.

The darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. Lord, you are my light and my salvation; you are the strength of my life.

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

The Canticle

'The Song of Mary', 'A Song of the Lamb' or 'A Song of the Heavenly City' 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.

A Song of the Lamb (Revelation 19.1b, 2a, 5b, 6b, 7, 9b)
Salvation and glory and power belong to you, our God, *
whose judgements are true and just.
We who serve you shall praise you; *
we who are in awe of you, great and small.
You reign, O Lord our God, the Almighty: *
we shall rejoice and give you the glory.
For the marriage of the Lamb has come *
and the bride has made herself ready.
Blessed are those who are invited *
to the wedding banquet of the Lamb.

Or

A Song of the Heavenly City (Revelation 21.22-26; 22.1, 2b, d, 3b, 4)
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 the servants of God shall worship the Holy One; *
and they shall see the divine face
whose name shall be on their foreheads.

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

Or

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 Church throughout the world;*
- all who lead the church, ordained and lay;
- *the leaders of the nations;*
- *the natural world and the resources of the earth;*
- all who are in any kind of need.

The Prayers continue with the Litany and a concluding collect.

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Save your people, O Hope of the poor, and bless your inheritance. **Govern and uphold them now and always.**

Day by day, we bless you. **We praise your name for ever.**

Keep us this night from all sin. **Have mercy on us, have mercy.**

We long for your salvation: grant us understanding, so that we may live. Show us your love and mercy, **for we put our trust in you.**

In you is our hope; **let us not be confounded at the last.**

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

Lord God, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

or

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **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 the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life. **Amen**.

Morning Prayer for Monday

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Lord, open our lips, and our mouth shall proclaim your praise. O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us. or O Lord, open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, and clothe us with power from on high. or O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise and your glory all the day long. You send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

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.**

Invitatory Psalm: Psalm 24

The world and everything in it belongs to the Holy One, so too the fertile world and all who live there. The Most High founded it on the ocean of chaos, fixed it firmly among the rivers. Who may ascend the mountain of God? Who may stand in that holy place? Those with clean hands and pure hearts, who have not given themselves to falsehood, nor sworn deceitful oaths. They shall receive blessing from the Holy One, and true justice from the saving, helping God. Such are they who look to you, who seek your presence, O God of Jacob. O you gates, lift up your heads; be lifted up you everlasting doors, that the glorious Majesty may come in! Who is this glorious Majesty? It is the Holy One, great in power and might, the Holy One mighty in battle. O you gates, lift up your heads; be lifted up, you everlasting doors, that the glorious Majesty may enter in! Who is this glorious Majesty? It is the Holy One, ruler of hosts, who is indeed the glorious Monarch.

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 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.

Morning 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.**

Morning 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.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and be not wise in your own sight. **Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and be not wise in your own sight.**

In all your ways acknowledge the Lord who will make straight your paths. **Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and be not wise in your own sight.**

Happy are those who find wisdom, and those who get understanding. **Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and be not wise in your own sight.**

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

The Canticle

'The Song of Zechariah', 'A Song of Deliverance' or 'A Song of Ezekiel' may be said or sung.

The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1.68-79) Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, * you have come to your people and set them free. You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, * born of the house of your servant David. Through your holy prophets, *

you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us, *
to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.
This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship you without fear, *
holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
to give God's people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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Or

A Song of Deliverance (Isaiah 12.2-6)

'Behold, God is our salvation, *
in whom we will trust and will not be afraid;
for the Lord God is our strength and our song, *
and has become our salvation.'
With joy we shall draw water *
from the wells of salvation.
On that day we shall say, *
'We give thanks to you, O Lord,
and call upon your name.
We shall make known your deeds among the nations, *
proclaiming that your name is exalted.
Let us sing the praises of the Lord who has triumphed gloriously; *
let this be known in all the world.
Shout and sing for joy, all that dwell in Zion,
for great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel.'

Or

A Song of Ezekiel (Ezekiel 36.24-26, 28b) I will take you from the nations, * and gather you from all the countries. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, * and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses. A new heart I will give you, * and put a new spirit within you, and I will remove from your body the heart of stone * and give you a heart of flesh. You shall be my people, * and I will be your God.

After the Canticle 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.**

Morning 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.

Morning Prayer continues with the Intercessions, Petitions and Thanksgivings.

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 media and the arts;*
- *farming and fishing;*
- *commerce and industry;*
- those whose work is unfulfilling, stressful or fraught with danger;
- *all who are unemployed.*

The Prayers continue with the Litany and a concluding collect.

