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Tuesday  
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Proper 21

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole Earth tremble before him. *Psalm 96:9*

## Hymn: In the dark of the midnight

In the dark of the midnight,  
Have I oft hid my face;  
While the storm howls above me,  
And there's no hiding place;  
'Mid the crash of the thunder,  
Precious Lord, hear my cry;  
"Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by."

'Til the storm passes over,  
'Til the thunder sounds no more;  
'Til the clouds roll forever from the sky,  
Hold me fast, let me stand,  
In the hollow of Thy hand;  
Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by.

Many times Satan whispers,  
"There is no need to try;  
For there's no end of sorrow,  
There's no hope by and by";  
But I know Thou art with me,  
And tomorrow I'll rise;  
Where the storms never darken the skies.

'Til the storm passes over,  
'Til the thunder sounds no more;  
'Til the clouds roll forever from the sky,  
Hold me fast, let me stand,  
In the hollow of Thy hand;  
Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by.

When the long night has ended,  
And the storms come no more,  
Let me stand in Thy presence.  
On that bright, peaceful shore.  
In that land where the tempest

Never comes, Lord may I  
Dwell with Thee when the storm passes by.

'Til the storm passes over,  
'Til the thunder sounds no more;  
'Til the clouds roll forever from the sky,  
Hold me fast, let me stand,  
In the hollow of Thy hand;  
Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by.

Words and Music: Traditional

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron***

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## **The Psalter**

### **24 *Domini est terra***

or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, \*  
the world and all who dwell therein.

<sup>2</sup> For it is he who founded it upon the seas \*  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

<sup>3</sup> "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? \*  
and who can stand in his holy place?"

<sup>4</sup> "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, \*  
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,  
nor sworn by what is a fraud.

<sup>5</sup> They shall receive a blessing from the Lord \*  
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

<sup>6</sup> Such is the generation of those who seek him, \*  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

<sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

<sup>8</sup> "Who is this King of glory?" \*  
"The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord, mighty in battle."

<sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

<sup>10</sup> "Who is he, this King of glory?" \*  
"The Lord of hosts,

he is the King of glory."

## ***25 Ad te, Domine, levavi*** **or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>2</sup> Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

<sup>3</sup> Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.

<sup>4</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>5</sup> Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

<sup>6</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth  
and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

<sup>7</sup> Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

<sup>8</sup> He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.

<sup>9</sup> All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

<sup>10</sup> For your Names sake, O Lord, \*  
forgive my sin, for it is great.

<sup>11</sup> Who are they who fear the Lord? \*  
he will teach them the way that they should choose.

<sup>12</sup> They shall dwell in prosperity, \*  
and their offspring shall inherit the land.

<sup>13</sup> The Lord is a friend to those who fear him \*  
and will show them his covenant.

<sup>14</sup> My eyes are ever looking to the Lord, \*  
for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

<sup>15</sup> Turn to me and have pity on me, \*  
for I am left alone and in misery.

<sup>16</sup> The sorrows of my heart have increased; \*  
bring me out of my troubles.

<sup>17</sup> Look upon my adversity and misery \*  
and forgive me all my sin.

<sup>18</sup> Look upon my enemies, for they are many, \*  
and they bear a violent hatred against me.

<sup>19</sup> Protect my life and deliver me; \*  
let me not be put to shame, for I have trusted in you.

<sup>20</sup> Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, \*  
for my hope has been in you.

<sup>21</sup> Deliver Israel, O God, \*  
out of all his troubles.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 5:12-26

<sup>12</sup>Once, when he was in one of the cities, there was a man covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he bowed with his face to the ground and begged him, "Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean." <sup>13</sup>Then Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, "I do choose. Be made clean." Immediately the leprosy left him. <sup>14</sup>And he ordered him to tell no one. "Go," he said, "and show yourself to the priest, and, as Moses commanded, make an offering for your cleansing, for a testimony to them." <sup>15</sup>But now more than ever the word about Jesus spread abroad; many crowds would gather to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. <sup>16</sup>But he would withdraw to deserted places and pray.

<sup>17</sup>One day, while he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting near by (they had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem); and the power of the Lord was with him to heal. <sup>18</sup>Just then some men came, carrying a paralyzed man on a bed. They were trying to bring him in and lay him before Jesus; <sup>19</sup>but finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the middle of the crowd in front of Jesus. <sup>20</sup>When he saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven you." <sup>21</sup>Then the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, "Who is this who is speaking blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" <sup>22</sup>When Jesus perceived their questionings, he answered them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? <sup>23</sup>Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Stand up and walk'? <sup>24</sup>But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" he said to the one who was paralyzed "I say to you, stand up and take your bed and go to your home." <sup>25</sup>Immediately he stood up before them, took what he had been lying on, and went to his home, glorifying God. <sup>26</sup>Amazement seized all of them, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, "We have seen strange things today."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

# The Canticle

*Everyone*

## The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

### Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

## The Apostles' Creed

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

# The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))

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 Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

# The Suffrages

*Leader*

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

## The Collect of the Day: Proper 21

*Leader*



O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

## **The World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [Puerto Rico](#).

## **The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia](#).

## **A Collect for Guidance**

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

## **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## **For Agriculture**

Almighty God, we thank you for making the earth fruitful, so that it might produce what is needed for life: Bless those who work in the fields; give us seasonable weather; and grant that we may all share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For Those We Love**

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For Quiet Confidence**

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we will be saved, in quietness and confidence will be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord**

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in His shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge,  
My Rock in Whom I trust."

