

## WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST. EVENING PRAYER

### GREETING

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

### PREPARATION

Faithful God, who is known in Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we come before you now in worship and praise and thanksgiving. Open our hearts to receive you, our minds to learn of you, and our lips to praise you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### PENITENCE

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness. Together, let us confess our sins.

*Silence is kept*

Let us admit to God the sin which always confronts us:  
**Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

O Lord, we call to you: come to us quickly.  
**Hear us when we cry to you.**

Let our prayers rise up before you like incense.

**Let our lifted hands be like an evening sacrifice.**

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.**

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### A READING

*St Matthew 18:15-20*

He 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others

along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

#### ADDRESS

#### CANTICLE

*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 Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

#### PRAISE

Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the universe.

**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is proclaimed in all the world.

**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

When the times had fully come you sent the Sun of Righteousness.

**In him the fullness of your glory dwells. To you be glory and praise for ever.**

#### PRAYERS

We pray to the Lord: in faith we pray.  
**We pray to you our God.**

*Silence is kept*

That the rest of this day may be holy, peace full and full of your presence; in faith we pray.

**We pray to you our God.**

That we may hear and respond to your call to peace and justice; in faith we pray

**We pray to you our God.**

That you will sustain the faith and hope of those who are lonely, oppressed and anxious; in faith we pray

**We pray to you our God.**

That you will strengthen us in your service, and fill our hearts with longing for your kingdom; in faith we pray

**We pray to you our God.**

**God of mercy, you know us and love us and hear our prayer: keep us in the eternal fellowship of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

#### **COLLECT**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **SENDING OUT**

Jesus Christ is the light of the world:

**a light no darkness can quench.**

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening:

**and the day is almost over.**

The darkness is not dark to you:

**The night is as bright as the day.**

Let your light scatter the darkness:

**and fill your church with your glory. Amen.**