

**WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER. EVENING
PRAYER**

GREETING

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you
And also with you.

PREPARATION

We meet in the presence of God who knows our needs,
hears our cries, feels our pain, and heals our wounds.
Amen.

PENITENCE

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the
darkness. Together, let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept

Let us admit to God the sin which always confronts us:
**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have
wandered and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of
our own hearts. We have offended against your holy
laws. We have left undone those things that we ought
to have done; and we have done those things that we
ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.
But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us sinners. Spare
those who confess their faults. Restore those who are
penitent, according to your promises declared to
humankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O
most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may live a
disciplined, righteous and godly life, to the glory of
your holy name. Amen.**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you
from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

O Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

God is spirit.

Let us worship in spirit and truth.

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 WORD OF GOD

A READING

St Luke 6:20-26

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are
you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be
filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will
laugh. 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when
they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account
of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy,
for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what
their ancestors did to the prophets. 'But woe to you who
are rich, for you have received your consolation.
'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.
'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn
and weep. 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for
that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

ADDRESS

CANTICLE

Nunc Dimittis

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.

PRAISE

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

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.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

When the times had fully come you sent the Sun of
Righteousness.

**In him the fullness of your glory dwells. To you be
glory and praise for ever.**

PRAYERS

We pray to the Lord: in faith we pray.
We pray to you our God.

Silence is kept

That the rest of this day may be holy, peace full and full of your presence; in faith we pray.

We pray to you our God.

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

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

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

We pray to you our God.

God of mercy, you know us and love us and hear our prayer: keep us in the eternal fellowship of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

COLLECT

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING OUT

Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
a light no darkness can quench.

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening:
and the day is almost over.

The darkness is not dark to you:
The night is as bright as the day.

Let your light scatter the darkness:
and fill your church with your glory. Amen.