

# Evening Prayer

## (Book of Common Prayer)



Parish of  
**St Peter Woking**  
St Peter's · St Mark's · All Souls'

### Welcome and Notices

### Hymn

### Opening Sentences

Minister Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

### General Confession *Please sit or kneel*

**All. Almighty and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy**

**promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

### **Absolution**

Minister Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All. Amen.**

Minister O Lord, open thou our lips.

**All. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

Minister O God, make speed to save us.

**All. O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Please stand*

Minister Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

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

Minister Praise ye the Lord.

**All. The Lord's Name be praised.**

## **Psalm**

### **First Lesson**

### **Canticle**

*One of these four canticles may be used*

### **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 Spirit;

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

### **Cantate Domino**

*Psalm 98*

O sing unto the Lord a new song : for he hath done marvellous things. With his own right hand, and with his holy arm : hath he gotten himself the victory.

The Lord declared his salvation : his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel : and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands : sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

Praise the Lord upon the harp : sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

With trumpets also and shawms : O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.

Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is : the round world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord : for he cometh to judge the earth.

With righteousness shall he judge the world : and the people with equity.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. **Amen.**

## **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 Spirit;

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

## **Deus Misereatur**

*Psalm 67*

God be merciful unto us, and bless us : and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us : That thy way may be known upon earth : thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God : yea, let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad : for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God : yea, let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase : and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

God shall bless us : and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Spirit;

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

## Second Lesson

### Hymn

*Please stand*

### The Apostles' Creed

**All. 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 Spirit, 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 Spirit; The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

Minister The Lord be with you.

**All. And with thy spirit.**

Minister Let us pray.

*Please sit or kneel*

Minister Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All. Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Minister Lord, have mercy upon us.

### The Lord's Prayer

**All. 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.  
Amen.**

Minister O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

**All. And grant us thy salvation.**

Minister O Lord, save the Queen.

**All. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Minister Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

**All. And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Minister O Lord, save thy people.

**All. And bless thine inheritance.**

Minister Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

Minister O God, make clean our hearts within us.

**All. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

### **The collect of the day**

#### **The second collect for Evening Prayer**

Minister 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.

**All. Amen.**

#### **The third collect, for Aid against all Perils.**

**All. 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.**

## **Additional Prayers**

*Some or all of these prayers may be used*

### **A Prayer for the Queen's Majesty.**

O Lord, our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth: Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen *ELIZABETH*; and so replenish her with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that she may alway incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue her plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant her in health and wealth long to live; strengthen her that she may vanquish and overcome all her enemies; and finally after this life she may attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All. Amen.**

### **A Prayer for the Royal Family.**

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless *Philip Duke of Edinburgh, Charles Prince of Wales*, and all the Royal Family: Endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All. Amen.**

### **A Prayer for the Clergy and People.**

Almighty and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels: Send down upon our Bishops, and Curates, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ.

**All. Amen.**

### **A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom.**

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

**All. Amen.**

## **The Grace**

*2 Corinthians 13.*

**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.**

## **Hymn**

## **Sermon**

**Hymn**   *(during which the offering is taken)*

## **Blessing**