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

O God of our salvation, guard and direct your church in the way of unity, service and praise. **God our strength, hear our prayer.** Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family. **God our strength, hear our prayer.**

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right. **God our strength, hear our prayer.**

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, so that all may share the good things you provide. **God our strength, hear our prayer.**

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind. **God our strength, hear our prayer.**

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair. **God our strength, hear our prayer.**

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying and your comfort to those who mourn. **God our strength, hear our prayer.**

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

Eternal God, you create us by your power and redeem us by your love. Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, so that we may give ourselves today in love and service to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** *or*

Lord our God, as with all creation we offer you the life of this new day, give us grace to love and serve you to the praise of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Morning 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.

Morning Prayer continues with the Dismissal.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Morning Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.

May the Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love. **Amen**.

Evening Prayer for Monday

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. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, and clothe your people with power from on high. *or* O God, be not far from us. Come quickly to help us, O God. You send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

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 Gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ'

O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ, in you the Father's glory shone. Immortal, holy, blest is God, and blest are you God's holy Son. Now sunset comes, but light shines forth; the lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Author, Word, and Spirit: God who dwells in the eternal light.

Worthy are you of endless praise, O Word of God, life-giving Lord, wherefore you are through all the earth and in the highest heaven adored.

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.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and be not wise in your own sight. **Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and be not wise in your own sight.**

In all your ways acknowledge the Lord who will make straight your paths. **Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and be not wise in your own sight.**

Happy are those who find wisdom, and those who get understanding. **Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and be not wise in your own sight.**

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

The Canticle

'The Song of Mary', 'A Song of God's Grace' or 'A Song of God's Children' 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 God's Grace (Ephesians 1.3-10)

Blessed are you, * the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for you have blessed us in Christ Jesus* with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. You chose us to be yours in Christ before the foundation of the world, * so that we should be holy and blameless before you. In love you destined us for adoption as your children through Jesus Christ, * according to the purpose of your will, to the praise of your glorious grace, * which you freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In you, we have redemption through the blood of Christ, * the forgiveness of our sins, according to the riches of your grace, * which you have lavished upon us. You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight, * the mystery of your will, according to your purpose which you have set forth in Christ, * as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Christ, * things in heaven and things on earth.

Or

A Song of God's Children (Romans 8.2, 14, 15b-19)

The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus *

has set us free from the law of sin and death.

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God; *

for we have received the Spirit that enables us to cry, 'Abba, Father'. The self-same Spirit bears witness that we are children of God, *

and if God's children, then heirs of God;

if heirs of God, then fellow-heirs with Christ; *

since we suffer with him now, that we may be glorified with him. These sufferings that we now endure *

are not worth comparing to the glory that shall be revealed. For the creation waits with eager longing *

for the revealing of the children of God.

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 media and the arts;*
- *farming and fishing;*
- *commerce and industry;*
- those whose work is unfulfilling, stressful or fraught with danger;
- *all who are unemployed.*

The Prayers continue with the Litany and a concluding collect.

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Show us your mercy, O God; and grant us your salvation.

Ruler of all, save the Queen; and teach her counsellors wisdom.

Let your bishops, priests and deacons be clothed with righteousness; **let your faithful people sing with joy.**

Let your ways be known upon earth; your saving health among all nations.

Give your people the blessing of peace; and may all the earth be filled with your glory.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

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

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Saviour. **Amen.**

or

Kindle in our hearts, O God, the flame of love which never ceases, so that it may burn in us, giving light to others. May we shine for ever in your temple, set on fire with your eternal light, even your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our Redeemer. **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 the Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love. **Amen**.

Morning Prayer for Tuesday

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Lord, open our lips, and our mouth shall proclaim your praise. O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us. or O Lord, open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Reveal among us the light of your presence that we may behold your power and glory. or O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise and your glory all the day long. Our God and Saviour draws near: 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.

Invitatory Psalm: Psalm 63.1-8

Holy One, my God, how I needed you! My very soul thirsted for you! My body fainted with longing for you, like a dry and waterless desert. Then I saw you in the holy place, gazing on your power and glory. Surely your faithful love is better than life itself! My lips proclaim your praise. Therefore I shall bless you all my life, in your name lift up my hands in prayer. You satisfy my body with richest food. My lips shout your praise. On my bed, when I think of you, I meditate upon you in the night watches. For you have always been my help; in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.

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.

Morning 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.** Morning 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.

Open my eyes, O Lord, so that I may see the wonders of your law. **Open my eyes, O Lord, so that I may see the wonders of your law.**

Lead me in the path of your commandments for that is my desire. **Open my eyes, O Lord, so that I may see the wonders of your law.**

Remember your word to your servant, because you have given me hope. **Open my eyes, O Lord, so that I may see the wonders of your law.**

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

The Canticle

'The Song of Zechariah', 'A Song of Peace' or 'A Song of God's Chosen One' may be said or sung.

