

EVENING PRAYER THROUGHOUT THE YEAR for Holy Trinity Amblecote

THE PREPARATION

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

A SEASONAL SENTENCE may be added

**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. Alleluia.** *(not said in Advent or Lent)*

*A SONG OF GOD'S GREATNESS (except on Saturdays)
or A SONG OF THE LIGHT*

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
- 2 You are clothed with majesty and honour, *
wrapped in light as in a garment.
- 3 The sun knows the time for its setting.
You make darkness that it may be night, *
- 4 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 5 When you send forth your spirit, they are created, *
and you renew the face of the earth.
- 6 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; *
may the Lord rejoice in his works;
- 7 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
I will make music to my God while I have my being.

Glory . . .

Psalm 104.1,2,21b,22a,26,32,33,35

A SONG OF THE LIGHT – Phos Hilaron

- 1 **Hail, gladdening Light, of his pure glory poured
who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blest,
holiest of holies, Jesus Christ our Lord.**
- 2 **Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest,
the lights of evening round us shine,
we hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine.**
- 3 **Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung
with undefiled tongue,
Son of our God, giver of life, alone:
therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.**

Greek, tr: John Keble

A HYMN may be sung

The OPENING PRAYER may be said

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind
(Silence may be kept)

**As your word, O Lord, gives light to our path,
may we behold the glory of your presence,
and so rejoice to sing your praise,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE PSALMS appointed

Each psalm or group of psalms 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.**

THE FIRST READING

from the Old Testament may be read here, or after the second canticle.

THE SECOND CANTICLE

Sunday & Christmas:	A SONG OF REDEMPTION	p9
Monday:	A SONG OF THE LAMB	p9
Tuesday:	THE SONG OF CHRIST'S GLORY	p10
Wednesday:	GREAT AND WONDERFUL	p10
Thursday & Epiphany:	A SONG OF PRAISE	p11

Friday & Lent:	A SONG OF SALVATION	p11
Saturday & Advent:	A SONG OF THE SPIRIT	p12
Easter:	A SONG OF FAITH	p13
Ascension & Pentecost:	A SONG OF GOD'S GRACE	p13
Saints Days:	A SONG OF GOD'S ASSEMBLED	p14

THE FIRST READING from the Old Testament (if not read above)
and/or THE SECOND READING from the New Testament

Silence may be kept after each reading

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE REFRAINS (said before and after the Magnificat)

Sunday	You have done great things, O God, and holy is your name
Monday	My soul rejoices in you, O God, my soul proclaims your greatness.
Tuesday	You have mercy on those who fear you, from generation to generation.
Wednesday	Remember your promise of mercy, to Abraham and his children for ever.
Thursday	You have filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.
Friday	You have scattered the proud in their conceit, and lifted up the lowly.
Saturday	You have looked with favour on your lowly servant, from this day all generations will call her blessed.
Advent	Lord Jesus, you are the one who is to come, the one whom we seek with longing hearts.
Christmas	When peaceful silence lay over all, and night was in the midst of her swift course: from your royal throne O God, down from the heavens leapt your almighty Word.
Epiphany	Behold, my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen in whom my soul delights; the anointed one on whom my Spirit rests.
Lent	Come, let us return to the Lord, for our God will richly pardon.

<i>Easter</i>	Alleluia. Mary of Magdala said to the disciples, I have seen the Lord! The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.
<i>Ascension & Pentecost</i>	How excellent is your name in all the world, you have set your glory above the heavens. Alleluia.
<i>Saints Days</i>	In the heavenly kingdom, the blessed have their dwelling place and their rest for ever and ever. (Alleluia.)

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE – THE MAGNIFICAT (The Song of Mary)

- 1 ✠ My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; *
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
- 2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; *
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.
- 3 He has mercy on those who fear him, *
from generation to generation.
- 4 He has shown strength with his arm *
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,
- 5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones *
and lifting up the lowly.
- 6 He has filled the hungry with good things *
and sent the rich away empty.
- 7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, *
to remember his promise of mercy,
- 8 The promise made to our ancestors, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory . . .

Luke 1.46-55

THE APOSTLES' CREED may be said on Sundays and other suitable occasions

THE PRAYERS

Intercession and thanksgiving may be offered here.

Either of the following may be said, or they may be omitted

A Show us your mercy, O Lord:

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen:

And teach her counsellors wisdom.

Let your priests be clothed with righteousness:

And let your servants shout for joy

O Lord, make your ways known upon earth:

Let all nations acknowledge your saving power.

Give your people the blessing of peace:

And let your glory be over all the world.

Make our hearts clean, O God:

And renew a right spirit within us.

B That this evening may be holy, good and Peaceful:

We pray to you, O Lord.

That your holy angels may lead us

in the paths of peace and goodwill:

We pray to you, O Lord.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven

for our sins and offences:

We pray to you, O Lord.

