

# Evening Prayer

St Luke the Evangelist

from the Liturgy of the Hours



CATHOLIC PARISHES OF BOREHAMWOOD

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**Leader:** [All make sign of the cross.] O God, come to our aid.

**All:** O Lord, make haste to help us.

**Leader:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,

**All:** as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen.

## Hymn

The hymn may be sung or recited.

**All:** Now let the heavens with joy resound,  
And earth the chant re-echo round;  
Nor heaven nor earth too high can raise  
The great Apostles' glorious praise.

Theirs was the steadfast faith of saints,  
The unconquered hope that never faints,  
The perfect love of Christ to know,  
That lays the praise of this world low.

In them the Father's glory shone,  
In them the Spirit's will was done;  
The Son's glad praise to them is given,  
With joy resound the courts of heaven.

To thee, Redeemer, now we cry,  
That with this glorious band on high,  
Through endless ages, by thy grace,  
Thy servants also may have place.

## Psalm 115 (116B)

**Leader:** I have become a minister of the Gospel according to the bountiful gift of God.

**Left:** I trusted, even when I said:  
'I am sorely afflicted,'  
and when I said in my alarm:  
'No man can be trusted.'

**Right:** How can I repay the Lord  
for his goodness to me?  
The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord's name.

**Left:** My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people.  
O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.

**Right:** Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds.  
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;  
I will call on the Lord's name.

**Left:** My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

**Right:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,

**Left:** as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen.

**All:** I have become a minister of the Gospel according to the bountiful gift of God.

## Psalm 125 (126)

**Leader:** I do all things for the sake of the Gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

**Left:** When the Lord delivered Sion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs.

**Right:** The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.

**Left:** Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap.

**Right:** They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves.

**Left:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,

**Right:** as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen.

**All:** I do all things for the sake of the Gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

## Canticle: Ephesians 1

**Leader:** To me this grace was given, to preach to the peoples the unsearchable riches of Christ.

**Left:** Blessed be the God and Father  
of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us in Christ  
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

**Right:** He chose us in him  
before the foundation of the world,  
that we should be holy  
and blameless before him.

**Left:** He destined us in love  
to be his sons through Jesus Christ,  
according to the purpose of his will,  
to the praise of his glorious grace  
which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

**Right:** In him we have redemption through his blood,  
the forgiveness of our trespasses,  
according to the riches of his grace  
which he lavished upon us.

**Left:** He has made known to us  
in all wisdom and insight  
the mystery of his will,  
according to his purpose  
which he set forth in Christ.

**Right:** His purpose he set forth in Christ  
as a plan for the fullness of time,  
to unite all things in him,  
things in heaven and things on earth.

**Left:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,

**Right:** as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen.

**All:** To me this grace was given, to preach to the peoples the  
unsearchable riches of Christ.

## Reading: Colossians 1:3-6

We have never failed to remember you in our prayers and to give thanks for you to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ever since we heard about your faith in Christ Jesus and the love that you show towards all the saints because of the hope which is stored up for you in heaven. It is only recently that you heard of this, when it was announced in the message of the truth. The Good News which has reached you is spreading and bearing fruit all over the world.

## Short Responsory

**Leader:** Tell of the glory of the Lord; announce it among the nations.  
**All:** Tell of the glory of the Lord; announce it among the nations.  
**Leader:** Speak of his wonderful deeds to all the peoples.  
**All:** Tell of the glory of the Lord; announce it among the nations.  
**Leader:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
**All:** Tell of the glory of the Lord; announce it among the nations.

## Magnificat

**Leader:** Luke, the saintly evangelist, achieved well-merited glory in the Church by telling of the gentle nature of Christ.

**All:** [All make sign of the cross.] My soul glorifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.  
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;  
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.  
Holy his name!  
His mercy is from age to age,  
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength  
and scatters the proud-hearted.  
He casts the mighty from their thrones  
and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,  
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,  
remembering his mercy,  
the mercy promised to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his sons for ever.

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

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## Prayers and intercessions

- Leader:** O God the Father of light, you called us to the true faith through the Gospel of your Son. We pray to him now for all his holy people, saying:
- All:** Remember your Church, O Lord.
- Leader:** Father, you raised your Son from the dead to be the Shepherd of a huge flock; make us his witnesses to the ends of the earth.
- All:** Remember your Church, O Lord.
- Leader:** You sent your Son into the world to proclaim the good news to the poor; grant that we may bring his gospel into the darkness of men's lives.
- All:** Remember your Church, O Lord.
- Leader:** You sent your Son to plant in men's hearts the seed of imperishable life; may we labour to sow his word and reap a harvest of joy.

**All:** Remember your Church, O Lord.

**Leader:** You sent your Son to reconcile the world with yourself by the shedding of his blood; let us become his fellow workers in restoring men to your friendship.

**All:** Remember your Church, O Lord.

**Leader:** You placed your Son at your own right hand in heaven; receive the dead into the happiness of your kingdom.

**All:** Remember your Church, O Lord.

## **Our Father**

**Leader:** Let us pray together ....

**All:** Our Father, who art in heaven ...

## **Closing Prayer**

**Leader:** Lord God,  
you chose Saint Luke  
to reveal the mystery of your love for the poor  
in his preaching and his writings.  
Grant that those who already acknowledge your name  
may continue to be one in mind and heart,  
and that all the nations may see your salvation.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

**Leader:** The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

**All:** **[All make sign of the cross.]** Amen.