

## THE MAGNIFICAT

My soul doth magnify the Lord:  
and my spirit hath rejoiced  
in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded:  
the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold, from henceforth:  
all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me:  
and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him :  
throughout all generations.  
He hath shewed strength with his arm:  
he hath scattered the proud  
in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down  
the mighty from their seat:  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things:  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy  
hath holpen his servant Israel:  
as he promised to our forefathers,  
Abraham and his seed for ever.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

## THE SECOND LESSON

### THE 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 Ghost  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end.  
Amen.

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth:  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the  
Father almighty;  
from thence he shall come  
to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
Amen.**

## THE RESPONSES

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

**And grant us thy salvation.**

O Lord, save the Queen.

**And mercifully hear us when we call upon  
thee.**

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

**And make thy chosen people joyful.**

O Lord, save thy people.

**And bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

**Because there is none other that fighteth  
for us, but only thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

**And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

### THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires,  
all good counsels,  
and all just works do proceed;  
give unto thy servants that peace  
which the world cannot give;  
that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy  
commandments, and also that, by thee,  
we being defended from the fear of our  
enemies may pass our time  
in rest and quietness;  
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
Amen.

### THE COLLECT AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness,  
we beseech thee, O Lord;  
and by thy great mercy defend us from all  
perils and dangers of this night;  
for the love of thy only Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

### THE GRACE

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,  
be with us all evermore.  
Amen.**

### THE HISTORY OF EVENSONG

Evensong is based upon a monastic office of the medieval Church. This version, first published in The 1662 Book of Common Prayer, has been a form of prayer and worship for millions of Anglican Christians throughout the world. The Prayer Book has been familiar to generations of men and women for their regular Sunday worship and to make holy the principal events of their lives, the births, the marriages and the deaths. It has been, and continues to be, loved for its wonderful language, dignified and memorable but always speaking to our human condition. Phrases from it have come into everyday use and have been quoted in literature. 'Till death us do part', 'read, mark, learn and inwardly digest', 'peace in our time'. The Book of Common Prayer continually honours God's awe and majesty while also reminding us that He is a loving Father, close to each of us.

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## EVENSING PRAYER

Evensong from the  
Book of Common Prayer 1662



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### OPENING RESPONSES

O Lord, open thou our lips  
**and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

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

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost  
**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord.  
**The Lord's name be praised.**

### THE PSALM(S)

*The Psalm ends with these words*

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be  
world without end.  
Amen.**

### THE FIRST LESSON