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
And famine will bring you no fear;  
Under His Wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.

And for to His angels He's given a command,  
To guard you in all of your ways,  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.

And hold you, and hold you in the palm of His Hand.

Words and music: Michael Joncas

## **A Prayer of Self-Dedication**

Almighty and eternal God,  
so draw our hearts to you,

so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations,  
so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly yours,  
utterly dedicated unto you;  
and then use us, we pray you, as you will,  
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

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. 2 Corinthians 13:14

## Hymn: God Be With You

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## An Order for Compline

*The Leader begins*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

*Leader*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*Response*

The maker of heaven and Earth.

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:  
We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **The Psalm**

*Everyone*

4 *Cum invocarem*

or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup> "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?"

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

<sup>4</sup> Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

<sup>5</sup> Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> Many are saying,  
"Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

<sup>7</sup> You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

<sup>8</sup> I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

## **The Word**

*Leader*

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Hebrews 13:20-21*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.*

# The Responses

*Leader*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

*Response*

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

*Leader*

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

*Response*

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

## The Prayers

*Everyone*

### The Lord's Prayer

or [traditional](#)

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.

# Traditional Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your loves sake. Amen.

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

# The Canticle

*Everyone*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.



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# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

Yours is the day, O God, yours also the night; you established the moon and the sun. You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter. *Psalm 74:15, 16*

## Hymn: I will come to you in the silence

I will come to you in the silence.  
I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear My voice.  
I claim you as My choice.  
Be still, and know I am near.

I am hope for all who are hopeless.  
I am eyes for all who long to see.  
In the shadows of the night,  
I will be your light  
Come and rest in Me.

Do not be afraid, I am with you.  
I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow Me.  
I will bring you home.  
I love you and you are mine.

I am strength for all the despairing.  
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free.  
And all will know My name.

Do not be afraid, I am with you.  
I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow Me.  
I will bring you home.  
I love you and you are mine.

I am the Word that leads all to freedom.  
I am the peace the world cannot give.  
I will call your name, embracing all your pain.  
Stand up, now, walk, and live.

Do not be afraid, I am with you.  
I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow Me.  
I will bring you home.  
I love you and you are mine.

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I will bring you home.  
I love you and you are mine.

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron***

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## **The Psalter**

**119:121-144**

or [Coverdale](#)

**Ayin** *Feci iudicium*

<sup>121</sup> I have done what is just and right; \*  
do not deliver me to my oppressors.

<sup>122</sup> Be surety for your servant's good; \*  
let not the proud oppress me.

<sup>123</sup> My eyes have failed from watching for your salvation \*  
and for your righteous promise.

<sup>124</sup> Deal with your servant according to your loving-kindness \*  
and teach me your statutes.

<sup>125</sup> I am your servant; grant me understanding, \*  
that I may know your decrees.

<sup>126</sup> It is time for you to act, O Lord, \*  
for they have broken your law.

<sup>127</sup> Truly, I love your commandments \*  
more than gold and precious stones.

<sup>128</sup> I hold all your commandments to be right for me; \*  
all paths of falsehood I abhor.

**Pe** *Mirabilia*

<sup>129</sup> Your decrees are wonderful; \*  
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

<sup>130</sup> When your word goes forth it gives light; \*  
it gives understanding to the simple.

131 I open my mouth and pant; \*  
I long for your commandments.  
132 Turn to me in mercy, \*  
as you always do to those who love your Name.  
133 Steady my footsteps in your word; \*  
let no iniquity have dominion over me.  
134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, \*  
and I will keep your commandments.  
135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant \*  
and teach me your statutes.  
136 My eyes shed streams of tears, \*  
because people do not keep your law.

### **Sadhe** *Justus es, Domine*

137 You are righteous, O Lord, \*  
and upright are your judgements.  
138 You have issued your decrees \*  
with justice and in perfect faithfulness.  
139 My indignation has consumed me, \*  
because my enemies forget your words.  
140 Your word has been tested to the uttermost, \*  
and your servant holds it dear.  
141 I am small and of little account, \*  
yet I do not forget your commandments.  
142 Your justice is an everlasting justice \*  
and your law is the truth.  
143 Trouble and distress have come upon me, \*  
yet your commandments are my delight.  
144 The righteousness of your decrees is everlasting; \*  
grant me understanding, that I may live.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 5:27-39

<sup>27</sup>After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up, left everything, and followed him. Then Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house; and there was a large crowd of tax collectors and others sitting at the table with them. <sup>30</sup>The Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>31</sup>Jesus answered, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; <sup>32</sup>I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance." <sup>33</sup>Then they said to him, "John's disciples, like the disciples of the Pharisees, frequently fast and pray, but your disciples eat and drink. <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, "You cannot make wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them, can you? <sup>35</sup>The days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days." <sup>36</sup>He also told them a parable: "No one tears a piece from a new garment and sews it on an old garment; otherwise the new will be torn, and the piece from the new will not match the old. <sup>37</sup>And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. <sup>38</sup>But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. <sup>39</sup>And no one after drinking old wine desires new wine, but says, 'The old is good.'"

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

# **The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis***

## **Luke 2:29-32**

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))

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 Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*Response*

And grant us your salvation.

*Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

*Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

*Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 21**

*Leader*

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [U.S. Virgin Islands](#).

## **The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [Anglican Church in Japan](#).

## **A Collect for Protection**

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*



## **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## **For Cities**

Heavenly Father, in your Word you have given us a vision of that holy City to which the nations of the world bring their glory: Behold and visit, we pray, the cities of the earth. Renew the ties of mutual regard which form our civic life. Send us honest and able leaders. Enable us to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression, that peace may prevail with righteousness, and justice with order, and that men and women from different cultures and with differing talents may find with one another the fulfillment of their humanity.

## **For Those Who Influence Public Opinion**

Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For the Future of the Human Race**

O God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: Increase our reverence before the mystery of life; and give us new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: Ye watchers and ye holy ones**

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
Bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,  
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia!  
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,  
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim,  
More glorious than the seraphim,  
Lead their praises, Alleluia!  
Thou bearer of th'eternal Word,  
Most gracious, magnify the Lord.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,

Ye patriarchs and prophets blest,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,  
All saints triumphant, raise the song.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing,  
Supernal anthems echoing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

Singers; Choir of Belfast Cathedral  
Words: John A.L. Riley

## **A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,

that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

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. 2 Corinthians 13:14

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## **An Order for Compline**

*The Leader begins*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

*Leader*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*Response*

The maker of heaven and Earth.

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:  
We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **The Psalm**

*Everyone*

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*  
or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup>In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame: \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*

for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O Lord, O God of truth.

## The Word

*Leader*

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.  
*Matthew 11:28-30*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.*

## The Responses

*Leader*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

*Response*

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

*Leader*

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

*Response*

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

## The Prayers

*Everyone*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

or [traditional](#)

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.

## **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each others toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.

[Jump to Compline](#)

Thursday  
Evening Prayer  
Proper 21

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. *Psalm 16:7, 8*

## Hymn: Joyous light of God's own glory

Joyous light of God's own glory  
Light of heav'n that fills this place  
Light of Son, eternal Father  
Light of God, the Son of grace.  
As the sun begins its setting  
And the glow of dusk sets in,  
We can look to heaven's glory  
For the light that never ends.

From the smallest of the sparrows  
To the blazing stars above,  
All Creation sings your glory,  
All Creation sings your love.  
O Son of God most holy  
O Son of God most high,  
May all earth and all the heavens  
Praise you for your glorious light.

O sing to God the Father,  
O sing to God the Son,  
O sing to God the Spirit,  
To God, the Three in One.  
Now let our voices rise up  
In harmonies most pure  
For God, you are most worthy  
Of our praise forevermore.

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In harmonies most pure  
For God, you are most worthy  
Of our praise forevermore.

Words: RR Ketcham  
Tune: *Nettleton*



## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## The Invitatory

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## The Psalter

### 105 Part II *Et intravit Israel* or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>23</sup> Israel came into Egypt, \*  
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.  
<sup>24</sup> The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; \*  
he made them stronger than their enemies;  
<sup>25</sup> Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, \*  
and dealt unjustly with his servants.  
<sup>26</sup> He sent Moses his servant, \*  
and Aaron whom he had chosen.  
<sup>27</sup> They worked his signs among them, \*  
and portents in the land of Ham.  
<sup>28</sup> He sent darkness, and it grew dark; \*  
but the Egyptians rebelled against his words.  
<sup>29</sup> He turned their waters into blood \*  
and caused their fish to die.  
<sup>30</sup> Their land was overrun by frogs, \*  
in the very chambers of their kings.  
<sup>31</sup> He spoke, and there came swarms of insects \*  
and gnats within all their borders.  
<sup>32</sup> He gave them hailstones instead of rain, \*  
and flames of fire throughout their land.  
<sup>33</sup> He blasted their vines and their fig trees \*  
and shattered every tree in their country.  
<sup>34</sup> He spoke, and the locust came, \*  
and young locusts without number,  
<sup>35</sup> Which ate up all the green plants in their land \*  
and devoured the fruit of their soil.  
<sup>36</sup> He struck down the firstborn of their land, \*  
the firstfruits of all their strength.  
<sup>37</sup> He led out his people with silver and gold; \*  
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.  
<sup>38</sup> Egypt was glad of their going, \*  
because they were afraid of them.  
<sup>39</sup> He spread out a cloud for a covering \*  
and a fire to give light in the night season.

<sup>40</sup> They asked, and quails appeared, \*  
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

<sup>41</sup> He opened the rock, and water flowed, \*  
so the river ran in the dry places.

<sup>42</sup> For God remembered his holy word \*  
and Abraham his servant.

<sup>43</sup> So he led forth his people with gladness, \*  
his chosen with shouts of joy.

<sup>44</sup> He gave his people the lands of the nations, \*  
and they took the fruit of others' toil,

<sup>45</sup> That they might keep his statutes \*  
and observe his laws.

Hallelujah!

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost:

as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 6:1-11

<sup>6</sup>One sabbath while Jesus was going through the grainfields, his disciples plucked some heads of grain, rubbed them in their hands, and ate them. <sup>2</sup>But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?"

<sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? <sup>4</sup>He entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and gave some to his companions?" <sup>5</sup>Then he said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath."

<sup>6</sup>On another sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. <sup>7</sup>The scribes and the Pharisees

watched him to see whether he would cure on the sabbath, so that they might find an accusation against him. <sup>8</sup>Even though he knew what they were thinking, he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come and stand here." He got up and stood there.

