

## 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

<sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>14</sup> **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,  
<sup>15</sup> **and free those who all their lives  
were held in slavery by their fear of  
death**

<sup>18</sup> 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.**

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**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.