

# Community: Praying Evening Prayer

*According to the Book of Common Prayer 1979*

Praying the Daily Office is something that you can do by yourself. And it is also a way of praying in community. Whether you are praying in a room with others, praying across timezones on a video call, or praying silently the words of our tradition in spiritual unity with the communion of saints!

## **Preparation:**

1. Check the calendar in the front of the prayer book to see if it's a feast day.
2. Find the psalms and readings for the day in the lectionary charts
  - Feast day pp. 996-001
  - Other days pp. 936-995
3. Decide whether you are going to use one reading or two, and which ones it will be (there are some rubrics for making this choice on p. 934)
4. Find the Collect of the Day
  - Feast day pp. 237-250
  - Other days: you can use the collect from the previous Sunday (pp. 211-236)

## **Materials:**

- Prayer book (or app)
- Candle (optional)
- Quiet place and ~20 minutes

## **Praying Evening Prayer, begin on p. 103**

[square brackets indicate optional parts]

- [1. Sentence from Scripture]
- [2. Confession/Absolution, if desired]
3. Opening sentences (a.k.a. preces)
4. Phos Hilaron - if you have a candle, light it here!
5. Psalm(s) appointed
6. First reading
7. Magnificat - Song of Mary
- [8. Second reading]
9. Nunc dimittis - Song of Simeon, if there are 2 readings]
10. Apostles' Creed
11. Lord's prayer
12. Suffrages A or B
13. Collects (can be Collect of the Day, the ones printed on pp. 123-124, or other collects/prayers e.g. pp.....)
14. Prayer for mission (p. 124)
- [15. Time for free intercessions/thanksgivings]
16. Dismissal