<sup>9</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?" <sup>10</sup>After looking around at all of them, he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was restored.

<sup>11</sup>But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

# The Canticle

*Everyone*

## The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

### Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

## The Apostles' Creed

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

# The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))

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 Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

# The Suffrages

*Leader*

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

## The Collect of the Day: Proper 21

*Leader*

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

## **The World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [Baker Island](#).

## **The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [Anglican Church of Australia](#).

## **A Collect for Protection**

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

## **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## **For Those Who Need Continuing Care**

Look with mercy, O God our Father, on all persons who have become ill, weak, distressed, or isolated. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept help; and increase their faith and their assurance of your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For the Absent**

O God, whose fatherly care reaches to the uttermost parts of the earth: We humbly beseech you graciously to behold and bless whom we love, now absent from us. Defend them from all dangers of soul and body; and grant that both they and we, drawing nearer to you, may be bound together by your love in the communion of your Holy Spirit, and in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns, adore Him**

Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns, adore Him;  
Praise Him, angels, in the height.  
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;  
Praise Him, all ye stars of light.  
Praise the Lord! for He hath spoken;  
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed.  
Laws which never shall be broken  
For their guidance He hath made.

Praise the Lord for He is glorious;  
Never shall His promise fail.  
God hath made His saints victorious;  
Sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation!  
Hosts on high, His power proclaim,  
Heav'n and Earth and all creation  
Laud and magnify His name.

## **A Prayer of Self-Dedication**

Almighty and eternal God,  
so draw our hearts to you,  
so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations,  
so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly yours,  
utterly dedicated unto you;  
and then use us, we pray you, as you will,  
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,



and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Romans 15:13

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## **An Order for Compline**

*The Leader begins*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

*Leader*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*Response*

The maker of heaven and Earth.

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:  
We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **The Psalm**

*Everyone*

4 *Cum invocarem*  
or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup> "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?"

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

<sup>4</sup> Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

<sup>5</sup> Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> Many are saying,  
"Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

<sup>7</sup> You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

<sup>8</sup> I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

## The Word

*Leader*

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.  
*Matthew 11:28-30*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.*

## The Responses

*Leader*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

*Response*

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

*Leader*

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

*Response*

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

## **The Prayers**

*Everyone*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

or [traditional](#)

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.

### **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your loves sake. Amen.

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.

[Jump to Compline](#)

Friday  
Evening Prayer  
Proper 21

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

Seek him who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night; who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out upon the surface of the earth: The Lord is his name. *Amos 5:8*

## Hymn: Night is come

Night is come; stars shine down  
twinkling over field and town.  
Now we stop here to pray:  
"Thank you, God, for this day."

This one sleeps; this one wakes.  
And each one comfort takes  
from the Joy that surrounds  
all Creation without bounds.

Day by day, year by year,  
let us know You are near.  
Night by night from above  
teach us mercy, peace, and love.

Tune: *Night is come*

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron***

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## **The Psalter**

### **107 Part I *Confitemini Domino* or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, \*

and his mercy endures for ever.

<sup>2</sup> Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim \*  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

<sup>3</sup> He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

<sup>4</sup> Some wandered in desert wastes; \*  
they found no way to a city where they might dwell.

<sup>5</sup> They were hungry and thirsty; \*  
their spirits languished within them.

<sup>6</sup> Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.

<sup>7</sup> He put their feet on a straight path \*  
to go to a city where they might dwell.

<sup>8</sup> Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.

<sup>9</sup> For he satisfies the thirsty \*  
and fills the hungry with good things.

<sup>10</sup> Some sat in darkness and deep gloom, \*  
bound fast in misery and iron;

<sup>11</sup> Because they rebelled against the words of God \*  
and despised the counsel of the Most High.

<sup>12</sup> So he humbled their spirits with hard labor; \*  
they stumbled, and there was none to help.

<sup>13</sup> Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.

<sup>14</sup> He led them out of darkness and deep gloom \*  
and broke their bonds asunder.

<sup>15</sup> Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.

<sup>16</sup> For he shatters the doors of bronze \*  
and breaks in two the iron bars.

<sup>17</sup> Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \*  
they were afflicted because of their sins.

<sup>18</sup> They abhorred all manner of food \*  
and drew near to death's door.

<sup>19</sup> Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.

<sup>20</sup> He sent forth his word and healed them \*  
and saved them from the grave.

<sup>21</sup> Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.

<sup>22</sup> Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

<sup>23</sup> Some went down to the sea in ships \*  
and plied their trade in deep waters;

<sup>24</sup> They beheld the works of the Lord \*  
and his wonders in the deep.



Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, \*  
which tossed high the waves of the sea.  
26 They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; \*  
their hearts melted because of their peril.  
27 They reeled and staggered like drunkards \*  
and were at their wits' end.  
28 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.  
29 He stilled the storm to a whisper \*  
and quieted the waves of the sea.  
30 Then were they glad because of the calm, \*  
and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for.  
31 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.  
32 Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people \*  
and praise him in the council of the elders.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 6:12-26

<sup>12</sup>Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. <sup>13</sup>And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles: <sup>14</sup>Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James, and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, <sup>15</sup>and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called the Zealot, <sup>16</sup>and Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor. <sup>17</sup>He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup>They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup>Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.  
<sup>21</sup>"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.  
<sup>22</sup>"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. <sup>24</sup>"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. <sup>25</sup>"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup>"Woe to

you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

# **The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis*** **Luke 2:29-32**

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

# The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))

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 Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Suffrages

*Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*Response*

And grant us your salvation.

*Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

*Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

*Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

# The Collect of the Day: Proper 21

*Leader*

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## For Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The World Cycle of Prayer

We pray for the people of [Howland Island](#).

## The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [Anglican Church of Burundi](#).

## A Collect for Fridays

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. Amen.

## Intercessions

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

## Hymn: To my humble supplication

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## **For Clergy and People**

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our bishops, and other clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **For the Unity of the Church**

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions; take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as there is but one Body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For Monastic Orders and Vocations**

O Lord Jesus Christ, you became poor for our sake, that we might be made rich through your poverty: Guide and sanctify, we pray, those whom you call to follow you under the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, that by their prayer and service they may enrich your Church, and by their life and worship may glorify your Name; for you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **Hymn: Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns, adore Him**

Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns, adore Him;  
Praise Him, angels, in the height.  
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;  
Praise Him, all ye stars of light.  
Praise the Lord! for He hath spoken;  
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed.  
Laws which never shall be broken  
For their guidance He hath made.

Praise the Lord for He is glorious;  
Never shall His promise fail.  
God hath made His saints victorious;  
Sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation!  
Hosts on high, His power proclaim,  
Heav'n and Earth and all creation  
Laud and magnify His name.

## **A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

### **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

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. 2 Corinthians 13:14

## Hymn: God Be With You

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## An Order for Compline

*The Leader begins*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

*Leader*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*Response*

The maker of heaven and Earth.

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:  
We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.



*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **The Psalm**

*Everyone*

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*

or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup>In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame: \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O Lord, O God of truth.

## **The Word**

*Leader*

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

*Matthew 11:28-30*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith. *1 Peter 5:8-9a*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.*

# The Responses

*Leader*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

*Response*

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

*Leader*

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

*Response*

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

## The Prayers

*Everyone*

## The Lord's Prayer

or [traditional](#)

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.

## **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each others toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.

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# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."  
John 8:12

## Hymn: Now rest beneath night's shadow

Now rest beneath night's shadow  
The woodland, field, and meadow,  
The world in slumber lies;  
But you, my heart, awake thee,  
To prayer and song betake thee;  
Let praise to the Creator rise.  
Let praise to the Creator rise.

Lord Jesus, You do love me,  
Oh, spread Your wings above me  
And shield me from alarm!  
Though Satan would devour me,  
Let angel-guards sing o'er me:  
This child of God shall meet no harm!  
This child of God shall meet no harm!

Composer: Paul Gerhardt, 1653  
Tune: *Nun ruhen alle Wlder*

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron***

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## **The Psalter**

**107 Part II *Posuit flumina***  
or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>33</sup> The Lord changed rivers into deserts, \*  
and water-springs into thirsty ground,  
<sup>34</sup> A fruitful land into salt flats, \*  
because of the wickedness of those who dwell there.  
<sup>35</sup> He changed deserts into pools of water \*  
and dry land into water-springs.  
<sup>36</sup> He settled the hungry there, \*  
and they founded a city to dwell in.  
<sup>37</sup> They sowed fields, and planted vineyards, \*  
and brought in a fruitful harvest.  
<sup>38</sup> He blessed them, so that they increased greatly; \*  
he did not let their herds decrease.  
<sup>39</sup> Yet when they were diminished and brought low, \*  
through stress of adversity and sorrow,  
<sup>40</sup> (He pours contempt on princes \*  
and makes them wander in trackless wastes)  
<sup>41</sup> He lifted up the poor out of misery \*  
and multiplied their families like flocks of sheep.  
<sup>42</sup> The upright will see this and rejoice, \*  
but all wickedness will shut its mouth.  
<sup>43</sup> Whoever is wise will ponder these things, \*  
and consider well the mercies of the Lord.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 6:27-38

<sup>27</sup>"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you. <sup>32</sup>"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup>"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

# **The Song of Mary *Magnificat* Luke 1:46-55**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit



and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))

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 Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 21**

*Leader*

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

## **A Collect for Saturdays**

O God, the source of eternal light: Shed forth your unending day upon us who watch for you, that our lips may praise you, our lives may bless you, and our worship on the morrow give you glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [Jarvis Island](#).

## **The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [Slovak Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Serbia & Montenegro](#).

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

## **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## **For Sound Government**

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

Lord, keep this nation under your care.

To all who have executive authority and to all who have administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To those who make our laws give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name.

For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Amen.

## **For Schools and Colleges**

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For the Harvest of Lands and Waters**

O gracious Father, who opens your hand and fills all living things: Bless the lands and waters, and multiply the harvests of the world; let your Spirit go forth, that it may renew the face of the earth; show your loving-kindness, that our land may give her increase; and save us from selfish use of what you give, that men and women everywhere may give you thanks; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: I love thy kingdom, Lord**

I love thy kingdom, Lord,  
the house of thine abode,

the Church our blest Redeemer  
saved with his own precious blood.

For her my tears shall fall;  
for her my prayers ascend;  
to her my cares and toils be given,  
till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy  
I prize her heavenly ways,  
her sweet communion, solemn vows,  
her hymns of love and praise.

