*Easter Season* evening

**Preparation**

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

In your resurrection, O Christ,

**let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.**

*prayer of thanksgiving*

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

to you be glory and praise for ever. From the deep waters of death you brought

your people to new birth by raising your Son to life in triumph. Through him dark

death has been destroyed and radiant life is everywhere restored. As you call us out

of darkness into his marvellous light may our lives reflect his glory

and our lips repeat the endless song. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**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**

*Canticle*

**God raised Christ from the dead,** **the Lamb without spot or stain. Alleluia.**

1 Blessed be the God and Father  of our Lord Jesus Christ! 2 By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope  through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 3 Into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading,  kept in heaven for you, 4Who are being protected by the power of God through faith, for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 5 You were ransomed from the futile ways of your ancestors not with perishable things like silver or gold 6 But with the precious blood of Christ  like that of a lamb without spot or stain. 7 Through him you have confidence in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory,  so that your faith and hope are set on God.

*1 Peter 1.3-5,18,19,21*

**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.**

**God raised Christ from the dead,** **the Lamb without spot or stain. Alleluia.**

The Lord is my strength and my song: he has become my salvation.

**The Lord is my strength and my song:** **he has become my salvation.**

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

**He has become my salvation.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**The Lord is my strength and my song:** **he has become my salvation.**

*from Psalm 118*

*Gospel Canticle*

*The Magnificat (The Song of Mary*

**The stone which the builders rejected** **has become the chief cornerstone.**

**Alleluia.**

1My 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. 3He 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. 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, 8 The promise made to our ancestors, to Abraham and his children for ever.

*Luke 1.46-55*

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**beginning is now** **and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**The stone which the builders rejected** **has become the chief cornerstone.**

**Alleluia.**

**Prayers** *Thanksgiving may be made for the day.**Intercessions are offered* *for peace*

*for individuals and their need* *the following is said*

God of life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of

the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our

enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the

joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*The Lord’s Prayer is said*

Rejoicing in God’s new creation, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven …**

**The Conclusion**

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.

**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**