Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;

let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.

But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God;

in you I take refuge; do not leave me defenceless.

**All: Let my prayer rise before you as incense,**

 **The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

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.

**All:** **Amen.**

*(or)*

*Verses from Psalm 104*

**All: Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

 **O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!**

You are clothed with majesty and honour,

wrapped in light as in a garment.

The sun knows the time for its setting.

You make darkness that it may be night.

**All: Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

 **O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!**

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created,

and you renew the face of the earth.

**All: Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

 **O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!**

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;

may the Lord rejoice in his works;

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will make music to my God while I have my being.

**All: Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

 **O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!**

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.

**All:** **Amen.**

**Scripture Readings**

First Reading

Second Reading

 At the end the reader says

 This is the word of the Lord.

 All: Thanks be to God.

Responsory

The Lord is my light and my salvation;

the Lord is the strength of my life.

**All: 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.

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

Glory to the Father, and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

**All: The Lord is my light and my salvation;**

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

**Homily**

Prayers of Intercession

*These responses may be used:*

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful:

**All: We pray to you, O Lord.**

That your holy angels may lead us in the paths of peace and goodwill:

**All: We pray to you, O Lord.**

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offences:

**All: We pray to you, O Lord.**

That there may be peace in your Church and for the whole world:

**All: We pray to you, O Lord.**

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit,

in communion with [N and with] all your saints,

entrusting one another and all our life to Christ:

**All: We pray to you, O Lord.**

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

Merciful Father,

**All: Accept these prayers**

 **for the sake of your Son,**

 our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

**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.

**All: Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray

**All: 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.**

*The Conclusion*

**The Grace**

**All: 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.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

St Mary the Virgin

& All Souls, Bulwell



Evening Prayer

**An Order for Evening Prayer on Sunday**

*The Gathering*

The Greeting

O God, make speed to save us.

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

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night:

to you be praise and glory for ever.

As darkness falls you renew your promise

to reveal among us the light of your presence.

By the light of Christ, your living Word,

dispel the darkness of our hearts

that we may walk as children of light

and sing your praise throughout the world.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**All: Blessed be God for ever.**

*The Liturgy of the Word*

Psalmody

Verses from Psalm 141 (A Song of the Evening Sacrifice)

**All: Let my prayer rise before you as incense,**

 **The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;

hear my voice when I cry to you.

Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,

and guard the door of my lips;

**All: Let my prayer rise before you as incense,**

 **The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**