

# Cross & Keys

February 2020 - Newsletter of  
Saint Peter's Church



**Anglican**  
Church  
Saint Peter's East Maitland

**The Anglican Parish of East Maitland**  
**Saint Peter's Church**  
**47 William Street East Maitland**

Serving the Communities of Ashtonfield,  
East Maitland, Four Mile Creek, Louth Park,  
Metford, Pitnacree, Tenambit and the Hunter Region



**Parish Office & Parish Information** The Parish Office is normally open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 am to 4 pm and is the first point of contact for all parish enquiries and bookings. If the office is unattended please leave a message. Contact details and information about our regular activities can be found in our *Welcome Guide* available at the back of church, on the parish website, or through the Parish Office.

**Pastoral Care** Please advise the Parish Office of any pastoral needs and especially if someone is in hospital. If you need the assistance of a priest at any time please contact the Parish Office. After hours the office telephone will provide a mobile phone number for a member of staff who can assist you, or you can leave a message.

**Baptisms and Weddings** Information about baptisms (christenings) is available on our parish website. Information about holding a wedding at Saint Peter's is available in our *Wedding Guide* and on our wedding website. The best way to make an enquiry about baptisms or weddings is through our websites.

**Site Hire** The Parish Hall is available for hire for one-off or regular community and commercial events.

**School & Retirement Living** We commend to you our Anglican College at Fletcher and our Retirement Village in Tenambit.



# PLAY GROUP

Come and join us for our relaxed neighbourhood playgroup for new borns, toddlers and pre-school children with parents, grandparents and carers

We meet on Friday mornings during school term time from 10 am to 12 noon in St Peter's Parish Hall, Banks Street, East Maitland

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## Saint Peter's Columbarium

The mortal remains of many of our friends and loved ones rest in the columbarium niches and memorial garden.

We invite all members of our local community to consider our columbarium as the final resting place for their cremated remains, where family members and descendants can visit.

For further details about purchasing a columbarium niche please speak to Maryka in the Parish Office.



Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College is a co-educational independent school that focuses on the development of the whole child within a caring, Christian environment.

Enrolments are now open.  
To find out more visit our website [www.btac.nsw.edu.au](http://www.btac.nsw.edu.au) or contact our Registrar on 02 4979 8488.



# Scott's Spot

We are approaching the end of what is one of my favourite periods in our church year. This season of time bookended by the Feasts of the Epiphany and the Transfiguration is a wonderful time of exploration and discovery and for me never fails to draw me in to a deeper understand of the true nature of Christ.

Throughout this time as we delve into the scriptures, particularly our Sunday readings, we see the gradual revealing of the identity and significance of the Christ-child of Bethlehem. In marvellous ways such as the gifting of the Magi, the thunderous voice of God at the Baptism, as well as the presence of Moses and Elijah with Jesus at the Transfiguration we come to see who this person really is.



In my own reflections in these past weeks I have been reminded that in our lives too we have the opportunity to come to a gradual deepening of our understanding of own identity and the growth and development of our Christian character. By virtue of our baptism we live in and with Christ in all of these things. The answer to the questions we often ask ourselves: who am I?; whose am I? and why am I here? can come to us as clearly as they came for Jesus himself. For that to be reality for us we need to be, like Jesus, deeply attuned and attentive to the voice of God that is within us and around us.

Yet sometimes the answers seem not to come. We hear only silence, fuzzy noise or static. A bit like the sound that comes from the television or wireless when we haven't properly tuned to a station. We all know how frustrating it can be when we are just that fraction off on the dial. In our spiritual life when we are even just that fraction off on the dial the thoughts and feelings that come can be disappointment, despondency and in extreme cases feelings of abandonment. We say things to ourselves like God has forgotten me, or God is not here.

The truth is that God is always here, and there, and over there. Wherever we are, there God is also. It is not God's presence that changes but rather our own ability to see and recognise that presence. We simply need to adjust the spiritual dial and tune in a little better.

As we set our faces toward the approaching season of Lent we are gifted with the perfect opportunity to make those adjustments on our spiritual dial and tune in a little better. Whether we need to make a large adjustment or just the smallest of changes to be more attuned to God's voice within us and around us, now is the time.