The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1.68-79) Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, * you have come to your people and set them free. You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, * born of the house of your servant David. Through your holy prophets, * you promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us, * to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant. This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: * to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship you without fear, * holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life. And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, * for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way, to give God's people knowledge of salvation * by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God * the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, * and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Or

A Song of Peace (Isaiah 2.3-5)

Come, let us go up to the mountain of God, *
to the house of the God of Jacob;
so that God may teach us the divine ways, *
and so we may walk in those paths.
For the law shall go out from Zion, *
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
God shall judge between the nations, *
and shall mediate for many peoples.
They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, *
and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, *
neither shall they learn war any more.
O people of Jacob, come; *
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Or

A Song of God's Chosen One (Isaiah 11.1-2, 2, 3b-4a, 6, 9)

There shall come forth a shoot from the stock of Jesse, * and a branch shall grow out of his roots. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, * the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, * the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, * or decide by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, * and decide with equity for the meek of the earth. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, * and the leopard shall lie down with the kid. The calf, the lion and the fatling together, * with a little child to lead them. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, * for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

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.

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

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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.

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Morning Prayer continues with the Prayers.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

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- all who are sick in body, mind or spirit;
- those in the midst of famine or disaster;
- *victims of abuse and violence;*
- *those who are bereaved;*
- all who work in the medical and healing professions.

The Prayers continue with the Litany and a concluding collect.

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

God of Jacob, may all who call themselves Christians become a priestly people to the praise of Christ Jesus our Saviour. **God of compassion, teach us your ways.**

May *N* our bishop and all bishops and other ministers

remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth. **God of compassion, teach us your ways.**

May Elizabeth our Queen, the leaders of the nations and all in authority lead their peoples into quiet and peaceable lives. **God of compassion, teach us your ways.**

Show your good will to all who live in this *city*, the poor and the rich, the elderly and the young, men and women. **God of compassion, teach us your ways.**

Help and defend the victims of our society and those who minister to them.God of compassion, teach us your ways.

Strengthen the faith of those who are preparing for baptism and of those who have been recently baptized. **God of compassion, teach us your ways.**

Count us among all your faithful witnesses: all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs and those whose names are known to you alone. **God of compassion, teach us your ways.**

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

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being. Guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, so that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

or

Eternal God and Father, you create and redeem us by the power of your love: guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, so that we may give ourselves in love and service to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Morning 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.

Morning Prayer continues with the Dismissal.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Morning Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.

May the Lord find us watching and waiting for Christ's coming. Amen.

Evening Prayer for Tuesday

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.
Our God and Saviour draws near:
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: 'Light of the Word, in Grace and Beauty'

Light of the world, in grace and beauty, mirror of God's eternal face, transparent flame of love's free duty, you bring salvation to our race. Now as we see the lights of evening we raise our voice in hymns of praise: worthy are you of endless blessing, sun of our night, lamp of our 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.

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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.

Open my eyes, O Lord, so that I may see the wonders of your law. **Open my eyes, O Lord, so that I may see the wonders of your law.**

Lead me in the path of your commandments for that is my desire. **Open my eyes, O Lord, so that I may see the wonders of your law.**

Remember your word to your servant, because you have given me hope. **Open my eyes, O Lord, so that I may see the wonders of your law.**

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

The Canticle

'The Song of Mary', 'A Song of the Holy City' or 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 the Holy City (Revelation 21.1-5a)

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, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, * prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice from the throne saying, * 'Behold the dwelling place of God is among mortals. The Lord will dwell with them and they shall be the peoples of God, * and God, our God, will be with them. The Lord will wipe every tear from their eyes, * and death shall be no more. Neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more, * for the former things have passed away.' And the One who sat upon the throne said, * 'Behold, I make all things new.'

Or

A Song of the Lamb (Revelation 19.1b, 2a, 5b, 6b, 7, 9b)
Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, *
whose judgements are true and just.
Praise our God, all you servants of the Holy One, *
all who fear the Lord, both small and great.
The Lord our God, the Almighty reigns: *
let us rejoice and exult and give glory to God.
For the marriage of the Lamb has come, *
and his bride has made herself ready.
Blessed are those who are invited, *
to the wedding banquet of the Lamb.

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 an Affirmation of Faith or the Prayers.

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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.

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Intercessions and Thanksgivings

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- those in the midst of famine or disaster;
- victims of abuse and violence;
- *those who are bereaved;*
- all who work in the medical and healing professions.

The Prayers continue with the Litany and a concluding collect.

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Teach us, O Lord, the way of your statutes; and lead us in the path of your commandments.

Keep our nation under your care; and guide us in justice and truth.

Deal graciously with your servants; teach us discernment and knowledge.

