

Tuesday/Wednesday

Evening Prayer



**Chosen,
Called,
Commissioned**

Evening Prayer at the conference is shared in small groups (the same groups as for the Bible study in the mornings). We hope this will allow you to get to know people a little better and provide an opportunity to begin genuinely praying for one another's real concerns, in whatever manner you are comfortable, as the days go on.

Please bring this booklet with you to your small group each evening. You will need a pen or pencil for Tuesday evening's Evening Prayer.

Evening Prayer for Tuesday is based on Common Worship: Daily Prayer; Evening Prayer for Wednesday draws on resources by the Northumbria Community. Please choose from among the group a Leader and a Reader for each evening. The Order indicates that at various points 'a time of silence is kept;' the length of the silence is at the Leader's discretion, but in a busy conference with a lot of words, the hope is that there will be enough time to pause, to breathe, and to open our hearts to the voice of the Spirit.

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Tuesday

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

Leader In your resurrection, O Christ,
All **let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.**

Leader Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord,
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the deep waters of death
you brought your people to new birth
by raising your Son to life in triumph.
Through him dark death has been destroyed
and radiant life is everywhere restored.
As you call us out of darkness into his marvellous light
may our lives reflect his glory
and our lips repeat the endless song.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
All **Blessed be God for ever.**

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

A time of silence is kept.

Leader As our evening prayer rises before you, O Lord,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise
now and forever.

All **Amen.**

Psalm 116: 1–8, 14–17

Please join in with the words in bold, pausing at the ♦ which marks the halfway point in the verse.

Leader I love the Lord, for he has heard
the voice of my supplication; ♦
because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him.

All **The snares of death encompassed me;
the pains of hell took hold of me ♦
by grief and sorrow was I held.**

Leader Then I called upon the name of the Lord: ♦
‘O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.’

All **Gracious is the Lord and righteous ♦
our God is full of compassion.**

Leader The Lord watches over the simple; ♦
I was brought very low and he saved me.

All **Turn again to your rest, O my soul ♦
for the Lord has been gracious to you.**

Leader For you have delivered my soul from death ♦
my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.

All **I will walk before the Lord ♦ in the land of the living.**

Leader O Lord, I am your servant, ♦
your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

All **I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving ♦
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

Leader I will fulfil my vows to the Lord ♦
in the presence of all his people.

All **In the courts of the house of the Lord, ♦
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Alleluia.**

All **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.**

Bible Reading

Genesis 1: 26–31

Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.’

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.’ God said, ‘See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.’ And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Silence is kept.

Canticle

- All* **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.**

Revelation 15: 3–4

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

Bible Reading

1 Peter 2: 4–10

Come to Christ, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For it stands in scripture:

‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner’,

and

‘A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.’

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Silence is kept.

Magnificat

- All* **The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone. Alleluia.**
- 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.**

Luke 1.46–55

All **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.**

All **The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone. Alleluia.**

Responding in prayer

Leader On this day that the Lord has made,
let us pray for the people he has redeemed.

That all people may know themselves
as the children of God, made in God's image.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

That all in authority may recognise
the image of God in the people they serve
and seek the common good.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

That as the people of God, we may hear the call
to love our neighbour as ourself.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

That those who suffer pain and anguish
may find healing and peace in the wounds of Christ:

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader Let us commend the world,
in which Christ rose from the dead,
to the mercy and protection of God.

*Silence is kept. During the silence, you are invited to use the space
overleaf to reflect on yourself as a child of God, made in God's image
and chosen in his love.*

Leader Creator God, may every breath we take be for your glory,
may every footstep show you as our way,
that, trusting in your presence in this world,
we may, beyond this life, still be with you
where you are alive and reign now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Leader Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All **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 ever.
Amen.**

Conclusion

Leader May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.

All **Amen.**

Leader Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Wednesday

All In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**My soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.**

Leader Out of the depths I have cried to you.

All **O Lord, hear my voice.**

Leader With my whole heart I want to praise you.

All **O Lord, hear my voice.**

Leader If you, Lord, should mark iniquities

All **who could stand? Who could stand?**

All **I will wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in His word do I hope.**

Psalm 80: 1–4, 15–20

Please join in with the words in bold, pausing at the ♦ which marks the halfway point in the verse.

Leader Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, ♦
you that led Joseph like a flock;

All **Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim ♦
before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.**

Leader Stir up your mighty strength ♦ and come to our salvation.

All **Turn us again, O God; ♦
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.**

Leader Turn again, O God of hosts, ♦
look down from heaven and behold;

All **Cherish this vine which your right hand has planted, ♦
and the branch that you made so strong for yourself.**

Leader Let those who burnt it with fire, who cut it down, ♦
perish at the rebuke of your countenance.

All **Let your hand be upon the man at your right hand, ♦
the son of man you made so strong for yourself.**

Leader And so will we not go back from you ♦
give us life, and we shall call upon your name.

All **Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts; ♦
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.**

All **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.**

Bible Reading

1 Samuel 16: 1, 11b–13a

The Lord said to Samuel, ‘How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.’

And Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Send and bring [the youngest]; for we will not sit down until he comes here.’ He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, ‘Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.’ Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward.

Silence is kept.

Bible Reading

Matthew 4: 18–22

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’ Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Canticle

All **In the shadow of Your wings
I will sing Your praises, O Lord.**

**The Lord is my light, my salvation;
whom shall I fear?**

**The Lord is the refuge of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

**In the shadow of Your wings
I will sing Your praises, O Lord.
One thing I ask of the Lord,
one thing I seek;
to dwell in the presence of my God,
to gaze on Your holy place.**

**In the shadow of Your wings
I will sing Your praises, O Lord.**

**I believe I shall see the goodness
of the Lord in the land of the living.
O wait for the Lord!
Have courage and wait,
wait for the Lord.**

**In the shadow of Your wings
I will sing Your praises, O Lord.**

Responding together

Move into small groups of two or three, or find space on your own. In groups or alone, recall the story of God's call on your life. You might want to share the moment where you first heard God calling you, or some of the ways in which you have seen your calling interweave with the person God made you to be. You might also wish to share how God is continuing to nurture your calling at this moment. After a few minutes, as the leader indicates, return to the larger group.

The Lord's Prayer

Leader As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All **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.**

Conclusion

Leader See that ye be at peace among yourselves, my children,
and love one another.
Follow the example of the wise and good
and God will comfort you and help you,
both in this world and in the world which is to come.

All **Amen.**

All **In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**



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