# The Order for Evening Prayer – Monday to Saturday

# Preparation

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

# **Sentence of Scripture**

## MONDAY

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness! You are clothed with majesty and honour, wrapped in light as in a garment. *From Psalm 104* 

## TUESDAY

O God, will you not give us life again, that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. *From Psalm 85* 

## WEDNESDAY

I love you, O Lord my strength. The Lord is my crag, my fortress and my deliverer. In my distress I called upon the Lord and cried out to my God for help. *From Psalm 18* 

## THURSDAY

There shall come forth a shoot from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. *From Isaiah 11* 

## FRIDAY

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and in your faithfulness give ear to my supplications; answer me in your righteousness. Enter not into judgement with your servant, for in your sight shall no one living be justified. *From Psalm 143* 

## SATURDAY

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid? *From Psalm 27* 

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.

#### A Psalm is said.

The psalm 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. Amen.

Scripture Reading(s)

**Canticle** The Canticle for the day may be said in response to God's Word

## MONDAY: A Song of God's Grace

Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for you have blest us in Christ Jesus with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. You chose us to be yours in Christ before the foundation of the world, that we should be holv and blameless before you. In love you destined us for adoption as your children, through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of your will, To the praise of your glorious grace, which you freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In you, we have redemption through the blood of Christ, the forgiveness of our sins, According to the riches of your grace, which you have lavished upon us. You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight, the mystery of your will, According to your purpose which you set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, To unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. 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. Ephesians 1.3-10

# **TUESDAY:** A Song of the Holy City

I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, the dwelling of God is among mortals. 'He will dwell with them and they shall be his peoples, and God himself will be with them. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more.
'Neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away.'
And the One who sat upon the throne said,
'Behold, I make all things new.'
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. *Revelation 21.1-5a*

## WEDNESDAY: The Magnificat (The Song of Mary)

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. 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. Luke 1.46-55

#### THURSDAY: Great and Wonderful

Great and wonderful are your deeds, Lord God the Almighty. Just and true are your ways, O ruler of the nations. Who shall not revere and praise your name, O Lord? for you alone are holy. All nations shall come and worship in your presence: for your just dealings have been revealed. 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. *Revelation 15.3,4* 

#### FRIDAY: We Respond

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* 

#### SATURDAY: A Song of God's Love

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was revealed among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love. not that we loved God but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the explation for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we ought also to love one another. For if we love one another. God abides in us. and God's love will be perfected in us. 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. 1 John 4.7-11,12b

# **Prayers**

- Thanksgiving may be made for the day.
- Intercessions are offered for the world, for our local community, for the Church, for individual needs
- We invite you to post prayer requests as comments on the livestream each evening, or to email them to <u>office@stjohnse15.co.uk</u>. (Please note that we may not be able to offer emailed prayers on the same day)

This prayer response may be used

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Silence may be kept.

The Collect for the week may be said

The Lord's Prayer may be said Our Father in heaven ...

# **The Conclusion**

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. Thanks be to God.