Let not those in need be forgotten; nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Guide the meek in judgement; and teach your ways to the gentle.

Remember your people; whom you have redeemed of old.

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

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love our your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

or

Abide with us, Lord, for it is evening, and day is drawing to a close. Abide with us and with your whole Church, in the evening of the day, in the evening of life, in the evening of the world; abide with us and with all your faithful ones, O Lord, in time and in eternity. **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 the Lord find us watching and waiting for Christ's coming. **Amen**.

Morning Prayer for Wednesday

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Lord, open our lips, and our mouth shall proclaim your praise. O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us. or O Lord, open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise. You laid the foundations of the earth and the heavens are the work of your hands. or O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise and your glory all the day long. 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.**

Invitatory Psalm: Psalm 145.1-10

My sovereign God, I must exalt you; I must bless your Name for ever and ever. Every day I will bless you and everlastingly praise your Name. Great are you, Holy One, most worthy of praise, grand beyond all knowing. Generation on generation shall praise your works and proclaim your mighty power. They will declare your glorious majesty. I will meditate on your marvellous works. They will speak of the power of your awesome acts. I will proclaim your greatness. They will pour out memories of your great goodness and loudly praise your true justice. You are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and filled with faithful love. You, O Holy One, are good to everyone; compassion abounds in your every act. All your works praise you; your loving, faithful people bless you.

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.

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Morning 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.

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Morning 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.

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

The Canticle

'The Song of Zechariah', 'A Song of the Lord's Anointed' or 'A Song of the Bride' may be said or sung.

The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1.68-79)

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to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
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for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
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In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Or

A Song of the Lord's Anointed (Isaiah 61.1-3, 11, 6a) The Spirit of the Lord is upon me* because God has anointed me, sending me to bring good news to the oppressed, * to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, * and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, * to comfort all who mourn, to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, * the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit, so that they may be called oaks of righteousness, * the planting of the Lord, so that God may be glorified. For as the earth puts forth her blossom, * and as seeds in the garden spring up, so shall the Lord make righteousness and praise * blossom before all nations. You shall be called priests of the Lord; * they shall speak of you as ministers of our God.

Or

A Song of the Bride (Isaiah 61.10, 11; 62.1-3) I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, * my soul shall exult in my God; who has clothed me with the garments of salvation, * and has covered me with the cloak of integrity, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, * and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth puts forth its blossom, * and as seeds in the garden spring up, so shall God make righteousness and praise * blossom before all the nations. For Zion's sake I shall not keep silent, * and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until its deliverance shines out like the dawn, * and its salvation as a burning torch. For nations shall see your deliverance, * and all rulers shall see your glory; then you shall be called by a new name * which the mouth of God will give. You shall be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, * a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

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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.

Morning Prayer continues with the Prayers.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

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The Prayers continue with the Litany and a concluding collect.

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Liberator of the peoples, fill all who confess the name of Christ with the power of your Holy Spirit. **Holy One, accomplish your purposes in us.**

Be the joy and the strength of all whose lives are bound in mutual love and of those who live in celibacy. **Holy One, accomplish your purposes in us.**

Grant your salvation to all who are far from home, prisoners, exiles and victims of oppression. Holy One, accomplish your purposes in us.

Show your kindness and mercy to all who are facing trials and difficulties, to those who are sick and to those who are dying. Holy One, accomplish your purposes in us.

Forgive our sins and set us free from all hardship, distress, want, war and injustice. Holy One, accomplish your purposes in us.

Guide us into new and just ways of sharing the goods of the earth, so that we may live by the abundance of your mercies. Holy One, accomplish your purposes in us.

Strengthen us in our struggle against exploitation, greed and lack of concern, so that we may find joy together. Holy One, accomplish your purposes in us.

Unite us in love and service, so that we may live in communion with all Christ's saints. **Holy One, accomplish your purposes in us.**

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

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life, to serve you is perfect freedom. Defend us your servants from the assaults of our enemies, so that we may trust in your defence, and not fear the power of any adversaries; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

or

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you that you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day. Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger, order us in all our doings and guide us to do always what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Morning 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.

Morning Prayer continues with the Dismissal.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Morning 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**.

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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Evening Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.

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Morning Prayer for Thursday

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Lord, open our lips, and our mouth shall proclaim your praise. O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us. or O Lord, open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Your light springs up for the righteous and all peoples have seen your glory. or O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise and your glory all the day long. Christ has shown forth his glory: 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.**

Invitatory Psalm: Psalm 67

O Holy One, be gracious to us and bless us; let your face shine among us, so that your way may be known in the world, your saving help among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God. Indeed, let all peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge with truth and justice, and guide the nations of the world. Let the peoples praise you, Holy One. Indeed, let all peoples praise you. May the earth yield its harvest. May the Holy One, our God, bless us. May God bless us, and all the ends of the earth revere the Holy One.