Traditionally in Lent we give things up or set things aside for the duration of the season as a way to being more aware of what is going on around us and within us. I think it is possible as well to see things differently and perhaps even consider taking things up or drawing things closer in this season. We might choose to allocate some more time in our day for prayer and reflection. We might choose to turn up at an extra service of worship that we do not usually attend. We might choose to intentionally do something for others as an act of loving service that we had not considered before. Whatever we might choose to take up in Lent shouldn't be done just to fill a void or make us even more busy, as this would defeat the purpose. Rather it might be that we do indeed need to give something up which is not working for us or is not helping us be more attuned to God's voice so that we can take on something that will help us.

I commend to you the Diocesan Lenten Study which will be released soon and is offered by the Diocesan Ministry Council as a tool for helping us to tune in more clearly and effectively this Lent. Look out for copies that will be available at the back of the church.

I pray that you have a holy Lent.

Your Priest and brother in Christ.  
Scott

# Parish Diary .....

## Special Events in February

*Please join us and invite your friends!*

### **Tuesday 25th February - Shrove Tuesday**

7pm - Pancakes in the Parish Hall

### **Wednesday 26th February - Ash Wednesday**

8am - Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

6pm - Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

### **Saturday 29th February - Bunnings BBQ**

8am - 4pm

Please come along and support St Peter's volunteers raise funds towards the Community Meal.

## Special Events in March

*Please join us and invite your friends!*

### **Saturday 14th March**

Op Shop Market Day, 8am - 12 noon

## Registers

### Holy Baptism

We welcome all those who will be baptised into the Body of Christ at Saint Peter's in the coming weeks, amongst them **Ruby Lee Dalton, Michael James Preece, Jean Lily Edmonds, Murphy Rose Edmonds, and Stella Rose Peters.** Please pray for them and for their families. There will be no baptisms during the period of Lent.

### Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of all those who have died recently, including **Donald Ling, Steven Griffiths, Margaret Watson., Judith Campbell, and Barry Guy.** May they rest in peace.

### In Memoriam

Throughout the year we pray for the souls of loved ones on the anniversary of their death. Each year families remember loved ones who have died by dedicating memorial flowers in the church on the weekend in which they are included in our prayers. In February flowers will be in memory of Gloria Purnell

If you would like to organise memorial flowers for a loved one, please contact Liz Brown on 0422 101448 or Maryka in the Parish Office on 4934 5303.

- 3rd Feb 10 am: Cursillo Group**  
*(and then 1st Monday each month)*
- 3rd 2 pm: Enlightenment Group**  
*and then first & third Monday of each month)*
- 3rd 7 pm: Esther Community**  
*(and every Monday)*
- 4th 10 am: Craft Time**  
*(and then on 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month)*
- 4th 7.30 pm: Man Talk**  
*and then 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month)*
- 5th 10 am: Enquiring Minds**  
*(and every Wednesday in school term time)*
- 5th 10am: Music Time**  
*(and every Wednesday in school term time)*
- 6th 4.30 pm: Talitha Community**  
*(and every Thursday in school term time)*
- 6th 4.30 for 5 pm: Community Meal**  
*(and every Thursday)*
- 7th 10am: Playgroup**  
*(and every Friday in school term time)*
- 7th 10.30 am: First Friday Eucharist**  
*(and 1st Friday of each month)*
- 9th 5 pm: Petrus Community Church**  
*(and 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month)*
- 11th 4pm: Pastoral Care Meeting**  
*(and 2nd Tuesday of each month)*
- 14th 6.30pm - 8.30pm: Apis Te Youth Group**  
*Venue: Saint Peter's Parish Hall*
- 17th 11 am: Mothers' Union Fellowship**  
*(and 3rd Monday of each month)*
- 18th 12.30pm St Egwin's Fellowship**  
*(Coffee Hideaway Cafe)*
- 19th 6pm Men's Fellowship Dinner**  
*(and 4th Wednesday of each month)*
- 25th 7pm: Pancakes for Shrove Tuesday**
- 26th 8am & 6pm Ash Wednesday**  
**Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes**
- 28th 6.30pm: Apis Te Youth Group**  
*Venue: Newcastle Ocean Baths*
- 29th 8am - 4pm Bunnings BBQ**

## Stained Glass Windows

The stained glass windows in the church are extraordinarily beautiful but they remain unfinished. The current yellow coloured glass high up in the clerestory windows was installed in the 1970s where once it had been hoped that stained glass would be in place.

