

Evening Prayer

Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Chelmsford Cathedral

Evening Prayer on Sunday

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

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 or another office hymn is sung:

All **O blest Creator, source of light,
Great ruler of the star-filled sky,
You clothe the day with radiant light,
In shadows dark enfold the night.**

**We thank you for this day now gone,
And pray you, as the night draws on,
Help us, your children, thus to raise
Our evening offering of praise.**

**To you our hearts their music bring,
To you our gathered voices sing;
To you our hearts' deep longings soar,
And you our chastened souls adore.**

**O Christ, the Father's only Son,
And Spirit of them both, but One;
God over all, whom all obey,
Shield us, great Trinity, we pray.**

Words: Anne LeCroy, altered, from *Lucis creator optime*. © 1982 Church Hymnal Corporation, 445 Fifth Avenue, New York NY 100016. Tune: Plainsong or EISENACH – J. H. Schein (1586-1630)

The opening prayer is 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

Psalms

The psalm for today is said, ending 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.**

Scripture reading

The first reading appointed for the day is read

Canticle: A Song of the Lamb

**All: Let us rejoice and exult
and give glory and homage to our God.**

- 1 Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,
whose judgements are true and just.
- 2 Praise our God, all you his servants,
all who fear him, both small and great.
- 3 The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns:
let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.
- 4 For the marriage of the Lamb has come
and his bride has made herself ready.
- 5 Blessed are those who are invited
to the wedding banquet of the Lamb.

Revelation 19.1b,2a,5b,6b,7,9b

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.
Let us rejoice and exult
and give glory and homage to our God.

Scripture reading

The second reading appointed for the day is read and may be followed by a short time of silence.

After a short pause for reflection, this responsory is said

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
the Lord is the strength of my life.

All The Lord is my light and my salvation;
the Lord is the strength of my life.

The light shines in the darkness
and the darkness has not overcome it.

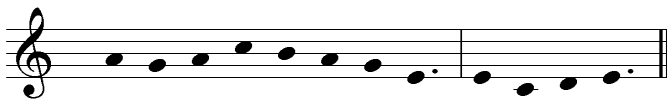
All The Lord is the strength of my life.

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

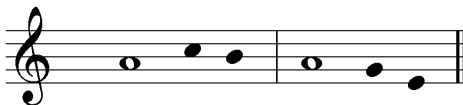
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from Psalm 27 and John 1

Gospel Cantic – Magnificat



All You have done gre-at things, O God,
and holy is your name.



I 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.**

**All You have done gre-at things, O God,
and holy is your name.**

Prayers

Prayers of intercession and thanksgiving are offered.

The Collect of the day or the following is used:

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray,
and in your great mercy
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night,
for the love of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

All 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.

The Conclusion

Another hymn may be sung

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.

All Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.