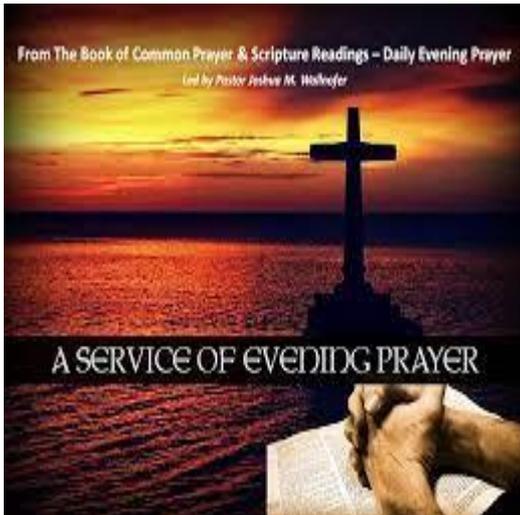


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Preparation

R1. 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.

R1. 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.

R1. 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.

R1. O God, make speed to save us.

R 2. O Lord, make haste to help us.

R2. 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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R2. 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.

Reader1. Psalm 51:8-17 (*Psalm will change from week to week*)

8Let me hear the sounds of joy and gladness;
and though you have crushed me and broken me,
I will be happy once again.

9Close your eyes to my sins
and wipe out all my evil.

10Create a pure heart in me, O God,
and put a new and loyal spirit in me.

11Do not banish me from your presence;
do not take your Holy Spirit away from me.

12Give me again the joy that comes from your salvation,
and make me willing to obey you.

13Then I will teach sinners your commands,
and they will turn back to you.

14 Spare my life, O God, and save me,
and I will gladly proclaim your righteousness.

15Help me to speak, Lord,
and I will praise you.

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16 You do not want sacrifices,
or I would offer them;
you are not pleased with burnt offerings.

17 My sacrifice is a humble spirit, O God;
you will not reject a humble and repentant heart.

The earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord.
that we may sing the new song of salvation
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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.**

Scripture Reading (will change from week to week)

Reader 2 [Galatians 6:1-2](#) ESV

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness.

Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

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.

Reader 1. The Gospel of the lord according to Matthew. *Matthew 1 46-50*
While he was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers were standing outside, wanting to speak to him. Someone told him, "Look, your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you." But to the one who had told him this, Jesus[b] replied, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" And pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."
"This is the Gospel of the lord, **Praise to you O Christ.**

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Gospel Canticle

Reader 2

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

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

Reader 1 That the rest of this day may be holy, peaceful, and full of your presence:

Reader 2. We pray to you, our God.

Reader 1 That the work we have done and the people we have met today may bring us closer to you:

Reader 2. We pray to you, our God.

Reader 1 That we may hear and respond to your call to peace and justice: in faith we pray.

Reader 2. We pray to you, our God.

Reader 1 That you will sustain the faith and hope of those who are lonely, oppressed and anxious:

Reader 2. We pray to you, our God.

Reader 1 That you will strengthen us in your service, and fill our hearts with longing for your kingdom:.

Reader 2. We pray to you, our God.

Reader 2. The Collect (will change from week to week)

O Lord, from whom all good things come:
Grant to us your humble servants,
that, by your holy inspiration
we may think those things that be good,
and by your merciful guiding may perform the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Reader 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.**

Reader 1. 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.

Reader 1. **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

**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.**