

Evening Prayer Liturgy for the Elderly & Infirm

Preparation

Opening hymn

1) If I have wounded any soul today,
If I have caused one foot to go astray,
If I have walked in my own willful way,
Dear Lord, forgive!

2) If I have uttered idle words or vain,
If I have turned aside from want or pain,
Lest I offend some other through the strain,
Dear Lord, forgive!

3) If I have been perverse, or hard, or cold,
If I have longed for shelter in the fold,
When thou hast given me some fort to hold,
Dear Lord, forgive!

4) Forgive the sins I have confessed to thee;
Forgive the secret sins I do not see;
O guide me, love me, and my keeper be.
Amen.

Leader: O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

Leader: You laid the foundation of the earth

All and the heavens are the work of your hands. Alleluia.

Leader: All praise and glory are yours, Lord Jesus. You call us to serve You and one another with love, make us aware of the needs and cry of those advance in years and the pains and aches of the frail. Give us the grace to handle them gently and with patience. Bless and guide all of us that we may leave them space yet, be available and ready to assist when they call. Holy Spirit inspire us with new newfound joy for the past and the challenges which lay ahead. Father we are all your children and this time of isolation brought that message much closer to our daily lives. May you lead us into eternal glory. We ask this through Jesus, our Redeemer, Sustainer and Friend.
Amen.

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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.

All Amen.

(CoE - EP)

Dear Lord, Forgive! 768

1. If I have wound - ed an - y soul to - day,
2. If I have ut - tered i - dle words or vain,
3. If I have been per - verse, or hard, or cold,
4. For - give the sins I have con - fessed to thee;

If I have caused one foot to go a - stray,
If I have turned a - side from want or pain,
If I have longed for shel - ter in the fold,
For - give the se - cret sins I do not see;

If I have walked in my own will - ful way,
Lest I of - fend some oth - er through the strain,
When thou hast giv - en me some fort to hold,
O guide me, love me, and my keep - er be.

Dear Lord, for - give! (For - give!) A - men. (A - men.)

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Author: C. Maud Battersby

The Word of God

Psalm 91 – Psalm which reminds us of our conversations with our Pastoral Carers and with God.

1. Carer – He who dwells in the secret places of God shall abide under his protection
2. Us – I will say that God is my refuge and fortress, My God in whom I trust.
3. God replies – I will deliver you because you have set your love upon me. You have known my name. You can call upon me and I will bring honour on you.

New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Synopsis

Paul together with his companions wrote to the people of Thessalonica. They were his first love people who shared in the work and love of the gospel. He reminded them of what they have achieved. Their work had brought many to Christ and he was aware of the hardship they were suffering.

Prayers - (CoE – EP - adapted)

Leader: We pray that on this day that the Lord has made, let us pray for the people he has redeemed. That we may live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross:

All *Gracious Father hear us.*

Leader: We pray that the victory of the cross will touch all people:

All *Gracious Father hear us.*

Leader: We pray that those born to new life in the waters of baptism may know the power of his resurrection:

All *We pray to you, Jesus our Lord.*

Leader: We pray that those who suffer pain and anguish may find healing and peace in the wounds of Christ:

All *We pray to you, Jesus our Lord.*

Leader: We pray that we may discover new ways of celebrating and mourning the dearly departed and support those who mourn:

All *Holy Spirit inspire us.*

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

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

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day

An Evening Collect

We pray to you, Holy Jesus, renew our strength and resolve. Alight anew the message of hope, favour and love as shared through your word. May your Spirit be that quiet voice in the dark moments of despair, which restore and quicken within us the willingness to ask and accept help. May Your death and resurrection bring humility and openness to receive love; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

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The Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **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.

Onse Vader wat in die hemele is, laat u Naam geheilig word; laat u koninkryk kom; laat u wil geskied, soos in die hemel net so ook op die aarde; gee ons vandag ons daaglikse brood; en vergeef ons ons skulde, soos ons ook ons skuldenaars vergewe; en lei ons nie in versoeking nie, maar verlos ons van die Bose. Want aan U behoort die koninkryk en die krag en die heerlikheid tot in ewigheid. **Amen**

Bawo wethu osezulwini, malingcwaliswe igama lakho. Mabufike ubukumkani bakho. Mayeziwe inthando yakho emhlabeni, njengasezulwini. Siphe namhlanje isonka sethu semihla ngemihla. Usixolele izono Zethu njengokuba nathi sibaxolela abo basonayo. Ungasiyekeli ekulingweni, koko sisindise enkohlakalweni. Ngokuba bubakho ubukumkani, namandla, nozuko, ngoku nanganaphakade. **Amen**

Common Praise – 10 verse 1,3,5 – Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens, Lord with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless, oh abide with me

I need Thy presence every passing hour
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine Lord abide with me

Hold thou Thy cross before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee
In life, in death oh Lord abide with me

The Conclusion

All *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.*

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

All *Thanks be to God.*

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Sources

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