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.

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Morning 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.** Morning 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.

Fear not, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. Fear not, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned. Fear not, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.

You are precious in my sight and I love you. Do not fear, for I am with you. Fear not, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.

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

The Canticle

'The Song of Zechariah', 'A Song of the Covenant' or 'A Song of Tobit' may be said or sung.

The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1.68-79)
Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, *
you have come to your people and set them free.
You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, *
born of the house of your servant David.
Through your holy prophets, *
you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us, *
to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.
This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship you without fear, *
holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *

for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way, to give God's people knowledge of salvation * by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God * the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, * and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Or

A Song of the Covenant (Isaiah 42.5-8a)

Thus says God, who created the heavens, * who fashioned the earth and all that dwells in it; who gives breath to the people upon it * and spirit to those who walk in it, 'I am the Lord and I have called you in righteousness, * I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, * a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the captives from the dungeon, * from the prison, those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; * my glory I give to no other.'

Or

A Song of Tobit (Tobit 13.1, 3, 4, 6a)

Blessed be God, who lives for ever, *

whose reign endures throughout all ages.

Declare God's praise before the nations, *

you who are the children of Israel.

For if our God has scattered you among them, *

there too has the Lord shown you the divine greatness.

Exalt God in the sight of the living, *

because the Holy One is our Lord and God for ever.

God will gather you from every nation, *

from wherever you have been scattered.

See what the Lord has done for you *

and give thanks with a loud voice.

Praise the Lord of righteousness *

and exalt the Sovereign of the ages.

After the Canticle 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*

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The Prayers continue with the Litany and a concluding collect.

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

Creator of the heavens, lead all peoples into a common life of justice, faith and peace: **Giver of breath, hear our prayer.**

Inspire the Queen, the Governor General, the Prime Minister and all in authority to serve the people of this country according to your holy will: **Giver of breath, hear our prayer.**

Guide the growth and development of all children and young people: **Giver of breath, hear our prayer.**

Deliver and keep the sick in your love: **Giver of breath, hear our prayer.**

Support and keep steadfast all who for the sake of justice and truth have been condemned to exile, prison, harsh treatment or hard labour: **Giver of breath, hear our prayer.**

Direct our lives in the same spirit of service and sacrifice as shown by the prophets, apostles, martyrs and all who have borne witness to the gospel: **Giver of breath, hear our prayer.**

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

Creator of the universe, the light of your glory shines in the darkness of our lives. Make us attentive to your presence, prompt to serve you and ever eager to follow in the steps of the one who is our true light, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.** *or*

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life, to serve you is perfect freedom. Defend us your servants from all assaults of our enemies; so that we, surely trusting in your defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Morning Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.

May Christ, who sends us to the nations, give us the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**.

Evening Prayer for Thursday

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. Your light springs up for the righteous and all peoples have seen your glory. *or* O God, be not far from us. Come quickly to help us, O God. Christ has shown forth his glory: O come let us worship.

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The Evening Hymn: 'Christ, Mighty Saviour'

Christ, mighty Saviour, Light of all creation, you make the daytime radiant with sunlight and to the night give glittering adornment, stars in the heavens. Now comes the day's end as the sun is setting: mirror of daybreak, pledge of resurrection; while in the heavens choirs of stars appearing hallow the nightfall.

Therefore we come now, evening rites to offer, joyfully chanting holy hymns to praise you, with all creation joining hearts and voices singing your glory.

Give heed, we pray you, to our supplication: that you may grant us pardon for offences, strength for our weak hearts, rest for aching bodies, soothing the weary.

Though bodies slumber, hearts shall keep their vigil, forever resting in the peace of Jesus, in light or darkness worshipping our Saviour now and forever.

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The Psalm

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Or

Great and Wonderful (Revelation 15.3, 4)

Great and wonderful are your deeds, * Lord God the Almighty. Just and true are your ways, * O ruler of the nations. Who shall not revere and praise your name, O Lord? * You alone are holy. All nations shall come and worship in your presence; * for your just dealings have been revealed.

Or

A Song of Christ's Appearing (1 Timothy 3.16; 6.15a, 16)

Christ Jesus was revealed in the flesh * and vindicated in the spirit. He was seen by angels * and proclaimed among the nations. Believed in throughout the world, * he was taken up in glory. This will be made manifest at the proper time * by the blessed and only Sovereign, who alone has immortality, * and dwells in unapproachable light.

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The Litany

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Send forth your strength, O God; establish what you have wrought in us.

Uphold all those who fall

and raise up those who are bowed down.

Open the eyes of the blind and set the prisoners free.