We invite you to join us in creating history and help us to complete the windows in this historic heritage building. Donors (individuals, groups, or organisations) have the opportunity to choose the memorial or thanksgiving text that will be included in the window and which will be in place for hundreds of years to come.

The most viable and cost effective way to install new windows is by installing two sets of windows at the same time. We have a high level of interest re one set of windows and are currently seeking interest in the purchase of the second set of windows.

If you would like further information please contact the Parish Office on 4934 5303 to organise a time to speak with our Parish Priest, Rev'd Scott Dully.

## Parish Meetings

Governance of the Parish is to transition back to a system of Ministry Team meetings and Resourcing Team meetings, with the full Parish Council to meet 3-4 times per year. The Ministry Team will have responsibility for setting priorities for the Ministry and Mission of the Parish, and will assist the Resourcing Team to set priorities in the support and resourcing of the Mission Action Plan. This was outlined at the January Parish Council meeting where other topics discussed included:

- Removal of four rows of pews at rear of left hand side of church
- Motor Vehicle access and Parking area adjacent to Rectory/Parish Hall/Op Shop - safety issues.
- Purchase of new Sound System for the Church
- Replacement of Church Roof



*Church Wardens - Anne Page, Geoff Seccombe and Kevin Short*

## Bunnings BBQ

A team of volunteers from Saint Peter's Church will be running the BBQ at the front of Bunnings Maitland on Saturday 29th February, with funds raised going towards the Community Meal. Please note the date and come along to buy a Sausage Sizzle and drink to support the cause. If you would like to help out for a few hours, volunteers are very welcome - please contact Fr Peter Rothnie or Maryka in the Parish Office.



We would also like to recognise the generous donation by Bunnings of a Composter and associated equipment - this will greatly assist the Community Meal team to dispose of food waste in an environmentally friendly way, and provide quality compost for the Gardening team as they tend to our gardens.

# Community Ministries

## Apis Te Youth Group

The Apis Te Youth Group is a Christian youth group, primarily for fellowship amongst youth (aged Year 6 – Year 11) from a number of Anglican parishes in the Newcastle Diocese, currently Beresfield-Thornton, Cessnock, East Maitland, Telarah-Rutherford, and Mount Vincent, Kurri Kurri and Weston.

The Apis Te Youth Group meets on the second and fourth Friday of each month, at alternating venues, from 6.30pm - 8.30pm. The program regularly includes mention of God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, and other Christian concepts; use of the Bible; and worship activities – including the Eucharist (Holy Communion).

The group also participates in other activities that might include attending the drive-in movies, participating in laser skirmish, trampolining and similar activities at commercial venues, putt putt golf, ice skating, go-karts, walking, and swimming. All activities are announced beforehand and youth or their parents/carers are free to decide not to participate on any occasion.

Transport is normally the responsibility of the parents or the youth group member directly. Parents are encouraged to car pool when possible but are responsible themselves for any issues that may arise. A separate permission note will be used if, at any time, the programs organise an event which includes some other form of transport.

The expectation is that Apis Te Youth Group meetings will include dinner. If dinner is not included, the program will indicate this. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate food preferences and allergies.

The program for the first few months of 2020 is as follows:

14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Theme: Valentine – the real story	St Peter's, East Maitland
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Newy Ocean Baths	
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Theme: Patrick	St Christopher's, Rutherford
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Putt Putt at Broadmeadow with BBQ	
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Theme: Palm Sunday	St Paul's, Beresfield
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Board Games	St Peter's, East Maitland
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Theme: Julian of Norwich	St Paul's, Kurri Kurri
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Ninja Parc, Cooks Hill	
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Theme: Columba	St John's, Cessnock
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Cathedral Tower Climb	

We hope that young people from Saint Peter's Parish will join the Apis Te Youth group and look forward to welcoming our visitors from neighbouring parishes when the nominated venue is Saint Peter's. For more information about the Youth Group please speak to Scott or Kim.



## Parish Office

Saint Peter's Parish Office is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, from 9am - 4pm. Our Parish Office Administrator, Maryka Gibson is available to assist with all administration matters related to Saint Peter's. Phone enquiries can be made to 4934 5303, where a message can be left if the phone is unattended or busy.

