

Evening Prayer on Thursday

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

Prayer of thanksgiving,

- 1 There shall come forth a shoot from the stock of Jesse, ♦
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
- 2 And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, ♦
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
- 3 The spirit of counsel and might, ♦
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
- 4 He shall not judge by what his eyes see, ♦
or decide by what his ears hear,
- 5 But with righteousness he shall judge the poor, ♦
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth.
- 6 The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, ♦
and the leopard shall lie down with the kid.
- 7 The calf, the lion and the fatling together, ♦
with a little child to lead them.
- 8 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.

Isaiah 11.1,2,3b-4a,6,9

All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

This opening prayer may be said

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

If there are two Scripture readings, the first may be read here, or both may be read after the canticle.

Canticle

Great and Wonderful, or another suitable canticle, for example, number 63, may be said

Refrain:

All All nations shall come and worship you, O Christ,
and share in the feast of your kingdom.

- 1 Great and wonderful are your deeds, ♦
Lord God the Almighty.
- 2 Just and true are your ways, ♦
O ruler of the nations.
- 3 Who shall not revere and praise your name, O Lord? ♦
for you alone are holy.
- 4 All nations shall come and worship in your presence: ♦
for your just dealings have been revealed.

Revelation 15.3,4

**All To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb ♦
be blessing and honour and glory and might,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**All All nations shall come and worship you, O Christ,
and share in the feast of your kingdom.**

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read.

The reading(s) may be followed by a time of silence.

A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow

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

**All 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.

All I have called you by name; you are mine.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

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

from Isaiah 43

Gospel Canticle

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary) is normally said, or A Song of Christ's Appearing may be said

Refrain:

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

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; ♦
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
- 2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; ♦
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.
- 3 He has mercy on those who fear him, ♦
from generation to generation.
- 4 He has shown strength with his arm ♦
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,
- 5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones ♦
and lifting up the lowly.
- 6 He has filled the hungry with good things ♦
and sent the rich away empty.
- 7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, ♦
to remember his promise of mercy,
- 8 The promise made to our ancestors, ♦
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke. 1.46–55

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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

Prayers

Thanksgiving may be made for the day.

Intercessions are offered

¶ *for peace*

¶ *for individuals and their needs*

The cycle [here](#) and the prayers [here](#) may be used.

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day ([here](#)) or the following is said

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;
that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments,
and that, freed from the fear of our enemies,
we may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said ([here](#))

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All Our Father in heaven ...

(or)

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All Our Father, who art in heaven ...

The Conclusion

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

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.