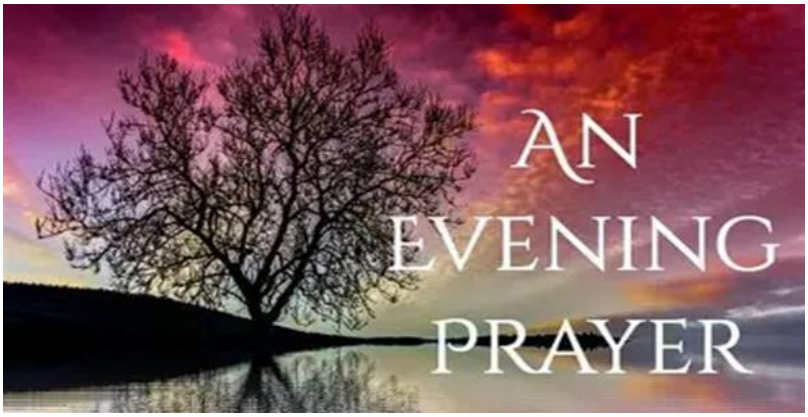
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Leader, Greeting,
Jesus said for this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life,
and I will raise him up on the last day."

Loving God, we give thanks for calling us to come together in worship, reflection, and celebration as one fellowship.
Although we are in our separate homes your Spirit holds us firmly together,
Jesus said "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them".
Come among us Lord Jesus, Be with us as we come together,
In our Words, our thoughts and in our silence
Come among us And dwell in us this evening and all our meetings whether it be remotely or together in Church. **Amen**.

Lighting of Candle to symbolise Christs, the light of the world, presence among us



Lord Jesus Christ,
true light that enlightens every man who comes into this world,
Bestow thy blessing upon these candles and those who light them and sanctify them with the light of your grace. **Amen.**

The lord be with you. **All. And also with you.**

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***Invitation to confession***

**Leader.** If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways,
then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place. ***2 Chronicles 7. 14-15***

**R**eader Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

L. Lord have Mercy All. **Lord have Mercy**
**R**eader. Christ have Mercy All. **Christ have Mercy**
L. Lord have Mercy All. **Lord have Mercy**

leader. Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
All. **we pray that you have mercy upon *us*,**
**pardon and deliver *us* from all *our* sins,**
**confirm and strengthen *us* in all goodness,**
**and keep *us* in life eternal;**
**through Jesus Christ our Lord.** Amen

*Let us pray*

**Leader. Collect.**

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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. **Amen**

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**Reader Said Hymn All praise to You, my God, this night**

1 All praise to You, my God, this night,
For all the blessings of the light.
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
Beneath the shelter of Your wings.

2 Forgive me, Lord, for this I pray,
The wrong that I have done this day.
May peace with God and neighbour be,
Before I sleep restored to me.

3 Lord, may I be at rest in You
And sweetly sleep the whole night through
Refresh my strength, for Your own sake,
So I may serve You when I wake.

4 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
**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 the Lord,**

Leader. May the Lord be in our minds, on our lips and in our hearts as we hear the words of the holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Mark* All. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Leader Mark 5. 1-20.** *Jesus Restores a Demon-Possessed Man*

They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes.
When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him.
This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain.
For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him.
Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.
When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him.
He shouted at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God's name don't torture me!"

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For Jesus had said to him, "Come out of this man, you impure spirit!"

Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"
"My name is Legion," he replied, "for we are many."
And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area.

A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside.
The demons begged Jesus, "Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them."
He gave them permission, and the impure spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened.
When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid.
Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man—and told about the pigs as well.
Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region.

As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him.
Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you."
So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.
This is the Gospel of the Lord. All **Praise to you, O Christ**.

Leader.O God, my Strength,
we believe that We can do all things through you who strengthens us.
We ask that You have Your divine way in our lives so that we can grow into this divine promotion that You have called us to.

**Affirmation of Faith (New version)** *Let us declare our faith in God.*
We believe in God the Father,
All. **from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named**.