# Op Shop Update ....



## SAINT PETER'S OP SHOP MARKET DAY

**Saturday 14th March 2020**  
**8 am - 12 noon**

**Bargains Galore - all good quality items at vastly reduced prices - Clothing, DVDs, Jewellery, Toys, Bric-a-Brac**

**Sausage Sizzle, Coffee Van, Ice Cream Stall, Home Made Cooking Stall, Craft Stall**

**Rear of St Peter's Parish Hall at 52 Banks Street, East Maitland**



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### WE ARE NOW ON FACEBOOK

**OP SHOP ST PETER'S EAST MAITLAND**

We are now on Facebook. If you are on Facebook, search for "Op Shop St Peter's East Maitland" to make sure you get updates on all our bargains, special offers, events, etc. Please "Like" and "Share" to help us spread the word about our wonderful Op Shop.

**Opening Hours:**  
Thursday 9am - 4pm  
Friday 9am - 4pm  
Saturday 9am - 1pm

## Men's Fellowship Dinner

The final Men's Fellowship Dinner of 2019 was a Partner's Night, which was great timing as it provided an opportunity for everyone to hear from our new Rector, Scott Dulley, who was the Guest Speaker and provided an entertaining insight into his life prior to coming to Saint Peter's Church.

Men's Fellowship Dinners are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month, although in February this clashes with Ash Wednesday so the date has been changed to Wednesday 19th February at 6pm.

For further details about Men's Fellowship Dinners, please contact Father Peter Rothnie or the Parish Office.



If you are a user of Facebook please like and share our Facebook Pages:

- East Maitland Anglican
- Petrus Community
- St Peter's Playgroup East Maitland
- Op Shop St Peter's East Maitland



We are finding that Facebook is a very useful way to keep people informed about activities at Saint Peter's and has had a good response from young families interested in coming along to join Music Time and Playgroup.

# Volunteers Needed ...

Do you have a little bit of spare time? Are you able to offer assistance at Saint Peter's? Volunteers are the key to the success of many of the activities at the parish. These include:



**Community Meal** - The weekly Community Meal provides a hot meal for some 30 people each Thursday afternoon. Volunteers are needed to help with food preparation and serving of meals. If you have a few hours to spare, any time between 3pm - 7pm, then this would be appreciated.

**Op Shop** – If you can spare half a day on Thursday, Friday or Saturday morning, volunteers are needed to help sort items and assist customers. For further details please contact Jane Hall on 0421 550615.

**Gardens and Grounds** – If you like working outside, the Gardens Team and the Lawn Mowing Team would love to hear from you.

**Flower Arranging** – We need extra help with preparing flowers for the Church. Volunteers are required to be part of a roster that would see you assisting on a six weekly basis. No need to have floristry skills – there is plenty of help available.

If you are able to assist or would like further details of any of the volunteer opportunities at Saint Peter's, please phone the Parish Office on 4934 5303.

## Christmas Hamper Donation

Not only did Maitland Pipes and Drums provide a rousing start to the annual Carols on the Hill, on hearing that Saint Peter's provided hampers for those in need, their members got together to make a generous donation to the Saint Peter's Emergency Relief appeal for items for Christmas Hampers. Pictured here are Greg Queenan and Pipe Major Ian Innes, who delivered the hampers to the Parish Office.



## St Peter's gets a Dishwasher

For all those volunteers who have diligently washed and dried the dirty dishes after Parish events for many years, the introduction of a Commercial Dishwasher in the Parish Hall kitchen was greeted with much celebration. With a wash cycle time of just over two minutes per load the process of cleaning up after a meal has become a whole lot easier. Special thanks go to Fr Peter Rothnie who co-ordinated the installation of the dishwasher



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# Saint Peter's Op Shop

from Bev Steggles

On 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 we recalled our opening day exactly two years previously. Mayor of Maitland, Ccr Loretta Baker, performed the official opening and it was a red letter day for all the volunteers.

We had achieved the almost impossible. It was just five weeks to the day from when we had been given the go ahead to use what was then called the "Ministry Centre" for our Op Shop. The volunteers worked tirelessly and our parish family supported us all the way. We were driven and had many ups and downs in that period. I will never forget what is now the Manchester Room, which was piled high to the ceiling with bags of clothing – far too many to count.



We were fortunate to have the support of two local tradies – Phil Marston and Ben Taylor, who set about converting the hall into a workable Op Shop. They donated their time and, on many occasions, that of their staff to assist in the renovations that were needed. Our original clothes racks more often than not would collapse and it would be all hands on deck to stand everything back up. Much team work, much laughter and plenty of innovation was called for! All done in a cheerful manner, nothing was too much trouble.

