

***Evening Prayer from All Saints' Day until the day before the First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, 2 November 2025, The Fourth Sunday before Advent***

Preparation

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 kingdom.

HYMN

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.

Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

Psalm 145.1-9 [10-end]

Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, ♦
and bless your name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you ♦
and praise your name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; ♦
his greatness is beyond all searching out.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another ♦
and declare your mighty acts.
- 5 They shall speak of the majesty of your glory, ♦
and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts, ♦
and I will also tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness ♦
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
- 8 The Lord is gracious and merciful, ♦
long-suffering and of great goodness.
- 9 The Lord is loving to everyone ♦
and his mercy is over all his creatures.
- 10 All your works praise you, O Lord, ♦
and your faithful servants bless you.

- 11 They tell of the glory of your kingdom ♦
and speak of your mighty power,
12 To make known to all peoples your mighty acts ♦
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.
13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; ♦
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
14 The Lord is sure in all his words ♦
and faithful in all his deeds.
15 The Lord upholds all those who fall ♦
and lifts up all those who are bowed down.
16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, ♦
and you give them their food in due season.
17 You open wide your hand ♦
and fill all things living with plenty.
18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways ♦
and loving in all his works.
19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, ♦
to all who call upon him faithfully.
20 He fulfils the desire of those who fear him; ♦
he hears their cry and saves them.
21 The Lord watches over those who love him, ♦
but all the wicked shall he destroy.
22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, ♦
and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

**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.**

Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.

Canticle

**We have come before the throne of God
to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.**

- 1 We have come before God's holy mountain, ♦
to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God.
2 We have come before countless angels making festival, ♦
before the assembly of the firstborn citizens of heaven.
3 We have come before God, who is judge of all, ♦
before the spirits of the just made perfect.
4 We have come before Jesus, ♦
the mediator of the new covenant.
5 We are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken: ♦
so let us give thanks and offer to God acceptable worship,
6 Full of reverence and awe; ♦
for our God is a consuming fire.

Hebrews 12.22-24a, 28, 29

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and to the Holy Spirit;
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Scripture Reading

Lamentations 3.22-33

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 'The LORD is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.'

The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults.

For the Lord will not reject for ever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Gospel Canticle

The Magnificat

**The righteous will shine like the sun
in the kingdom of their Father.**

- 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

**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.**

**The righteous will shine like the sun
in the kingdom of their Father.**

Prayers

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day is said

Almighty and eternal God,
you have kindled the flame of love
in the hearts of the saints:
grant to us the same faith and power of love,
that, as we rejoice in their triumphs,
we may be sustained by their example and fellowship;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

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

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.