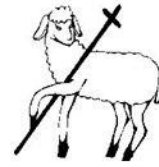


The Order for Evening Prayer



St Agnes'
Longsight

Preparation

- God, make speed to save us.
- **Lord, make haste to help us.**

**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.**

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

Verses from Scripture may be read here.

One of the following options might be used:

- *read one Psalm each day followed by a passage from your own daily Bible reading plan*
- *read the Scriptures from last Sunday's Pewsheet*
- *read your own choice*

Gospel Cantic: The Magnificat

✠ *It is customary to stand for this cantic, the Song of Mary, and the sign of the Cross may be made at the start.*

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.

**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.**

Intercessions are offered. Pray for

- *the Church (especially in this parish)*
- *the world*
- *the local community*
- *those in need*

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day may be said; this can be found on the weekly Pewsheet.

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

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.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Night Prayers before Sleep

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. **Amen.**

Preserve us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep may rest in peace.

Visit this place, O Lord, we pray,
and drive far from it the snares of the enemy;
may your holy angels dwell with us and guard us in peace,
and may your blessing be always upon us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy defend us
from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Be present, O merciful God,
and protect us through the silent hours of this night,
so that we who are wearied
by the changes and chances of this fleeting world,
may repose upon thy eternal changelessness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**