

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church



*Evening Prayer from
An Anglican Prayer Book 1989
in use in the Anglican Diocese of Botswana*

PRELUDE

In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The minister may say

We have come together as the family of God
In our Father's presence
To offer him praise and thanksgiving
To hear and receive his holy word
To bring before him the needs of the world
To ask his forgiveness of our sins
And to seek his grace
That through his Son Jesus Christ
We may give ourselves to his service.

PRAISE

Christ is our peace, who has made us one.

Let us worship and praise him.

Lord, open our lips

That we may glorify and praise your Name

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

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Praise the Lord. Alleluia

Come Bless the Lord

1 Come bless the Lord all you servants of the Lord: you who by night stand in the house of our God.

2 Lift up your hands toward the holy place and bless the Lord: may the Lord bless you from Zion the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Glory to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning: is now and will be for ever Amen.

PENITENCE

Let us call to mind and confess our sins.

Silence may be kept. Then is said

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father
In penitence we confess
that we have sinned against you
through our own fault
In thought, word and deed
And in what we have left undone.
For the sake of your Son, Christ our Lord
Forgive us all that is past
And grant that we may serve you
In newness of life
To the glory of your Name.**

Almighty God have mercy on *us*, forgive *us our* sins and keep *us* in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

Here follows the appointed psalm(s). After each psalm is said

Glory to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning: is now and will be forever. Amen.

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

After the reading

Here ends the first lesson.

Silence may be kept.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT BOOK OF MATTHEW 24:45-51

45 'Who then is the faithful and wise slave, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give the other slaves* their allowance of food at the proper time? 46Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. 47Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. 48But if that wicked slave says to himself, "My master is delayed", 49and he begins to beat his fellow-slaves, and eats and drinks with drunkards, 50the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know. 51He will cut him in pieces* and put him with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Here ends the second lesson.

Silence may be kept.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

The Song of Simeon

- 1 Lord you now have let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled.
- 2 My own eyes have seen the salvation: which you have prepared in the sight of every people.
- 3 A light to reveal you to the nations: and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning: is now and will be fore ever. Amen.

THE BAPTISMAL CREED

**I believe and trust in God the Father
Who made the world.
I believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ
Who redeemed humankind.**

**I believe and trust in his Holy Spirit
Who gives life to the people of God.
I believe and trust in one God
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Minister says

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Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us

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
Save us from the time of trial
And deliver us from evil
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
Now and for ever. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

Lord God
We ask you to give us your blessing
To your Church, holiness
To the world, peace
To this nation, justice
And to all people knowledge of your law
Keep safe our families
Protect the weak
Heal the sick
Comfort the dying
And bring us all to a joyful resurrection
We ask these things through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Then may be said the Evening Collect

Lighten our darkness, Lord
And by your great mercy defend us
In all perils and dangers of the night;
For the love of your only Son
Our Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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

When there is a sermon it follows here.

THE PRAYERS (second part)

The Minister leads the thanksgiving in which the congregation may be invited to join: after which they say together

**Blessing and honour and thanksgiving and praise
More than we can utter
More than we can understand
Be to you, O holy and glorious Trinity
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
From all angels
All people
All creatures
For ever and ever.**

The Minister leads the intercession and petition, in which the congregation may be invited to join; after which they say together

**Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom
You know our needs before we ask
And our ignorance in asking:
Have compassion on our weakness
And those things which for
Our unworthiness we dare not
And for our blindness we cannot ask
Grant us through your Son Jesus Christ our Saviour.**

Preserve us, Lord, while waking
And guard us while sleeping
That awake we may watch with Christ
And asleep we may rest in peace.

Amen.

May the Lord bless us and watch over us.

May the Lord make his face to shine on us

And be gracious to us.

May the Lord look kindly on us

And give us peace.

The Service may end with a blessing given by a priest.