Jesus, thou friend divine,  
our Savior and our King,  
thy hand from every snare and foe  
shall great deliverance bring.

Sure as thy truth shall last,  
to Zion shall be given  
the brightest glories Earth can yield,  
and brighter bliss of heaven.

Singers: The Congregation of Washington National Cathedral (the Cathedral Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul)  
Words: Timothy Dwight  
Tune: *St. Thomas*

## **A Prayer of Self-Dedication**

Almighty and eternal God,  
so draw our hearts to you,  
so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations,  
so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly yours,  
utterly dedicated unto you;  
and then use us, we pray you, as you will,  
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love

in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

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. 2 Corinthians 13:14

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## **An Order for Compline**

*The Leader begins*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

*Leader*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*Response*

The maker of heaven and Earth.

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:  
We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **The Psalm**

*Everyone*

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*  
or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup>In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame: \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O Lord, O God of truth.

## The Word

*Leader*

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Hebrews 13:20-21*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith. *1 Peter 5:8-9a*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.*

## The Responses

*Leader*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

*Response*

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

*Leader*

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

*Response*

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.



*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

## **The Prayers**

*Everyone*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

or [traditional](#)

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.

## **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illumine this night with your celestial brightness; that by night as by day your people may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **A Collect for Saturdays**

We give you thanks, O God, for revealing your Son Jesus Christ to us by the light of his resurrection: Grant that as we sing your glory at the close of this day, our joy may abound in the morning as we celebrate the Paschal mystery; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your loves sake. Amen.

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.



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# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:2

## Hymn: Glory to thee, my God, this night

Glory to thee, my God, this night,  
for all the blessings of the light:  
keep me, O keep me, King of kings,  
beneath thine own almighty wings.

Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,  
the ill that I this day have done;  
that with the world, myself, and thee,  
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

Teach me to live, that I may dread  
the grave as little as my bed;  
teach me to die, that so I may  
rise glorious at the awful day.

O may my soul on thee repose,  
and with sweet sleep mine eyelids close;  
sleep that may me more vigorous make  
to serve my God when I awake.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Singers: The Chapel Choir of University College, Durham  
Words: Thomas Ken, 1692  
Music: Thomas Tallis Tune: *Tallis' Canon*

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron***

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

# The Psalter

## 145 *Exaltabo te, Deus* or [Coverdale](#)

- <sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, O God my King, \*  
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- <sup>2</sup> Every day will I bless you \*  
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- <sup>3</sup> Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \*  
there is no end to his greatness.
- <sup>4</sup> One generation shall praise your works to another \*  
and shall declare your power.
- <sup>5</sup> I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \*  
and all your marvelous works.
- <sup>6</sup> They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \*  
and I will tell of your greatness.
- <sup>7</sup> They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; \*  
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- <sup>8</sup> The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- <sup>9</sup> The Lord is loving to everyone \*  
and his compassion is over all his works.
- <sup>10</sup> All your works praise you, O Lord, \*  
and your faithful servants bless you.
- <sup>11</sup> They make known the glory of your kingdom \*  
and speak of your power;
- <sup>12</sup> That the peoples may know of your power \*  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- <sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; \*  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- <sup>14</sup> The Lord is faithful in all his words \*  
and merciful in all his deeds.
- <sup>15</sup> The Lord upholds all those who fall; \*  
he lifts up those who are bowed down.
- <sup>16</sup> The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, \*  
and you give them their food in due season.
- <sup>17</sup> You open wide your hand \*  
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- <sup>18</sup> The Lord is righteous in all his ways \*  
and loving in all his works.
- <sup>19</sup> The Lord is near to those who call upon him, \*  
to all who call upon him faithfully.
- <sup>20</sup> He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; \*  
he hears their cry and helps them.

The Lord preserves all those who love him, \*  
but he destroys all the wicked.

<sup>22</sup> My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; \*  
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **The Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 14:1-12

<sup>1</sup>At that time Herod the ruler heard reports about Jesus; <sup>2</sup>and he said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist; he has been raised from the dead, and for this reason these powers are at work in him." <sup>3</sup>For Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, <sup>4</sup>because John had been telling him, "It is not lawful for you to have her." <sup>5</sup>Though Herod wanted to put him to death, he feared the crowd, because they regarded him as a prophet. <sup>6</sup>But when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before the company, and she pleased Herod <sup>7</sup>so much that he promised on oath to grant her whatever she might ask. <sup>8</sup>Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter." <sup>9</sup>The king was grieved, yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he commanded it to be given; <sup>10</sup>he sent and had John beheaded in the prison. <sup>11</sup>The head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, who brought it to her mother. <sup>12</sup>His disciples came and took the body and buried it; then they went and told Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

## **The Song of Mary *Magnificat* Luke 1:46-55**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

## The Apostles' Creed

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*



And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))**

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 Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 22**

*Leader*

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield

the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

## **A Collect for Sundays**

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [Johnston Atoll](#).

## **The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [Spanish Evangelical Church](#).

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

## **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## **For Courts of Justice**

Lord Jesus, for our sake you were condemned as a criminal: Visit our jails and prisons with your pity and judgment. Remember all prisoners, and bring the guilty to repentance and amendment of life according to your will, and give them hope for their future. When any are held unjustly, bring them release; forgive us, and teach us to improve our justice. Remember those who work in these institutions; keep them humane and compassionate; and save them from becoming brutal or callous. And since what we do for those in prison, O Lord, we do for you, constrain us to improve their lot. All this we ask for your mercy's sake. Amen.

