Welcome to Evening Prayer
7 October 2026

Introduction

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.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.

Priest. O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Priest. O God, make speed to save us.

Answer. O Lord, make haste to help us.

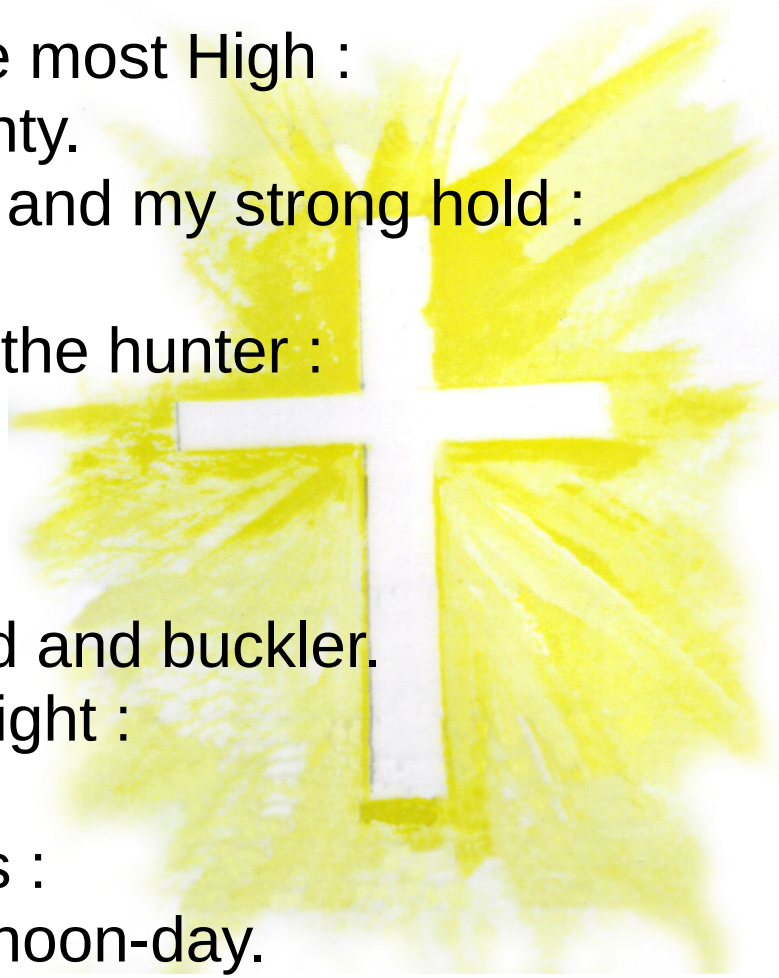
Priest. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Priest. Praise ye the Lord.

Answer. The Lord's Name be praised.

Psalm 91, 1-9



WHOSO dwelleth under the defence of the most High :
shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my strong hold :
my God, in him will I trust.
For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter :
and from the noisome pestilence.
He shall defend thee under his wings,
and thou shalt be safe under his feathers :
his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.
Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night :
nor for the arrow that flieth by day;
For the pestilence that walketh in darkness :
nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.
A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand :
but it shall not come nigh thee.
Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold :
and see the reward of the ungodly.
For thou, Lord, art my hope :
thou hast set thine house of defence very high.

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.

First Reading

Ezekiel 18, 21-32

Magnificat (Luke 1)

My soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced
in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud
in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty
from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy
hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed, for ever.

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.

Second Reading:

Mark 15, 33-41

Nunc Dimittis Luke 2.29

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

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.

Priest. The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Priest. Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Priest. Lord, have mercy upon us.

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And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
Amen.

Priest. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Answer. And grant us thy salvation.

Priest. O Lord, save the King.

Answer. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Priest. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Answer. And make thy chosen people joyful.

Priest. O Lord, save thy people.

Answer. And bless thine inheritance.

Priest. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

Priest. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect for the day

God our Father,
whose Son enjoyed the love of his friends,
Mary, Martha and Lazarus,
in learning, argument and hospitality:
may we so rejoice in your love
that the world may come to know
the depths of your wisdom, the wonder of your compassion,
and your power to bring life out of death;
through the merits of Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

The Second Collect at Evening Prayer

O God, from whom all holy desires,
all good counsels,
and all just works do proceed:
Give unto thy servants that peace
which the world cannot give;
that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,
and also that by thee we being defended
from the fear of our enemies
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils

Lighten our darkness,
we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Intercession

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.