That there may be peace in your Church

and for the whole world:

We pray to you, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit

in communion with the Blessed Virgin Mary **[NN]** and with all your saints

entrusting one another and all our life to Christ:

We pray to you, O Lord.

Ending with

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

CONCLUDING PRAYERS

Either *THE COLLECT OF THE DAY* or the following:

Sunday (A prayer of the Resurrection)

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord . . .

Monday (A prayer for Peace)

O God,
the source of all good desires,
all right judgements, and all just works:
give to your servants that peace
which the world cannot give;
that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments,
and that, freed from the fear of our enemies,
we may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord . . .

Tuesday (A prayer of Petition)

Almighty God
you have given us grace at this time with one accord
to make our common intercession to you:
and you have promised that when two or three
are gathered together in your name
you will grant their requests.
Fulfil now, O Lord,
the desires and petitions of your servants,
as may be most expedient for them,
granting us in this world knowledge of your truth,
and in the world to come, life everlasting;
through Jesus Christ our Lord . . .

Wednesday (A prayer for Guidance)

Guide us, Lord, in all our doings,
with your most gracious favour,
and further us with you continual help,
that in all our works begun, continued
and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and by your mercy attain everlasting life.
through Jesus Christ our Lord . . .

Thursday (A prayer for Unity)

Heavenly Father,
whose Son our Lord Jesus Christ said to his apostles,
Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you:
regard not the sins but the faith of your Church,
and grant it that peace and unity
which is agreeable to your will,
through Jesus Christ our Lord . . .

Friday (A prayer for Strength)

O Lord,
support us all the day long of this troublous life,
until the shades lengthen, the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then, Lord, in your mercy
grant us safe lodging,
a holy rest, and peace at the last,
through Jesus Christ our Lord . .

Saturday (A prayer of Faith)

Eternal God,
you have declared in Christ
the completion of your purpose of love.
May we live by faith, walk in hope,
and be renewed in love,
until the world reflects your glory,
and you are all in all.
Even so, come Lord Jesus. **Amen.**

The LORD'S PRAYER may be said

**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 BLESSING *either this or a seasonal sentence:*

**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.**

Or:

May our Blessèd Lady pray for us;
[may Saint **N** pray for us];
[may your servant **N** pray for us]
may all the saints of God pray for us;
may the angels of God befriend us
and watch around us to protect us;
may the Lord Jesus give us his blessing of peace. **Amen**

Let us bless the Lord. [Alleluia. Alleluia.]

Thanks be to God. [Alleluia. Alleluia.]

EVENING PRAYER SECOND CANTICLES

Sunday & Christmas: A SONG OF REDEMPTION

**Refrain: Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the first born of all creation.**

- 1 The Father has delivered us from the dominion of darkness, *
and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son;
- 2 In whom we have redemption, *
the forgiveness of our sins.
- 3 He is the image of the invisible God, *
the firstborn of all creation.
- 4 For in him all things were created, *
in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.
- 5 All things were created through him and for him, *
he is before all things and in him all things hold together.
- 6 He is the head of the body, the Church, *
he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead.
- 7 In him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell; *
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things.

Glory . . .

**Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the first born of all creation.**

Colossians 1.13-18a,19-20a

Monday: A SONG OF THE LAMB

**Refrain: Let us rejoice and exult
and give glory and homage to our God.**

- 1 Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, *
whose judgements are true and just.
- 2 Praise our God, all you his servants, *
who fear him, both small and great.
- 3 The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns: *
let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.
- 4 For the marriage of the Lamb has come *
and his bride has made herself ready.
- 5 Blessèd are those who are invited *
to the wedding banquet of the Lamb.

**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.**

Revelation 19.1b,2,5-7

Tuesday: THE SONG OF CHRIST'S GLORY

**Refrain: At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow.**

- 1 Christ Jesus was in the form of God, *
but he did not cling to equality with God.
- 2 He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, *
and was born in our human likeness.
- 3 Being found in human form he humbled himself, *
and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.
- 4 Therefore God has highly exalted him, *
and bestowed on him the name above every name,
- 5 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, *
in heaven and on earth and under the earth;
- 6 And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, *
to the glory of God the Father.

Glory . . .

**At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow.**

Philippians 2.5-11

Wednesday: GREAT AND WONDERFUL

**Refrain: All nations shall come and worship you, O Christ,
and share in the feast of your kingdom.**

- 1 Great and wonderful are your deeds, *
Lord God the Almighty.
- 2 Just and true are your ways, *
O ruler of the nations.
- 3 Who shall not revere and praise your name, O Lord? *
for you alone are holy.
- 4 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.**

**All nations shall come and worship you, O Christ,
and share in the feast of your kingdom.**

Revelation 15.3-4

Thursday & Epiphany: A SONG OF PRAISE

**Refrain: You created all things, O God,
and are worthy of our praise for ever.**

- 1 You are worthy, our Lord and God, *
to receive glory and honour and power.
- 2 For you have created all things, *
and by your will they have their being.
- 3 You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain, *
and by your blood you ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language and nation.
- 4 You have made them to be a kingdom and priests
serving our God, *
and they will reign with you on earth.