## **For Those Who Suffer for the Sake of Conscience**

O God our Father, whose Son forgave his enemies while he was suffering shame and death: Strengthen those who suffer for the sake of conscience; when they are accused, save them from speaking in hate; when they are rejected, save them from bitterness; when they are imprisoned, save them from despair; and to us your servants, give grace to respect their witness and to discern the truth, that our society may be cleansed and strengthened. This we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, our merciful and righteous Judge. Amen.

## **For Towns and Rural Areas**

Lord Christ, when you came among us, you proclaimed the kingdom of God in villages, towns, and lonely places: Grant that your presence and power may be known throughout this land. Have mercy upon all of us who live and work in rural areas; and grant that all the people of our nation may give thanks to you for food and drink and all other bodily necessities of life, respect those who labor to produce them, and honor the land and the water from which these good things come. All this we ask in your holy Name. Amen.

## **Hymn: I greet Thee, who my sure Redeemer art**

I greet Thee, who my sure Redeemer art,  
My only Trust and Savior of my heart,  
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;  
I pray Thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,  
Reigning omnipotent in ev'ry place:  
So come, O King, and our whole being sway;  
Shine on us with the light of Thy pure day.

Thou art the life, by which alone we live,  
And all our substance and our strength receive;  
O comfort us in death's approaching hour,  
strong-hearted then to face it by thy pow'r.

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness,  
No harshness hast Thou and no bitterness:  
make us to taste the sweet grace found in Thee  
and ever stay in thy sweet unity.

Our hope is in no other save in Thee;  
Our faith is built upon Thy promise free;  
O grant to us such stronger hope and sure  
That we can boldly conquer and endure.

Words: John Calvin, Strasbourg Psalter  
Tune: *Toulon*

## **A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

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. 2 Corinthians 13:14

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## An Order for Compline

*The Leader begins*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

*Leader*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*Response*

The maker of heaven and Earth.

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:  
We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## The Psalm

*Everyone*

4 *Cum invocarem*

or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup> "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?"

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

<sup>4</sup> Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

<sup>5</sup> Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> Many are saying,  
"Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

<sup>7</sup> You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

<sup>8</sup> I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

## The Word

*Leader*

Lord, you are in the midst of us, and we are called by your Name: Do not forsake us, O Lord our God. *Jeremiah 14:9, 22*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.*

## The Responses

*Leader*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

*Response*

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

*Leader*

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

*Response*

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

## **The Prayers**

*Everyone*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

or [traditional](#)

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.

### **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,



thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your loves sake. Amen.

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.

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# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. *Psalm 139:10, 11*

## Hymn: I lie, O Lord, within Your care

I lie, O Lord, within Your care,  
Awake or when I'm sleeping.  
Whoever trusts in Your strong arms  
Is safe within Your keeping.

Lord, You alone keep constant watch;  
My restless heart You quiet.  
When shadow fills the night with fear,  
I will by faith defy it.

It is enough that You are near;  
I need not now discover  
What hidden plans You have for me,  
My future's path uncover.

Tomorrow's road I cannot trace  
Nor know what ills will meet me.  
You only ask that I be still  
And trust You there will greet me.

Text: Jochen Klepper, translated by Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr.

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron***

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## **The Psalter**

## 106 Part II *Et fecerunt vitulum* or [Coverdale](#)

- <sup>19</sup> Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb \*  
and worshiped a molten image;
- <sup>20</sup> And so they exchanged their Glory \*  
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.
- <sup>21</sup> They forgot God their Savior, \*  
who had done great things in Egypt,
- <sup>22</sup> Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, \*  
and fearful things at the Red Sea.
- <sup>23</sup> So he would have destroyed them,  
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, \*  
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.
- <sup>24</sup> They refused the pleasant land \*  
and would not believe his promise.
- <sup>25</sup> They grumbled in their tents \*  
and would not listen to the voice of the Lord.
- <sup>26</sup> So he lifted his hand against them, \*  
to overthrow them in the wilderness,
- <sup>27</sup> To cast out their seed among the nations, \*  
and to scatter them throughout the lands.
- <sup>28</sup> They joined themselves to Baal-Peor \*  
and ate sacrifices offered to the dead.
- <sup>29</sup> They provoked him to anger with their actions, \*  
and a plague broke out among them.
- <sup>30</sup> Then Phinehas stood up and interceded, \*  
and the plague came to an end.
- <sup>31</sup> This was reckoned to him as righteousness \*  
throughout all generations for ever.
- <sup>32</sup> Again they provoked his anger at the waters of Meribah, \*  
so that he punished Moses because of them;
- <sup>33</sup> For they so embittered his spirit \*  
that he spoke rash words with his lips.
- <sup>34</sup> They did not destroy the peoples \*  
as the Lord had commanded them.
- <sup>35</sup> They intermingled with the heathen \*  
and learned their pagan ways,
- <sup>36</sup> So that they worshiped their idols, \*  
which became a snare to them.
- <sup>37</sup> They sacrificed their sons \*  
and their daughters to evil spirits.
- <sup>38</sup> They shed innocent blood,  
the blood of their sons and daughters, \*  
which they offered to the idols of Canaan,  
and the land was defiled with blood.
- <sup>39</sup> Thus they were polluted by their actions \*  
and went whoring in their evil deeds.

