

- 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

**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.**

**Remember your promise of mercy,
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

Prayers

Thanksgiving may be made for the day, and Intercessions are offered.

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy (or) Lord, hear us.
hear our prayer. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day or the following is said

Loving God, from birth to death you hold us in your hand: make us strong to bear each other's burdens and humble to share our own, that, as one family, we may rest in your strength and trust in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer is said

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray

Our Father in heaven ...

The Conclusion

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all ever-
more. Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

South Cotswolds Team Ministry Evening Prayer on Wednesday

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*A prayer of thanksgiving is said, or 'A Song of God's Descending' or
another suitable hymn is said or sung.*

The prayer of thanksgiving may end:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

This opening prayer may be said

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

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises 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

Psalmody

The appointed psalmody is said or sung.

Each psalm or group of psalms 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 for ever. Amen.**

*If there are two Scripture readings, the first may be read here,
or both may be read after the canticle.*

Canticle

A Song of the Spirit, or another canticle, may be said or sung

Refrain:

**Rejoice and be glad
for you are the light of the world,
and great is your reward in heaven.**

- 1 Blessed are the poor in spirit, *
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 2 Blessed are those who mourn, *
for they shall be comforted.
- 3 Blessed are the meek, *
for they shall inherit the earth.
- 4 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
after righteousness, *
for they shall be satisfied.
- 5 Blessed are the merciful, *
for they shall obtain mercy.
- 6 Blessed are the pure in heart, *
for they shall see God.
- 7 Blessed are the peacemakers, *
for they shall be called children of God.
- 8 Blessed are those who suffer persecution
for righteousness' sake, *
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5.3-10

**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.**

**Rejoice and be glad
for you are the light of the world,
and great is your reward in heaven.**

Scripture Reading

One or more readings appointed for the day are read. The reading(s) may be followed by a homily, discussion or time of silence.

A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow

Lord, you will guide me by your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.

**Lord, you will guide me by your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

For I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand.
And afterwards receive me with glory.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**Lord, you will guide me by your counsel
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

from Psalm 73

Gospel Canticle

The Magnificat (The Song of Mary) is normally said, or the Nunc Dimittis (The Song of Simeon) may be said.

Refrain:

**Remember your promise of mercy,
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

- 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.