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We believe in God the Son,
All. **who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
All. **who strengthens us with power from on high.**

We believe in one God;
**All. Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Let us Pray. Prayers of Intercession**
Leader. Lord of all, we pray for the healing of the nations,
for countries broken by war,
for those driven out of their land and homes by violence.
We pray that hatred may be exchanged for trust and love.
Give Strength to those you have called to speak out and
challenge injustice,
Apathy and untruth,
.Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Reader . Sovereign Lord, we pray for King Charles
Bless his reign and the life of our nation.
Help us to work together so that truth and justice,
harmony and fairness flourishes among us;
Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Reader. Almighty God. Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body and mind, those that will be given bad news during the coming week, the sick; those caring for others; those finding it hard to care for themselves, for the dying and those who wait with them; give them courage in their troubles;
Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Reader . In a moment of quietness, we name in our hearts those we know or love who are in need or ill at this time……..
Moment of Quiet
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Lord, we bring before you the named sick
*names Any names given for Prayers on the day*

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*May Christs healing hand rest upon them and grant them wholeness of body, mind and spirit and also give their families peace and comfort*
*Almighty god may your peace be with #### in all he/she does*

We pray for all who have recently departed this life,
We for past members of this community whose anniversaries fall at this time.

+ Rest eternal grant upon them O Lord
Let light perpetual shine upon them
May they rest in peace,
**AND RISE IN GLORY**

Father, we rejoice all out prayers in fellowship with St Matthew, all the saints, with those of our Blessed Mother.
In your unfailing love for us, hear and answer our prayers through your Son, as we honour his mother and say:

**Hail Mary, full of grace,**
**the Lord is with thee.**
**Blessed art thou amongst women,**
**and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.**
**Holy Mary, Mother of God,**
**pray for us sinners,**
**now and at the hour of our death**. **Amen**

Holy God thank you for helping us to pray;
We ask that you deepen our loving,
so that as we pray daily through this coming week,
we may do it with love and sincerity in sure and certain knowledge of your abiding presence.

Merciful Farther **Please accept these prayers**
**For the Sake of your Son, Our Savour Jesus Christ. AMEN**

**The Peace**
God will speak peace to his people,
to those who turn to him in their hearts.
The peace of the Lord be always with you. All **and also with you.**

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**Prayer for Spiritual Unity**

**L.** The Lord be with you **all. and also with you.**

**L.** The Lord is here. **all. His Spirit is with us**.

**L.** Lift up your hearts. **all. We lift them to the Lord.**

**L.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
**all. It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Reader. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
For with your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit
you are one God, one Lord.

Leader Father, accept all we bring before you this evening.
Guide us with your love and feed our spirit as you nourish the faith of the Church by the preaching of your apostles.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leader. Believing the promises of God, 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 that trespass against us;**
**Lead us not into temptation,**
**But deliver us from evil;**
**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,**
**Forever and ever. Amen.**

Jesus said, "And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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.Leader. My Jesus,
We believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
**all. We love You above all things,**
**and desire to receive You into our souls.**
**Since we cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,**
**come at least spiritually into our hearts.**
**I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.**
**Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

Reader . Come, Holy Spirit. **All. Blessed be God,**

**Moment of silent reflection.**

Leader We Thank Him for entering beneath the roof of our soul
As we say,
Soul of Christ**,…….. sanctify me.**
Body of Christ**, …….save me.**
Blood of Christ, **……inebriate me.**
Water from the side of Christ**….. wash me.**
Passion of Christ, **……strengthen me.**
O good Jesu, hear me.
Within your wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from you.
**From the malicious enemy defend me.**
**In the hour of my death call me and bid me come to you.**

**Leader** And that with St Matthew, and all your Saints
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother**,**
**All. may I know you more clearly,**
**love you more dearly,**
**and follow you more nearly,**
**day by day Amen.**

The Conclusion
Leader. In peace we will lie down and sleep;
**for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.**

Reader. Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
**for the night is at hand and the day is now past**.

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Reader. As the night watch looks for the morning,
**so do we look for you, O Christ. AMEN.**

Leader .In your mercy, Lord,
dispel the darkness of this night.
Let your household so sleep in peace that at the dawn of a new day
they may, with joy, waken in your name.
Through Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

*Goodbyes*
Leader. We Pray that God keeps us in all our days.
That Christ shield's us in all our ways.
That the Spirit brings us healing and peace.
That God the Holy Trinity drives all darkness from us and pours upon us blessing and light.
**All. And that the blessing of God almighty,**
**The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,**
**Will be among us and remain with us always**. **Amen**

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Leader. Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?
**Loud Response by All. I come to Christ.**

Let us bless the Lord. **All, Thanks be to God.**

And t**he grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**