

Summer Midweek Service
Wednesday Evening Prayer



Please join us via Zoom

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(Order of Service follows)

A Service of Evening Prayer

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

A Song of God's Descending

- 1 I love you, O Lord my strength. ◆
The Lord is my crag, my fortress and my deliverer.
- 2 In my distress I called upon the Lord ◆
and cried out to my God for help.
- 3 He heard my voice in his temple ◆
and my cry came to his ears.
- 4 He parted the heavens and came down ◆
and thick darkness was under his feet.
- 5 He rode upon the cherubim and flew; ◆
he came flying on the wings of the wind.
- 6 He made darkness his covering round about him, ◆
dark waters and thick clouds his pavilion.
- 7 From the brightness of his presence, through the clouds ◆
burst hailstones and coals of fire.
- 8 The Lord also thundered out of heaven; ◆
the Most High uttered his voice
with hailstones and coals of fire.
- 9 For you will save a lowly people ◆
and bring down the high looks of the proud.
- 10 You also shall light my candle; ◆
the Lord my God shall make my darkness to be bright.
- 11 As for God, his way is perfect;
the word of the Lord is tried in the fire; ◆

he is a shield to all who trust in him.

Psalm 18.1,6,7,10-14,28,29,31

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.

The opening prayer

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

The appointed psalmody is said.

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.

The first Scripture reading

Canticle

A Song of the Blessed

Refrain:

All Rejoice and be glad

**for you are the light of the world,
and great is your reward in heaven.**

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

Matthew 5.3-10

**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 Rejoice and be glad
for you are the light of the world,
and great is your reward in heaven.

The Second Scripture Reading

This may be followed by a time of silence or a short homily.

The responsory

Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.

All 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 right hand.

All And afterwards receive me with glory.

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

All Lord, you will guide me with your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.

from Psalm 73

Gospel Cantic

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary)

Refrain:

All Remember your promise of mercy,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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 Remember your promise of mercy,
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

Prayers

Thanksgiving may be made for the day.

Intercessions are offered

¶ *for peace in our world and in our hearts*

¶ *for the needs of parishes and individuals*

- ¶ *for our Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf*
- ¶ *As the Holy Spirit prompts us to pray*

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 is said

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.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said (in our mother tongues)

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.

Adapted from the CoE Evening Prayer on Wednesday