



LICHFIELD
CATHEDRAL

Evening Prayer

This evening's service is from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. The saying together or singing of morning and evening prayer every day has been the backbone of the tradition of the Church of England for over 350 years, particularly in our Cathedrals. You will note the traditional nature of the language used throughout the service.

Order of Service

*Please join in with everything in **bold** type*

*The Officiant will offer words of welcome and introduce the service.
You are invited to then to **Stand**, if you are able.*

O Lord, open thou our lips.

And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Please sit

PSALM – *this is to be found in the Green Book of Common Prayer. The officiant will give out the page number. Members of the congregation are invited to join in with the even numbered verses, we take a significant pause at the colon in each verse.*

*At the conclusion of each Psalm the **GLORIA** is said together*

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

*Sit for the **FIRST LESSON** from the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament)*

*Stand for the **MAGNIFICAT** (The Song of Mary)*

1. My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

2. **For he hath regarded:
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.**

3. For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.

4. **For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.**

5. And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.

6. **He hath shewed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.**

7. He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

8. **He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.**

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

Luke 1:46-55

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

*Sit for the **SECOND LESSON** from the New Testament*

Stand for the NUNC DIMITTIS (The Song of Simeon)

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

Luke 2:29-32

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

Remain standing to say the APOSTLES' CREED.

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholick Church;
the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins;
the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.**

Remain standing

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Sit

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

Our Father, **which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

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

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

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness:
And make thy chosen people joyful.

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

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

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

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

COLLECT FOR PEACE

COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

THE PRAYERS

The Officiant offers prayers of intercession, these conclude with the words of the Grace:

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

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