

Order for Baptist Ministry

Evening Prayer Tuesdays and Advent

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
Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
Psalm 24:7

or
**Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
your coming shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with your beloved name.**
Philip Doddridge (1702–51)

Celebrating the presence of God

As the last leaves of autumn have fallen
and all the fire and gold of its splendour
has been exhausted,
**so, we come at the end of a day
remembering those glimpses of your
glory seen in loving service,
heard in conversation
and known in gentle presence.**

Already the buds of tomorrow's
opportunities appear on the branch;
ready to break with the morning's light.

**But for now, we rest in the knowledge
of your love and peace;
and ready ourselves for the night's rest.**

This is the time between the two
Advents,
the coming of the babe of Bethlehem,
and the King of Glory,
**but this will draw to its close,
and all this age's splendour and sorrow
fade as shadows of the night in the
wonder of his return.**

Then with the dawn of that Day
all shall be complete, and Jesus shall
reign from shore to shore,
**from heaven to heaven
from age to age unceasing,
and the Lamb shall be in the midst of
that new City of God. Hallelujah!**

A pause to name any specific thanks or
praise

Acknowledging our humanity

Coming King, where we have not
recognised your coming in the midst of
life today,
Forgive us

Coming King, where we have allowed
our lamps to be emptied of the oil of the
Spirit,
Forgive us

Coming King, where we have not
watched and waited for you today,
Forgive us

**Brush our flickering flame of desire for
you with the breath of your Spirit, fan it**

**into flame and let it burn bright again.
Amen.**
Listening for the Word of God -

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

Canticle – Optional

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver;
born a child, and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thin all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley (1707–88)

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

Where the world is filled with weeping,
Gracious king, come afresh.

Where the world is lost in shadow,
Gracious king, come afresh.

Where the world is cursed with revenge,
Gracious king, come afresh.

Where the world is crazed by power
Gracious king, come afresh.

Where the world has shut its doors upon
your gracious presence,
**Gracious King, come afresh, knock
again, that the gates of this world may
be raised again to welcome you .**

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:

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Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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