



DOWN CATHEDRAL
AN ORDER OF EVENING PRAYER
FOR USE ON WEEKDAYS IN LENT
after Common Worship: Daily Prayer
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PREPARATION

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love,
according to your judgement give us life.

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

In the darkness of our sin you have shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.

Open our eyes to acknowledge your presence,
that freed from the misery of sin and shame
we may grow into your likeness from glory to glory.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

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

*The appointed **Psalmody** is said.*

*This **Canticle** (A Song of Christ the Servant) is said:*

**Christ committed no sin,
no guile was found on his lips.**

Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, •
that you should follow in his steps.

He committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips, •
when he was reviled, he did not revile in turn.

When he suffered, he did not threaten, •
but he trusted himself to God who judges justly.
Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, •
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.
By his wounds, you have been healed,
for you were straying like sheep, •
but have now returned
to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

1 Peter 2.21b-25

**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.**

**Christ committed no sin,
no guile was found on his lips.**

A Scripture Reading appointed for the day is read, followed by this Responsory:

Forsake me not, O Lord; be not far from me, O my God.
Forsake me not, O Lord; be not far from me, O my God.
Make haste to help me, O Lord of my salvation.
Be not far from me, O my God.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
Forsake me not, O Lord; be not far from me, O my God.

from Psalm 38

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary)
**Come, let us return to the Lord,
for our God will richly pardon.**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; •
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed; •
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.
He has mercy on those who fear him, •
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm •
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,
Casting down the mighty from their thrones •
and lifting up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things •
and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, •
to remember his promise of mercy,

The promise made to our ancestors, •
to Abraham and his children for ever.

**Come, let us return to the Lord,
for our God will richly pardon.**

PRAYERS

*Prayers are offered for the day,
followed by this or another appropriate **Collect**:*

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
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*

Trusting in the compassion of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

or

Trusting in the compassion of God,
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 God our Redeemer show us compassion and love. **Amen.**
Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.