**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.**

**You created all things, O God,
and are worthy of our praise for ever.**

Revelation 4.11; 5.9b, 10

Friday & Lent: A SONG OF SALVATION

**Refrain In the greatness of your mercy, O God,
forgive the sins of all your people.**

- 1 Jesus, Saviour of the world,
come to us in your mercy: *
we look to you to save and help us.
- 2 By your cross and your life laid down,
you set your people free: *
we look to you to save and help us.
- 3 When they were ready to perish, you saved your disciples: *
we look to you to come to our help.
- 4 In the greatness of your mercy, loose us from our chains, *
forgive the sins of all your people.

- 5 Make yourself known as our Saviour and mighty deliverer; *
save and help us that we may praise you.
- 6 Come now and dwell with us, Lord Christ Jesus: *
hear our prayer and be with us always.
- 7 And when you come in your glory: *
make us to be one with you
and to share the life of your kingdom.

**In the greatness of your mercy, O God,
forgive the sins of all your people.**

Henry Allon

Saturday & Advent: A SONG OF THE SPIRIT

Refrain: **Surely I am coming soon.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

- 1 'Behold, I am coming soon', says the Lord,
'and bringing my reward with me, *
to give to everyone according to their deeds.
- 2 'I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, *
the beginning and the end.'
- 3 Blessèd are those who do God's commandments,
that they may have the right to the tree of life, *
and may enter into the city through the gates.
- 4 'I, Jesus, have sent my angel to you, *
with this testimony for all the churches.
- 5 'I am the root and the offspring of David, *
I am the bright morning star.'
- 6 'Come!' say the Spirit and the Bride; *
'Come!' let each hearer reply.
- 7 Come forward, you who are thirsty, *
let those who desire take the water of life as a gift.

**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.**

**Surely I am coming soon.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

Revelation 22.12-14, 16, 17

Easter: A SONG OF FAITH

**Refrain: God raised Christ from the dead,
the Lamb without spot or stain.**

- 1 Blessèd be the God and Father *
of our Lord Jesus Christ!
- 2 By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope *
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
- 3 Into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading, *
kept in heaven for you,
- 4 Who are being protected by the power of God
through faith for a salvation*
ready to be revealed in the last time.
- 5 You were ransomed from the futile ways of your ancestors *
not with perishable things like silver or gold
- 6 But with the precious blood of Christ *
like that of a lamb without spot or stain.
- 7 Through him we have confidence in God,
who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, *
so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Glory . . .

**God raised Christ from the dead,
the Lamb without spot or stain.**

1 Peter 1.3-5,18,19,21

Ascension & Pentecost: A SONG OF GOD'S GRACE

**Refrain: The glorious grace of God
is freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.**

- 1 Blessèd 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.
- 2 You chose us to be yours in Christ
before the foundation of the world, *
that we should be holy and blameless before you.
- 3 In love you destined us for adoption as your children,
through Jesus Christ, *
according to the purpose of your will,
- 4 To the praise of your glorious grace, *
which you freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

- 5 In you, we have redemption
through the blood of Christ, *
the forgiveness of our sins,
- 6 According to the riches of your grace, *
which you have lavished upon us.
- 7 You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight, *
the mystery of your will,
- 8 According to your purpose
which you set forth in Christ, *
as a plan for the fullness of time,
- 9 To unite all things in Christ, *
things in heaven and things on earth.

Glory . . .

**The glorious grace of God
is freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.**

Ephesians 1.3-10

Saints Days: A SONG OF GOD'S ASSEMBLED

**Refrain: We have come before the throne of God
to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.**

- 1 We have come before God's holy mountain, *
to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God.
- 2 We have come before countless angels making festival, *
before the assembly of the firstborn citizens of heaven.
- 3 We have come before God, who is judge of all, *
before the spirits of the just made perfect.
- 4 We have come before Jesus, *
the mediator of the new covenant.
- 5 We are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken: *
so let us give thanks and offer to God acceptable worship,
- 6 Full of reverence and awe; *
for our God is a consuming fire.

Glory . . .

**We have come before the throne of God
to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.**

Hebrews 12.22-24a, 28, 29



*Text adapted from Daily Office SSF 1981 and 2010
Some material © The European Province, Society of St Francis 1981, 2010
Some material Copyright © The Archbishops' Council of the CoE 2000-2020
Date of first issue : : May 2020*