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## **An Evening Service of the Word**



*This service may be led by an appropriate lay minister, and the week's Homily may be read and discussed.*

*Other liturgical materials may be used as appropriate, particularly during the different seasons of the church year.*

*Hymns and songs may be used where indicated, or at other points in the service. Music may alternatively be used for meditation and reflection.*

## **The Preparation**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Other words of welcome may be used.*

*An opening hymn or song.*

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

*Silence is kept. A candle or incense may be lit.*

As our evening prayer rises like incense 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.**

## **The Word of God**

*The Psalm(s) set for the day may be used, or a Psalm-based song or hymn may be sung.*

*The Psalm(s) may end 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 fore ever.  
Amen.**

*One or more Bible readings may be used.*

*The Homily for the day may be read, and discussion, reflection and prayer may follow.*

*Alternatively prayers arising from the reflections may be used as part of the Intercessions later.*

*A Creed or Affirmation of Faith may be used, for example:*

Let us declare our faith  
in the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe.  
Amen.**

*This Responsory may be said:*

May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith,  
**As we are being rooted and grounded in love.**

We will be strengthened in our inner being with power through the Spirit,  
**As we are being rooted and grounded in love.**

We will know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,  
**And be filled with all the fullness of God.**

May Christ dwell in our hearts though faith,  
**As we are being rooted and grounded in love.**

*The Gospel Canticle: The Magnificat.*

**Refrain:**     **The Almighty has done great things:  
                  holy is his name.**

- 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 her servant Israel, \*  
      to remember his promise of mercy,
- 8     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.**

**Refrain:**     **The Almighty has done great things:  
                  holy is his name.**

*A hymn or song may be used*

## **The Prayers**

*Prayers for the world, the Church and those in need may be offered.*

*Prayers arising out of the reflection on Scripture may be used. Prayers may be led from the front or shared by the people, and may be accompanied by liturgical action, such as the lighting of candles.*

*These responses may be used:*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*or:*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*The prayers end with our diocesan prayer:*

**Almighty God,  
source of our hope and of all good things;  
you call us in love to share in the work of creation  
in making all things new.**

**Bless our diocese:  
may we be faithful in worship,  
confident in our discipleship,  
and joyful in our service,  
that through us, the world may catch a glimpse  
of the love you have for each one of us,  
made known in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*and the 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.**

*A final song or hymn may be used.*

## **The Sending Out**

Gracious God,  
you have given us much today;  
grant us also a thankful spirit.  
Into your hands we commend ourselves  
and those we love.  
Stay with us, and when we take our rest  
renew us for the service of your Son Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

**To God the Father, who loved us,  
and made us accepted in the Beloved:  
to God the Son, who loved us,  
and loosed us from our sins by his own blood:  
to God the Holy Spirit,  
who spreads the love of God abroad in our hearts:  
to the one true God be all love and all glory  
for time and for eternity.  
Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

The readings and Homily for each Sunday may be found on the diocesan website at

<https://www.lincoln.anglican.org/the-homilies-project>

Other liturgical resources may be found on the *Common Worship* website:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship>

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