Sustain the orphan and widowed **and give food to those who hunger.**

Grant them the joy of your help again and sustain them with your Spirit.

Giver of peace, judge the peoples and take all nations for your own.

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

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts and awaken hope, so that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

or

O God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements and all just works: give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give; so that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments and, freed from the fear of our enemies, we may pass our time in rest and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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 Christ, who sends us to the nations, give us the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**.

Morning Prayer for Friday

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Lord, open our lips, and our mouth shall proclaim your praise. O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us. or O Lord, open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love, according to your judgement give us life. or O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise and your glory all the day long. Our God is full of compassion and mercy: 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.**

Invitatory Psalm: Psalm 51.1-12

Have mercy on me, O God, in your faithful love; wipe clean the record of my wrong-doing.
Wash away the stains of disobedience; cleanse me from my awful guilt.
I know too well the wrongs I have done, haunted always by my guilt.
Against you, you alone have I sinned; what is evil in your eyes, that I have done.
Your verdict against me is just,

your judgement what I fully deserve. From birth I have been wicked, from my conception bent on doing wrong. You want truth and faithfulness; you give wisdom to my inner being. Purify me until I am wholly clean; wash me until I am whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness, so that the body you broke may rejoice. Turn your face from my guilt; wipe away all trace of sin. Create in me a clean heart; give me a new and steadfast spirit. Cast me not away from your presence; take not your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your saving help; by your bountiful spirit sustain me.

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.

Morning 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.**

Morning 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.

Forsake me not, O Lord; be not far from me, O my God. Forsake me not, O Lord; be not far from me, O my God.

Make haste to help me, O Lord of my salvation. Forsake me not, O Lord; be not far from me, O my God.

In you, O Lord, have I fixed my hope; you will answer me, O Lord my God. Forsake me not, O Lord; be not far from me, O my God.

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

The Canticle

'The Song of Zechariah', 'A Song of Humility' or 'A Song of the Word of the Lord' may be said or sung.

The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1.68-79) Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, * you have come to your people and set them free. You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, *

born of the house of your servant David. Through your holy prophets, * you promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us, * to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember your holy covenant. This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: * to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship you without fear, * holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life. And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, * for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way, to give God's people knowledge of salvation * by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God * the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, * and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Or

A Song of Humility (Hosea 6.1, 3-4, 6) Come, let us return to the Lord * who has torn us and will heal us. God has stricken us * and will bind up our wounds. Let us strive to know the Lord * whose appearing is as sure as the sunrise; who comes to us like the showers, * like the spring rains that water the earth. 'O Ephraim, how shall I deal with you? * How shall I deal with you, O Judah? Your love for me is like the morning mist, * like the dew that goes early away. For loyalty is my desire and not sacrifice, * and the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Or

A Song of the Word of the Lord (Isaiah 55.6-11) Seek the Lord, while the Lord may be found, * call upon God while God is near. Let the wicked abandon their ways, *

and the unrighteous their thoughts; Return to the Lord, who will have mercy; * to our God, who will richly pardon. 'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, * neither are your ways my ways,' says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, * so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. As the rain and the snow come down from above, * and return not again but water the earth, bringing forth life and giving growth, * seed for sowing and bread to eat, so is my word that goes forth from my mouth; * it will not return to me fruitless, but it will accomplish that which I purpose, * and succeed in the task I gave it.'

After the Canticle 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.**

Morning 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.

Morning 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 Queen, members of Parliament and the armed forces;
- *peace and justice in the world;*
- those who work for reconciliation;
- all whose lives are devastated by war and civil strife;
- prisoners, refugees and homeless people.

The Prayers continue with the Litany and a concluding collect.

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

God who restores us, may your people be true and faithful servants of Christ. **Source of life, hear our prayer.**

Bring those who are drawing to near to the light of faith to true knowledge of you. **Source of life, hear our prayer.**

Give our families and friends joy and satisfaction in all that they do. **Source of life, hear our prayer.**

Comfort and sustain those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted or ignored. **Source of life, hear our prayer.**

Help us to contribute to the true growth and well-being of our country. **Source of life, hear our prayer.**

Empower the whole human family to live together in justice and peace. **Source of life, hear our prayer.**

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

Almighty God and Father, your beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Give us the courage to take up our cross and follow him in newness of life and hope; for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

or

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Morning 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.

Morning Prayer continues with the Dismissal.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Morning Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.

May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love. Amen.

Evening Prayer for Friday

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.
Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love,
according to your judgement give us life.
or
O God, be not far from us.
Come quickly to help us, O God.
Our God is full of compassion and mercy:
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 Laughing Light, O First-Born of Creation'

O laughing Light, O First-born of creation, radiance of glory, light from light begotten, God self-revealing, holy, bright, and blessed: you shine upon us. Day's light is fragile; your light is eternal. We look to you, our light within the shadow. We sing to you, Creator, Christ, and Spirit; you shine before us.

