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**Sunday
Evening Prayer**

Preparation



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That this evening may be holy,
good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

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.

Psalm 108



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My heart is ready, O God,
my heart is ready;
I will sing and give you praise.

Awake, my soul; awake, harp and lyre,
that I may awaken the dawn.

I will give you thanks,
O Lord, among the peoples;
**I will sing praise to you among
the nations.**

For your loving-kindness is as high
as the heavens
**and your faithfulness reaches
to the clouds.**

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens
and your glory over all the earth.

That your beloved may be delivered,
**save us by your right hand and
answer me.**

God has spoken in his holiness:
**'I will triumph and divide Shechem
and share out the valley of
Succoth.**

Psalm 108



‘Gilead is mine and Manasseh
is mine;

**Ephraim is my helmet
and Judah my sceptre.**

‘Moab shall be my washpot, over
Edom will I cast my sandal,
**across Philistia will I shout in
triumph.’**

Who will lead me into the strong
city?

Who will bring me into Edom?

Have you not cast us off, O God?
**Will you no longer go forth
with our troops?**

O grant us your help against the
enemy,
for earthly help is in vain.

Through God
will we do great acts,
**for it is he that shall tread
down our enemies.**

**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.**



The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns:
**let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory.**

For the marriage of the Lamb
has come
**and his bride has made
herself ready.**

Blessed are those who are invited
**to the wedding banquet of the
Lamb.**

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

**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.***

READING

Acts 19.1-20

Responsory



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

**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.

**The Lord is the strength
of my life.**

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

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

from Psalm 27 and John 1

Magnificat



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***You have done great things,
O God, and holy is your name.***

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,**

Magnificat



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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.**

***You have done great things,
O God, and holy is your name.***

Lord's Prayer

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.**

GRACE

**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.

