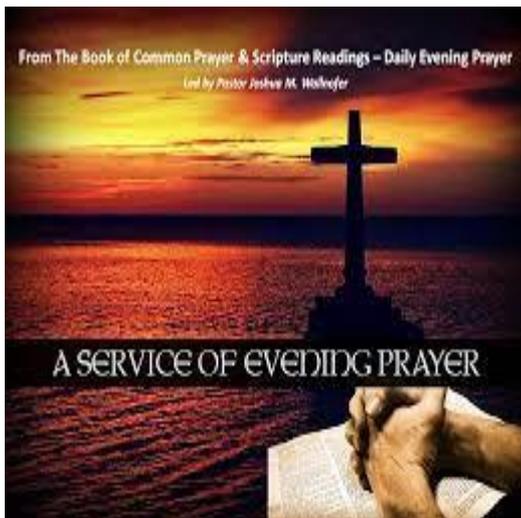


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## Preparation

**Leader.** The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.  
Our help is in the name of the Lord  
who made heaven and earth.

. As we come together this evening in Jesus's name as the family St Matthews, we give thanks for the Good news that the living Lord Jesus Christ, the word who became flesh, is among us, as we meet in His name.

**Leader.** Most merciful God,  
we confess to you,  
before the whole company of heaven and one another,  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed  
and in what we have failed to do.  
Forgive us our sins,  
heal us by your Spirit  
and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.

**Leader.** O God, make speed to save us.

**R 1.** O Lord, make haste to help us.

**R1.** 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.

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### R1 Said Hymn.

Before the ending of the day,  
Creator of the world, we pray  
That you, with steadfast love, would keep  
Your watch around us while we sleep.

From evil dreams defend our sight,  
From fears and terrors of the night;  
Tread underfoot our deadly foe  
That we no sinful thought may know.

O Father, that we ask be done  
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;  
And Holy Spirit, by whose breath  
Our souls are raised to life from death.

### Leader. Psalm 22.23-28

\*I will declare your name to my people;  
in the assembly I will praise you.  
You who fear the Lord, praise him!  
All you descendants of Jacob, honour him!  
Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

\*For he has not despised or scorned  
the suffering of the afflicted one;  
he has not hidden his face from him  
but has listened to his cry for help.

\*From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly;  
before those who fear you[f] I will fulfill my vows.

\*The poor will eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek the Lord will praise him—  
may your hearts live forever!

\* All the ends of the earth  
will remember and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations  
will bow down before him,

\* for dominion belongs to the Lord  
and he rules over the nations.

**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.**

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## Scripture Reading

**R1**Philippians 2.6-11

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.,**

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

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

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Keep me as the apple of your eye.

Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

**Leader.** The Gospel of the lord according to John.

**John 3.13-17**

<sup>13</sup>No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

”This is the Gospel of the lord, **Praise to you O Christ.**

*Gospel Canticle*

**R1**Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:  
your word has been fulfilled.

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My own eyes have seen the salvation  
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;  
A light to reveal you to the nations  
and the glory of your people Israel.

(Luke 2.29-32)

**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.**

Prayers

**Leader** That the rest of this day may be holy, peaceful, and full of your presence:

**R1** We pray to you, our God.

**Leader** That the work we have done and the people we have met today may bring us closer to you:

**R1** We pray to you, our God.

**Leader** That we may hear and respond to your call to peace and justice: in faith we pray.

**R1** We pray to you, our God.

**Leader** That you will sustain the faith and hope of those who are lonely, oppressed and anxious:

**R1** We pray to you, our God.

**Leader** That you will strengthen us in your service, and fill our hearts with longing for your kingdom:.

**R1** We pray to you, our God.

**R1** The Collect (will change from week to week)

Almighty and everlasting God,  
increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind  
and reaching out to that which is before,  
we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting  
joy;  
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.. **Amen.**

**Leader 1.** Believing the promises of God, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name;  
Thy kingdom come;  
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven:  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those that trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil;  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
Forever and ever. Amen.**

**Leader.** Abide with us, Lord, for it is evening, and the day is drawing to a close.

Abide with us and with your whole Church, in the evening of the day, in the evening of life, in the evening of the world;

Abide with us and all your faithful ones, O Lord, in time and in eternity.

**Amen.**

**Leader.** The Conclusion

In peace we will lie down and sleep;  
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,  
for the night is at hand and the day is now past.

As the night watch looks for the morning,  
so do we look for you, O Christ.

May the risen Lord Jesus bless us.  
May he watch over us and renew us  
as he renews the whole of creation.  
May our hearts and lives echo his love. Amen

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**All, and may the Peace of the lord Jesus Christ be always with you  
And also, with you.**

and **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.**