

Sunday @ 6:

Prayer & Reflection on a Sunday Evening

Music may be played before the start of the service

Preparation

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Let us rejoice and sing God's praise for ever.

(or)

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Lead your people to freedom, O God.

And banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

*A service leader introduces the service with this
and/or an informal welcome*

We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

The following may conclude the Preparation or they may be omitted.

Blessed are you, sovereign God,

our light and our salvation;

to you be glory and praise for ever.

You led your people to freedom

by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.

May we who walk in the light of your presence

acclaim your Christ, rising victorious,

as he banishes all darkness from our hearts and minds.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Blessed be God for ever.

The day is almost over, and the evening has come;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your Spirit come down upon us
to set us free to sing your praise
for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Word of God

A psalm may be said, ending 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.

One or more readings may be said.

The reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Canticle

This or another form of the Magnificat (Song of Mary) may be said or sung

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

**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.**

*A reflection is given. This may be on the readings or theme of the service and
may also include silence, music and discussion.*

Prayers

Intercessions are offered. These may conclude with the Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
as our Saviour has 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.

(or)

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us
**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 who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

Notices may be given and shared.

The service ends with one of the following, or another blessing or ending.

The Blessing

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(or)

The Grace

**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.

Music may be played on departure