

A LATE EVENING OFFICE

Blessed be our God for all time, now and for evermore. **Amen.**

Glory to you, our God, glory be to you,
Holy Spirit, Comforter,
treasure of all goodness and giver of life,
come and dwell in us,
cleans us from all sin,
and in your love bring us to salvation.

**Holy God, holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

Psalm 134

- 1 Come bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, „
you that by night stand in the house of the Lord.
- 2 Lift up your hands towards the holy place „
and bless the Lord.
- 3 May the Lord bless you from Zion, „
the Lord who made heaven and earth.
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.

or another suitable psalm

A READING
from the New Testament

MEDITATION
on the Reading

NUNC DIMITTIS *The Song of Simeon*

- 1 Lord, now you let your servant go in peace, „
your word has been fulfilled.
- 2 My own eyes have seen the salvation „
which you have prepared in the sight of every people.

3 A light to reveal you to the nations „
and the glory of your people Israel.
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.

and/ or a hymn

PRAYER

Let us pray to the Lord with all our heart and with all our soul.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for all Christian people, that they may live in love and truth.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for all ministers of the Church, and for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for peace throughout the world, and for all governments.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for our neighbours and for all our friends.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for those who hate us as we pray for those who love us.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for refugees and prisoners, and for all who are exposed to the dangers of travel.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for all sick people, for the sorrowful and the dying.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for the abundance of the fruits of the earth, and that the poor and hungry may receive a just share.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us remember our brothers and sisters who have entered into eternal rest.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

Let us continue praying in silence

Silence is kept.

or

Let us continue praying in a time of open prayer.

A period of open prayer follows.

The leader brings either of these to an end saying

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

AN APPROPRIATE COLLECT

is said

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven ...

or

Our Father, who art in heaven ...

COMMON COLLECT

**Lord Almighty,
come and scatter the darkness of our hearts
by the light of your presence;
that we may know you
the Light of the world
and the one true God,
blessed this night and for evermore. Amen.**

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the Almighty and merciful God,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless us and keep us. **Amen.**