From such small beginnings we have come a long way, the hall is now well set up, including air conditioning, a small kitchenette, and a large sorting area.

We now have many customers and volunteers and have achieved recognition in our community. Our philosophy remains the same:

1. Providing a community service.
2. Raising funds for the work of our beloved Saint Peter's Church.
3. Reducing landfill through recycling.

As I reflect on the past two years, what stands out for me is the teamwork of the volunteers and their total commitment to our local community. The comments I have had from customers who tell me they love to come into our shop, not just to purchase goods but for the friendly, helpful volunteers that staff the shop.

I am now handing over the running of the Op Shop to Jane Hall (Elaine Taylor's daughter) and I know it will be in good hands. Jane will have an executive committee to assist her and I am certain that our Saint Peter's Op Shop will go from strength to strength. When I was first approached, Fr David asked me firstly to start the Op Shop and secondly to find someone to run it. I feel I have done as I was asked. The last two years I have been privileged to work with such a caring group of volunteers.

It would be remiss of me if I did not mention two people who have given us continued support during this time – Maryka Gibson and Richard Fellows. Their help has been boundless and much appreciated.

Thank You all – I have been blessed and you are a champion team!!  
Bev

# Grandparents as Parents Support Group (GAPS)

from Peter Mullins

The East Maitland Grandparents as Parents Support Group (GAPS) had a wonderful three days away at the Big 4 Holiday Park at Soldiers Point in December, with a total of 62 Grandparents and Grandchildren being treated to a wonderful dinner at Soldiers Point Bowling Club on the Friday night followed by a Christmas Lunch at the Bowling Club the next day. It is events such as this that makes all the volunteers so proud when they see the smiling faces.

Weekends like this would not be possible without the wonderful support that GAPS receives throughout the year. To all the folk who brought a raffle ticket, Thank You. To everyone who took a horse in our Melbourne Cup Sweep, Thank You. To all the wonderful people who supported our High Tea, Thank You.

Thank You also to the many businesses that gave us support during the year. A super Thank You to the Hunter River Hotel, East Maitland, not only for the raffle vouchers but for allowing us to run a meat raffle every Friday night – this has been a great success.

Thank You to all our Carers and Volunteers who give their time freely. East Maitland GAPS provides a wonderful support system for all the grandparents and grandchildren who are often doing it tough and appreciate a bit of extra help.

A particular thank you to Bev Steggles and Marilyn Seccombe – the amount of behind the scenes effort that they put in is mind blowing.

Once again, on behalf of everyone at East Maitland GAPS, we say THANK YOU!



## Pancakes for Shrove Tuesday

On the day before the start of Lent, Tuesday 25th February, the Esther community will be holding their customary pancake supper that will be held in the Parish Hall. We will have lots of pancakes for anyone that would like to join us and share in the fun. We will also be preparing the ashes for use at the Ash Wednesday services. Please bring along your Palm Cross from last year.



Come along at 7pm to the hall and bring your appetite. We will have honey, golden syrup and maple syrup, but feel free to bring any other toppings that you may prefer.

Looking forward to a fun time of fellowship together!

# Welcome to the Season of Lent

The Season of Lent in the Church is marked by preparation and repentance as we await the celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ in Holy Week and Easter. During the forty days we join Jesus in the wilderness reflecting on God's purpose and calling on our lives, and we examine ourselves in honesty before him.

In the early church the observance of Lent was for people preparing for baptism at Easter, but it soon became the practice for all Christians to join with the catechumens in a season of preparation marked by prayer, reflection, study and repentance. The outcome was spiritual growth and deeper relationships for the whole community.

This year everyone at St Peter's once again has a variety of opportunities to take time for God, to pay attention to what God is doing in their lives, and to learn and grow with others. Please join us on this spiritual journey.

## Ash Wednesday

This year the Season of Lent begins on Wednesday 26th February 2020.

Ashes have been used down through the centuries as a sign of sorrow for sin and a reminder of human mortality. Whenever Christians approach God for forgiveness they do so in the light of the saving work of Jesus and the revelation of the love and mercy of God revealed at the cross.