Light of the world, O Jesus, you are worthy! Giver of life and Child of God, we praise you! Hear as the universe proclaims your glory! You shine among us.

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.

Forsake me not, O Lord; be not far from me, O my God. Forsake me not, O Lord; be not far from me, O my God.

Make haste to help me, O Lord of my salvation. Forsake me not, O Lord; be not far from me, O my God.

In you, O Lord, have I fixed my hope; you will answer me, O Lord my God. Forsake me not, O Lord; be not far from me, O my God.

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

The Canticle

'The Song of Mary', 'A Song of the Justified' or 'A Song of Faith' 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 the Justified (Romans 4.24, 25; 5.1-5, 11)

God reckons as righteous those who believe, * who believe in the one who raised Jesus from the dead. For Christ was handed over to death for our sins * and raised to life for our justification. Since we are justified by faith, * we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Christ we have gained access to the grace in which we stand, * and rejoice in our hope of the glory of God. We even exult in our sufferings, * for suffering produces endurance, and endurance brings hope, * and our hope is not in vain. Because God's love has been poured into our hearts, * through the Holy Spirit, given to us. Therefore, we exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, * in whom we have now received our reconciliation.

Or

A Song of Faith (1 Peter 1.3-5, 18, 19, 21)

Blessed be the God and Father * of our Lord Jesus Christ! By God's great mercy we have born anew to a living hope * through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading, * kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith, * for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. You were ransomed from the futile ways of your ancestors * not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ * like that of a lamb without spot or stain. Through him you have confidence in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, * so that your faith and hope are set on God.

After the Canticle 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 an Affirmation of Faith or the Prayers.

Affirmation of Faith

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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

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- *peace and justice in the world;*
- *those who work for reconciliation;*
- *all whose lives are devastated by war and civil strife;*
- prisoners, refugees and homeless people.

The Prayers continue with the Litany and a concluding collect.

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

God of compassion, answer us in the day of trouble, **send us help from your holy place.**

Show us the path of life, **for in your presence is joy.**

Give justice to the orphaned and oppressed and break the power of wickedness and evil.

Look upon the hungry and sorrowful and grant them the help for which they long.

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad; **may your glory endure for ever.**

You have dominion over all **and with you is our redemption.**

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

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. **Amen.**

or

Heal us, O God, from all our afflictions and keep us steadfast in your love; bind up our wounds, raise us from death, and lead us to fullness of life; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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 our Redeemer show us compassion and love. Amen.

Morning Prayer for Saturday

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Introductory Responses

Lord, open our lips, and our mouth shall proclaim your praise. O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us. or O Lord, open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Your faithful servants bless you. They make known the glory of your reign. or O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise and your glory all the day long. Our God is glorious in all the saints: 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 Invitatory Psalm: Psalm 100

O all the world! Raise shouts to the Holy One! Worship God with joy! Come into the Presence with ringing cries! Be assured the Holy One is the God who made us, the shepherd to whom we belong, who feeds us in green pastures. With thanksgiving enter the Holy One's doors, with praise the divine courts. Praise and bless the Holy Name. Truly the Holy One is good, forever true and loving, from age to age faithful.

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.

Morning 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.**

Morning 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.

Your salvation is near to those who fear you; that glory may dwell in our land. Your salvation is near to those who fear you; that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Your salvation is near to those who fear you; that glory may dwell in our land.

You are speaking peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you. Your salvation is near to those who fear you; that glory may dwell in our land.

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

The Canticle

'The Song of Zechariah', 'A Song of Jerusalem our Mother' or 'A Song of Pilgrimage' may be said or sung.

The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1.68-79)

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, *
you have come to your people and set them free.
You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, *
born of the house of your servant David.
Through your holy prophets, *
you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us, *
to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.
This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship you without fear, *
holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
to give God's people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Or

A Song of Jerusalem our Mother (Isaiah 66.10, 11a, 12a, 12c, 13a, 14a, 14b)
'Rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad for her, *

all you who love her,' says the Lord.

'Rejoice with her in joy, *

all you who mourn over her,
that you may drink deeply with delight *

from her consoling breast.'

For thus says our God, *

'You shall be nursed and carried on her arm.

As a mother comforts her children, *

so I will comfort you;

You shall see and your heart shall rejoice; *

you shall flourish like the grass of the fields.'

