

A Simple form of Evening Prayer during Easter

St Peter's Church, Carmarthen

1 THE INTRODUCTION

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

Lead your people to freedom O God,
and banish all darkness from our hearts and minds

**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.**

Silent prayer/reflection on the past day.

Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not be in want.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Teach me, Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

2 THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Psalmody

Each of the psalms appointed for the day ends with

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. A-men.

The Biblical reading

Before the reading

A reading from ...

After the reading

Here ends the reading.

A short period of silence for reflection on the reading.

The Gospel Canticle: Magnificat anima mea Dominum

**Alleluia. Mary of Magdala said to the disciples, I have seen the Lord!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia**

¹My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord :
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;

²Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant :
from this day all generations will call me blessed;

³The Almighty has done great things for me :
and holy is his name.

⁴God has mercy on those who fear him :
from generation to generation.

⁵The Lord has shown strength with his arm :
and scattered the proud in their conceit,

⁶Casting down the mighty from their thrones :
and lifting up the lowly.

⁷God has filled the hungry with good things :
and has sent the rich away empty.

⁸He has come to the aid of his servant Israel :
to remember his promise of mercy,

⁹The promise made to our forebears :
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now :
and shall be for ever. A-men.**

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3 THE PRAYERS

*At Evening Prayer, prayers are offered for peace and for individuals
and their needs, and thanksgiving may be made for the day.*

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

As our Saviour taught us, we boldly pray:
Our Father, who art in heaven ...

The Collect of the Day is said.

The second collect, for peace.

Eternal God, source of all holy desires,
all good counsels and all just works:
give your servants that peace which the world cannot give,
that we may willingly obey your commandments,
and that, free from the fear of our enemies,
we may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The third collect.

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

Or

Creator of the universe, watch over us
and keep us in the light of your presence.
Let our praise continually blend with that of all creation,
and bring us, with all for whom we pray,
to the eternal joys which you promise in your love;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

4 THE CONCLUSION

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life. Amen

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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