



**Blyth Valley Parishes**

**Evening Prayer  
(Sunday)**

Welcome to this service. Worship follows the order set out below. Please join in by reading the words in **Bold type**. The Minister will direct where alternative texts are offered. If you are able, you are invited to stand and sit as suggested. Do ask the people you met at the door if you need any assistance. We pray you find this experience of God with us meaningful, healing and life-changing.

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

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, •  
you that by night stand in the house of the Lord.

Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary •  
and bless the Lord.

The Lord who made heaven and earth •  
give you blessing out of Zion.

Psalm 134

**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.**

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*A minute's 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. **Amen.**

*Sit*

The Word of God

The Psalm(s)

Verses usually read by each side alternately,  
pausing at the diamond.  
The refrain is said by all at the beginning and after:

**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.**

Canticle

*Said as the Psalm*

**Let us rejoice and exult  
and give glory and homage to our God.**

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, •  
whose judgements are true and just.

Praise our God, all you his servants, •  
all who fear him, both small and great.

The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns: •  
let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.

For the marriage of the Lamb has come •  
and his bride has made herself ready.

Blessed are those who are invited •  
to the wedding banquet of the Lamb.

**To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb •  
be blessing and honour and glory and might,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Let us rejoice and exult  
and give glory and homage to our God.**

Hymn

*Stand*

Two Scripture Readings

Sermon

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
the Lord is the strength of my life.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
the Lord is the strength of my life.**

The light shines in the darkness  
and the darkness has not overcome it.

**The Lord is the strength of my life.**

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

**The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
the Lord is the strength of my life.**

*Stand*

## Gospel Canticle

**You have done great things, O God,  
and holy is your name.**

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; •  
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations will call me blessed; •  
the Almighty has done great things for me  
and holy is his name.**

**He has mercy on those who fear him, •  
from generation to generation.**

**He has shown strength with his arm •  
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,**

**Casting down the mighty from their thrones •  
and lifting up the lowly.**

**He has filled the hungry with good things •  
and sent the rich away empty.**

**He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, •  
to remember his promise of mercy,**

**The promise made to our ancestors, •  
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

**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.**

**You have done great things, O God,  
and holy is your name.**

*Sit*

## Prayers

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

(or)

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

A minute's silence is kept.

## The Collect

Lighten our darkness,

Lord, we pray,

and in your great mercy

defend us from all perils and dangers of this night,

for the love of your only Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**As our Saviour taught us, so we pray  
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.**

Hymn

*Stand*

The Conclusion

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

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

*Stand for exit of minister(s)*

