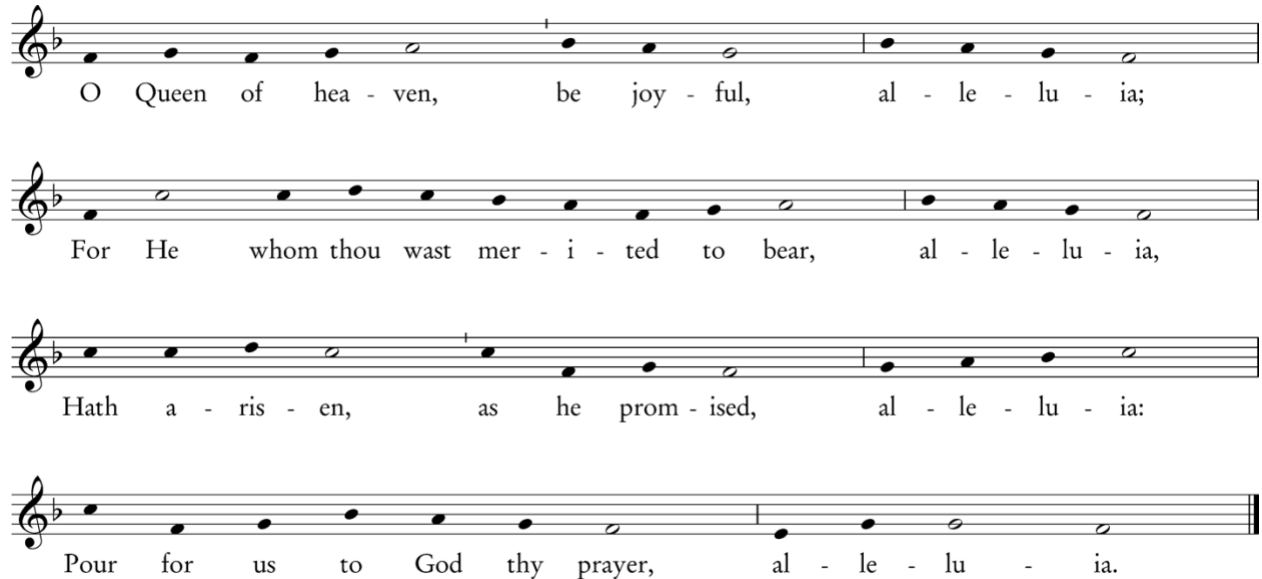


# ORDER FOR EVENING PRAYER ON WEDNESDAYS IN EASTERTIDE

## Regina coeli

*In many churches the bell is rung morning, noon, and evening in memory of the Incarnation of God, and the faithful say the following prayers, except during Eastertide, when the Regina coeli is said.*



O Queen of hea - ven, be joy - ful, al - le - lu - ia;

For He whom thou wast mer - i - ted to bear, al - le - lu - ia,

Hath a - ris - en, as he prom - ised, al - le - lu - ia:

Pour for us to God thy prayer, al - le - lu - ia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. **For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.**

Let us pray: O God, who, by the resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ didst vouchsafe to give gladness unto the world: Grant, we beseech thee, that we, being holpen by the Virgin Mary, his Mother, may attain unto the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The officiant says one of the following sentences of scripture, or some other sentence of scripture*

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense, and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice. *Psalm 141:2*

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.  
*Psalm 96:9*

Thine is the day, O God, thine also the night; thou hast established the moon and the sun. Thou hast fixed all the boundaries of the earth; thou hast made summer and winter. *Psalm 74:15,16*

I will bless the Lord who giveth me counsel; my heart teacheth me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall.  
*Psalm 16:7,8*

Seek him that made the Pleiades and Orion, that turneth deep darkness into the morning, and darkeneth the day into night; that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The Lord is his Name. *Amos 5:8*

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to thee, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to thee are both alike. *Psalm 139:10,11*

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." *John 8:12*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant*      ✠ O Lord, open thou our lips.  
*People*            **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

*Officiant*      ✠ O God, make speed to save us.  
*People*            **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Officiant*      Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
*People*            **as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

*Officiant*      Praise ye the Lord.  
*People*            **The Lord's name be praised.**

## O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*



O gracious Light, pure bright-ness of the ev-er-liv-ing Fa-ther in hea-ven,  
O Je-sus Christ, ho-ly and bless-ed! Now as we come to the set-ting of the sun,  
and our eyes be-hold the ves-per light, we sing thy prais-es, O God: Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly  
Spi-rit. Thou art wor-thy at all times to be praised by hap-py voic-es,  
O Son of God, O Giv-er of life, and to be glo-ri-fied through all the worlds.

*Then follows*

### **The Psalm or Psalms Appointed**

*At the end of the Psalms is said*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### **The Lessons**

*After each Lesson the Reader may say*

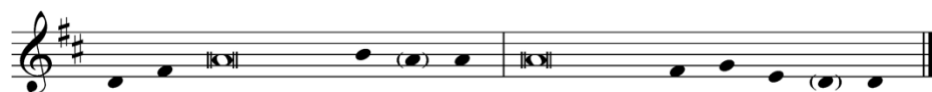
The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Or the Reader may say* Here endeth the Lesson (Reading).

*Silence may be kept after each Reading. One of the following Canticles is sung or said after each reading.*

Magnificat *St. Luke 1:46-55*



*one measure of music is sung for every half verse,  
changing pitch from the reciting tone on the bolded syllable*

✠ **My soul** doth magnify the **Lord**, \*  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in **God** my Savior.  
For he hath **regarded** \*  
the lowliness of **his** handmaiden.  
For behold from **henceforth** \*  
all generations shall **call** me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified **me**, \*  
and **holy** is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that **fear** him \*  
throughout all **generations**.  
He hath showed strength with his **arm**; \*  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their **seat**, \*  
and hath exalted the **humble** and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with **good** things, \*  
and the rich he hath sent **empty** away.  
He remembering his **mercy** \*  
hath holpen his **servant** Israel, \*  
As he promised to our **forefathers**,  
Abraham and his **seed** for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the **Son**, \*  
and **to** the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be, \*  
world **without** end. Amen.

Nunc Dimittis *St. Luke 2:29-32*



*one measure of music is sung for every half verse,  
changing pitch from the reciting tone on the bolded syllable*

✠ **Lord, now** lettest thou thy servant depart in **peace**, \*  
according **to** thy word;  
For mine eyes have seen thy **salvation**, \*  
which thou hast prepared before the face of **all** people,  
To be a light to lighten the **Gentiles**, \*  
and to be the glory of thy **people** Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the **Son**, \*  
and to **the** Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be, \*  
world **without** end. Amen.

**The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**  
maker of heaven and earth;  
**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;**  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
**I believe in the Holy Ghost,**  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
✠ and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*The People stand or kneel*

*Officiant and People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy Name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

R. **And grant us thy salvation.**

V. O Lord, save the State.

R. **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

R. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

V. O Lord, save thy people.

R. **And bless thine inheritance.**

V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

R. **Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
but only thou, O God.**

V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

R. **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects*

*The Collect of the Day*

*A Collect for Peace*

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Aid against Perils*

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*A Collect for the Presence of Christ*

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know thee as thou art revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of thy love. **Amen.**

*Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

*Then may be said*

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

*Then may be said*

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

*The Officiant then concludes*

✠ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**    *2 Corinthians 13:14*

*The Officiant may add*

✠ May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

*Low Mass follows shortly, beginning at 6:00 pm.*