An Evening Service

of the Word

Common Worship

*We say together the words printed in* ***bold***.

**Greeting**

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you

***All***    **and also with you.**

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

***All***    **Let us rejoice and sing God’s praise for ever.**

*Song(s) or a hymn may be sung.*

**Opening Prayer**

Faithful one, whose word is life:

come with saving power

to free our praise,

inspire our prayer

and shape our lives

for the kingdom of your Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

***All***    **Amen.**

*(or)*

O Lord, we call to you: come to us quickly.

***All***    **Hear us when we cry to you.**

Let our prayers rise up before you like incense.

***All***    **Let our lifted hands be like an evening sacrifice.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

***All***    **as it was in the beginning is now**

**and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Psalm**

*A psalm, or a song or hymn based on a passage of Scripture, may be used.*

**Reading(s)**

*At the end of each reading this response may be used*

This is the word of the Lord.

***All***    **Thanks be to God.**

**Response to God’s Word**

*(Sermon) or talk, discussion or activity may take place*

*Song(s) or a hymn may be sung.*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel

the darkness of our hearts.

In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

Let us admit to God the sin which always confronts us.

***All***    **Lord God,**

**we have sinned against you;**

**we have done evil in your sight.**

**We are sorry and repent.**

**Have mercy on us according to your love.**

**Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.**

**Renew a right spirit within us**

**and restore us to the joy of your salvation,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

*The minister asks for God’s forgiveness.*

May the Father forgive us

 By the death of his Son

To live in the power of the Spirit

All our days

**All Amen**

**Praise**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

***All***    **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting

your name is proclaimed in all the world.

***All***    **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

When the time had fully come

you sent the Sun of Righteousness.

***All***    **In him the fullness of your glory dwells.**

**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

*Song(s) or a hymn may be sung.*

**Prayers**

*This, or some other form, may be used:*

(We pray to the Lord:

in faith we pray.

***All***    **We pray to you our God.**)

That the rest of this day may be holy,

peaceful and full of your presence;

in faith we pray.

***All***    **We pray to you our God.**

That the work we have done and the people we have met today

may bring us closer to you;

in faith we pray.

***All***    **We pray to you our God.**

That we may hear and respond to your call to peace and justice;

in faith we pray.

***All***    **We pray to you our God.**

That you will sustain the faith and hope of those who are lonely,

oppressed and anxious;

in faith we pray.

***All***    **We pray to you our God.**

That you will strengthen us in your service,

and fill our hearts with longing for your kingdom;

in faith we pray.

***All***    **We pray to you our God.**

God of mercy,

***All***    **you know us and love us**

**and hear our prayer:**

**keep us in the eternal fellowship of Jesus Christ our Saviour.**

**Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Joining our prayers into one,

Let us pray as our Saviour has taught us

***All***    **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 Collect**

*The prayer of the day is said, or the following prayer may be used*

Almighty God,

you have made us for yourself,

and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:

pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,

and so bring us at last to your heavenly city

where we shall see you face to face;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen**

*Song(s) or Hymn may be sung*

**Final Prayer**

***All***    **In darkness and in light,**

**in trouble and in joy,**

**help us, heavenly Father,**

**to trust your love,**

**to serve your purpose,**

**and to praise your name;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

**Sending Out**

*The Grace or the sharing of the Peace may conclude the service, or these responses may be used*

Jesus Christ is the light of the world:

***All***    **a light no darkness can quench.**

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening:

***All***    **and the day is almost over.**

The darkness is not dark to you:

***All***    **the night is as bright as the day.**

Let your light scatter the darkness:

***All***    **and fill your church with your glory. Amen.**

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