Or

A Song of Pilgrimage (Ecclesiasticus 51.13a, 13c-17, 20, 21a, 22b) While I was still young, * I sought Wisdom openly in my prayer: before the temple I asked for her, * and I will search for her until the end. From the first blossom to the ripening grape, * my heart delighted in her. My foot walked on the straight path, * from my youth I followed her steps. I inclined my ear a little and received her, * I found for myself much instruction. I made progress in Wisdom; * to the One who sent her, I will give glory. I directed my soul to Wisdom, * and in purity have I found her. With her, I gained understanding from the first, * therefore I will never be forsaken. My heart was stirred to seek her, * with my tongue will I sing God's praise.

After the Canticle 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.

Morning 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.

Morning 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

- our homes, families, friends and all whom we love;
- those whose time is spent caring for others;
- *those who are close to death;*
- *those who have lost hope;*
- *the worship of the church.*

The Prayers continue with the Litany and a concluding collect.

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

God of Jerusalem, send the riches of your grace upon the church throughout the world. **Creator of all, carry us in your arms.**

Fill all who proclaim the word of truth with the infinite wisdom of Christ. **Creator of all, carry us in your arms.**

Inspire all who have consecrated their lives to your reign and all who are struggling to follow the way of Christ with the gifts of the Spirit. **Creator of all, carry us in your arms.** Strengthen Elizabeth our Queen, the Prime Minister and all who govern the nations, so that they strive for justice and peace. **Creator of all, carry us in your arms.**

Enlighten scholars and research-workers, so that their studies may benefit humanity. **Creator of all, carry us in your arms.**

Give your peace to all who have passed from this life in faith and obedience. **Creator of all, carry us in your arms.**

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

Lord God, the well-spring of life, pour into our hearts the living water of your grace. By your light we see light. Increase our faith, and grant that we may walk in the brightness of your presence; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

or

Grant, Lord, that we who are baptized into the death of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ may continually put to death our evil desires and be buried with him; and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection; through his merits, who died and was buried and rose again for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Hope. **Amen.**

Morning 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. Morning Prayer continues with the Dismissal.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Morning Prayer may conclude with the following Sentence.

May Christ, who has opened the gates of heaven, bring us to reign with him in glory. **Amen**.

Evening Prayer for Saturday

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. Your faithful servants bless you. They make known the glory of your reign. *or* O God, be not far from us. Come quickly to help us, O God. Our God is glorious in all the saints: 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: 'Now from the Altar of My Heart'

Now from the altar of my heart let incense flames arise; assist me, Lord, to offer up my evening sacrifice. Awake, my love; awake, my joy; awake, my heart and tongue! Sleep not: when mercies loudly call, break forth into a song.

This day God was my sun and shield, my keeper and my guide. His care was on my frailty shown, his mercies multiplied.

New time, new favour, and new joys do a new song require; till I shall praise thee as I would, accept my heart's desire.

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.

Your salvation is near to those who fear you; that glory may dwell in our land. Your salvation is near to those who fear you; that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Your salvation is near to those who fear you; that glory may dwell in our land.

You are speaking peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you. Your salvation is near to those who fear you; that glory may dwell in our land.

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

The Canticle

'The Song of Mary', 'A Song of the Blessed' or 'A Song of God's Love' 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 the Blessed (Matthew 5.3-10)

Blessed are the poor in spirit, * for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, * for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, * for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, * for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful,* for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, * for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, * for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are those who suffer persecution for righteousness' sake, * for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Or

A Song of God's Love (1 John 4.7-11, 12b)

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; *

everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, *

for God is love.

In this the love of God was revealed among us, *

that God sent the only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.
In this is love,
not that we loved God but that God loved us, *

and sent the Son to be the expiation for our sins.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, *

we ought also to love one another.

For if we love one another, God abides in us, *

and God's love will be perfected in us.

After the Canticle 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 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

- our homes, families, friends and all whom we love;
- those whose time is spent caring for others;
- those who are close to death;
- *those who have lost hope;*
- *the worship of the church.*

The Prayers continue with the Litany and a concluding collect.

The Litany

The Litany is said or sung.

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful: **we pray to you, O Lord.**

That your holy angels may lead us in the paths of peace and goodwill: **we pray to you, O Lord.**

That we may be pardoned and forgiven our sins and offences: **we pray to you, O Lord.**

That there may be peace in your Church and for the whole world: **we pray to you, O Lord.**

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit, in communion with [*N* and] all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ: **we pray to you, O Lord.**

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

O God, the source of eternal light: shed forth your unending day upon us who watch for you, so that our lips may praise you, our lives may bless you, and our worship on the morrow give you glory; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

or

O God, our protector, by whose mercy the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light: we give into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems and our unfulfilled hopes; for you alone are our sure defence and bring us lasting peace in Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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 Christ, who has opened the gates of heaven, bring us to reign with him in glory. **Amen**.

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