As ash is placed on our forehead on Ash Wednesday (the first day of Lent) we experience both an awareness of our sinfulness and fragility, and also the assurance of God's love and grace as we hear the words,

*"Remember that you are but dust, and to dust you shall return."*

Please join us in church as we begin our Lenten journey together:

**8 am Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes**

**7 pm Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes**

## Changes in the Eucharist in Lent

During Lent the liturgy at the weekend Eucharists seeks to draw us into a spirit of reflection and repentance. The penitential section of the service is moved from the beginning of worship to be after the sermon to give it greater focus. We join in singing the Trisagion, 'Holy God, Holy and Strong, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us'.

We do not use the usual expressions of joy in worship in order to prepare ourselves for the greater joy that is to come in the Easter season. So the Gloria and use of 'Alleluia' are omitted.

We are also invited to sit and reflect in silence at the beginning of each service and following the distribution of Holy Communion.

The seasonal colour in the church is purple, to signify repentance. The Church is kept plain with the removal of flowers and some of the ornaments in the sanctuary adding to the solemn atmosphere.

# Prayers in the Morning in Lent

## Opening

We will proclaim the name of the Lord; ascribe greatness to our God.

Glory to God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, so now and for ever. Amen.

## The Trisagion

Holy God, Holy and Strong, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us.

## A Song: Jesus Saviour of the World

Jesus, Saviour of the world,  
come to us in your mercy:  
we look to you to save and help us.  
By your cross and your life laid down,  
you set your people free:  
we look to you to save and help us.  
When they were ready to perish,  
you saved your disciples:  
we look to you to come to our help.  
In the greatness of your mercy,  
loose us from our chains:  
forgive the sins of all your people.  
Make yourself known as our saviour  
and mighty deliverer: save and help us that we  
may praise you.  
Come now and dwell with us, Lord Christ Jesus:  
hear our prayer and be with us always.  
And when you come in your glory:  
make us to be one with you  
and to share the life of your kingdom.

## Prayer

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Pause in silence.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever. Amen.

## Read a Psalm

*Suggested Psalms: 6, 32, 38, 91, 102, 130, 143*

## Read a Passage from the Bible

## Prayers

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

*Our Father...*

Lord, show us your mercy,  
and grant us your salvation.

Keep our nation under your care,  
and guide us in justice and truth.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness  
and make your chosen people joyful.

Lord, save your people,  
and bless your inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord,  
for you are our help and strength.

Create in us clean hearts, O God,  
and renew us by your Holy Spirit.

*Intercessions and thanksgivings may be said*

Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed; guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live this day in love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Peace be to us all, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.  
(Ephesians 6.23)

# Prayers in the Evening in Lent

## Opening

The Lord our God, the Almighty reigns.  
Let us rejoice and exult and give God the glory.

Glory to God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; as it  
was in the beginning, so now and for ever.  
Amen.

## The Trisagion

Holy God, Holy and Strong, Holy and Immortal,  
have mercy on us.

## The Song of Christ's Glory

Christ Jesus was in the form of God:  
but he did not cling to equality with God.  
He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant:  
and was born in our human likeness.  
Being found in human form, he humbled  
himself: and became obedient unto death, even  
death on a cross.  
Therefore God has highly exalted him:  
and bestowed on him the name above every  
name,  
That at the name of Jesus every knee should  
bow:  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth;  
And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is  
Lord: to the glory of God the Father.  
(Philippians 2.5-11)

## Prayer

The day is now past, and the night is at hand.  
Let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Pause in silence.*

Creator of light, receive the prayer and praise we  
offer you as our evening sacrifice; make us a  
light for all the world, delivered by your  
goodness from all the works of darkness;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

## Read a Psalm

*Suggested Psalms: 27, 42, 51, 62, 103, 116, 139*

## Read a Short Passage from the Bible

## Prayers

Lord, have mercy on us.  
Christ, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy on us.

*Our Father...*

That this evening may be holy, good, and  
peaceful, we entreat you, O Lord.

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of  
peace and goodwill, we entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our  
sins and offenses, we entreat you, O Lord.

That there may be peace to your Church and  
to the whole world, we entreat you, O Lord.

That we may depart this life in your faith and  
fear, we entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by your Holy  
Spirit in the communion of all your saints,  
entrusting one another and all our life to  
Christ, we entreat you, O Lord.

*Intercessions and thanksgivings may be said*

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.

May Jesus, the Lord of peace, give us peace  
at all times and in all ways. Amen.  
(2 Thessalonians 3.16)