*Evening Prayer Epiphany Season*

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

From the rising of the sun to its setting
***All* your glory is proclaimed in all the world.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
our light and our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
You gave your Christ as a light to the nations,
and through the anointing of the Spirit
you established us as a royal priesthood.
As you call us into your marvellous light,
may our lives bear witness to your truth
and our lips never cease to proclaim your praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
***All* Blessed be God for ever.**

***This opening prayer may be said***

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. ***All* Amen.**

**The Word of God**

*The Psalm is announced and can be found on a separate sheet if you wish to join in*

*A Reading from either the Old or New Testament followed by a time of silence*

***The Magnificat***

***Refrain:* Behold, my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
the anointed one on whom my Spirit rests.**

1My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; *♦*
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

2From this day all generations will call me blessed; *♦*
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.

3He has mercy on those who fear him, *♦*
from generation to generation.

4He has shown strength with his arm *♦*
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

5Casting down the mighty from their thrones *♦*
and lifting up the lowly.

6He has filled the hungry with good things *♦*
and sent the rich away empty.

7He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, *♦*
to remember his promise of mercy,

8The promise made to our ancestors, *♦*
to Abraham and his children for ever. *Luke 1.46-55*

***All* 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.**

***Refrain:* Behold, my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
the anointed one on whom my Spirit rests.**

***Intercessions are offered and silence may be kept***

***These responses may be used***

Lord, in your mercy All: **hear our prayer**

Lord, hear us. All: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

***The Collect of the day is said***

***The Lord’s Prayer is said***

May Christ, who sends us to the nations, give us the power of his Spirit. ***All* Amen.**

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

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