

Order for Baptist Ministry

Evening Prayer. Fridays, Lent and Passiontide

Becoming present to God

Through a sign of attentiveness
like lighting a candle and/ or

+ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

or

We sing the praise of him who died,
of him who died upon the cross;
the sinner's hope let none deride
for this we count the world but loss.

T. Kelly (1769–1855)

or

**The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
the darkness falls at your behest;
to you our morning hymns ascended
your praise shall hallow now our rest.**

John Ellerton (1826–93)

Celebrating the presence of God

At evening, as the sun was setting,
they laid Christ's body in the tomb,
rock-hewn, borrowed from a stranger
with hasty preparations few.
There He rested, watched by angels,
waiting for resurrection joy

**Now grant us rest, with joy unbounded
As we wait with prayerful hearts
for the gift of our tomorrow
shaped by Christ's creative arts.**

We thank you for all that is of you this day,
your loving presence,
and protective hand,
surrounding all our days,

and offer afresh the work accomplished
to your honour and your praise.

**You bore the cross, and wore the crown,
with hands and feet to nails surrendered,
and now those hands reach out to save us
in those sure footsteps, we'll place our own,
while our crowns we lay before you,
humbly now beneath the cross.**

A pause to name any specific thanks or praise

Acknowledging our humanity

Where we have strayed from you
Christ have mercy.

When we have turned away from you
Christ have mercy.

Where we have not been attentive to you,
Christ have mercy.

Where we have ignored you in the weak and vulnerable,
Christ have mercy

**Where we have sought power, and status;, burnished pride and taken offence, Lord
forgive and restore us to yourself, and to one another. Amen.**

Listening for the Word of God -

From The Common Lectionary for Evening Prayer, after which a period of silence is held.

Canticle – Optional

¹⁰ It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist,
in bringing many children to glory,
should make the pioneer of their salvation
perfect through sufferings.

¹⁴ **Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood,
he himself likewise shared the same things,**
so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death,
that is the devil,

¹⁵ **and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death**

¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered,

he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hebrews 2:10, 14–15, 18.

Or,

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, **but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God.**

1 Corinthians 1:18.

Reflecting on our roots

**We seek to be attentive
to Word and Spirit
contemplating in silence and conversation
in stillness and in service
the Triune God —
known and unknown
mystery and revelation —
present in Christ
within us
between us
and around us.**

Bringing our concerns

As we come to rest, we pray for those who find no rest,
In your mercy, grant them peace.

As we rest in safety, we pray for those who are vulnerable and distressed,
and who suffer for their faith,
In your mercy, grant them your protection.

As another day of life comes to its close, we pray for those who are dying
In your mercy, gather them into your kingdom.

When the new day dawns with "bright hope for tomorrow", we pray for those who wake
with dread or despair,
In your mercy, grant them fresh hope.

Time for silent prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Going to love and rest

Lord, let this your servant
now rest in peace.
My eyes have seen your glory
a light to all peoples
and the hope of the ages.

**Strengthen and renew us
that upon the waking morrow
we may serve you
in the power of your Spirit
and to the glory of your name. Amen**

Optional:

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.