<sup>40</sup> Therefore the wrath of the Lord was kindled against his people \* and he abhorred his inheritance.

<sup>41</sup> He gave them over to the hand of the heathen, \* and those who hated them ruled over them.

<sup>42</sup> Their enemies oppressed them, \* and they were humbled under their hand.

<sup>43</sup> Many a time did he deliver them, but they rebelled through their own devices, \* and were brought down in their iniquity.

<sup>44</sup> Nevertheless, he saw their distress, \* when he heard their lamentation.

<sup>45</sup> He remembered his covenant with them \* and relented in accordance with his great mercy.

<sup>46</sup> He caused them to be pitied \* by those who held them captive.

<sup>47</sup> Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations, \* that we may give thanks to your holy Name and glory in your praise.

<sup>48</sup> Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting and to everlasting; \* and let all the people say, Amen! Hallelujah!

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **The Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 6:39-49

<sup>39</sup>He also told them a parable: "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? <sup>40</sup>A disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully qualified will be like the teacher. <sup>41</sup>Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? <sup>42</sup>Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye. <sup>43</sup>"No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; <sup>44</sup>for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. <sup>45</sup>The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.

<sup>46</sup>"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I tell you? <sup>47</sup>I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. <sup>48</sup>That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built. <sup>49</sup>But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, immediately it fell, and great was the ruin of that house."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Cantic**

*Everyone*

# **The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis***

## **Luke 2:29-32**

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))

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 Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,



and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*Response*

And grant us your salvation.

*Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

*Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

*Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 22**

*Leader*

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

## **The World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [Tuvalu](#).

## **The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [Syrian Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East](#).

## **A Collect for Peace**

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

## **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## **For the Right Use of God's Gifts**

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For Knowledge of God's Creation**

Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For the Care of Children**

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the

example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Hymn: You are my salvation**

You are my salvation  
Whom then shall I fear?  
In darkness and temptation  
My light and help are near.

You are all around me  
Stronger will I stand.  
And danger will not crush me  
When we walk hand in hand.

God most high  
You shelter me  
And I will trust in You.  
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And I will trust in You.  
God most high  
You shelter me  
And I will trust in You.

With courage I will wait  
Depending on Your mercy.  
You alone, O Lord, will be my peace.

[Interlude]

God most high  
You shelter me  
And I will trust in You.  
God most high  
You shelter me  
And I will trust in You.

Singer: Yvonne Lyon  
Words and Music: David Lyon  
Words based on "God Is My Strong Salvation"

by James Montgomery (1771-1854)

## **A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

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. 2 Corinthians 13:14

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## **An Order for Compline**

*The Leader begins*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

*Leader*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*Response*

The maker of heaven and Earth.

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:  
We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.

For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **The Psalm**

*Everyone*

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*  
or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup>In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame: \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O Lord, O God of truth.

## **The Word**

*Leader*

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.  
*Matthew 11:28-30*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.*

## **The Responses**

*Leader*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

*Response*

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

*Leader*

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

*Response*

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

## **The Prayers**

*Everyone*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

or [traditional](#)

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.

## **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illumine this night with your celestial brightness; that by night as by day your people may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each others toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.

[Jump to Compline](#)

Tuesday  
Evening Prayer  
Proper 22

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole Earth tremble before him. *Psalm 96:9*

## Hymn: In the dark of the midnight

In the dark of the midnight,  
Have I oft hid my face;  
While the storm howls above me,  
And there's no hiding place;  
'Mid the crash of the thunder,  
Precious Lord, hear my cry;  
"Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by."

'Til the storm passes over,  
'Til the thunder sounds no more;  
'Til the clouds roll forever from the sky,  
Hold me fast, let me stand,  
In the hollow of Thy hand;  
Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by.

Many times Satan whispers,  
"There is no need to try;  
For there's no end of sorrow,  
There's no hope by and by";  
But I know Thou art with me,  
And tomorrow I'll rise;  
Where the storms never darken the skies.

'Til the storm passes over,  
'Til the thunder sounds no more;  
'Til the clouds roll forever from the sky,  
Hold me fast, let me stand,  
In the hollow of Thy hand;  
Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by.

When the long night has ended,  
And the storms come no more,  
Let me stand in Thy presence.  
On that bright, peaceful shore.  
In that land where the tempest

Never comes, Lord may I  
Dwell with Thee when the storm passes by.

'Til the storm passes over,  
'Til the thunder sounds no more;  
'Til the clouds roll forever from the sky,  
Hold me fast, let me stand,  
In the hollow of Thy hand;  
Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by.

Words and Music: Traditional

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron***

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## **The Psalter**

### **124 *Nisi quia Dominus* or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
let Israel now say;  
<sup>2</sup> If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
when enemies rose up against us;  
<sup>3</sup> Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
in their fierce anger toward us;  
<sup>4</sup> Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
and the torrent gone over us;  
<sup>5</sup> Then would the raging waters \*  
have gone right over us.  
<sup>6</sup> Blessed be the Lord! \*  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.  
<sup>7</sup> We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.  
<sup>8</sup> Our help is in the Name of the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

### **125 *Qui confidunt* or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, \*  
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.  
<sup>2</sup> The hills stand about Jerusalem; \*

so does the Lord stand round about his people,  
from this time forth for evermore.

<sup>3</sup> The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the  
land allotted to the just, \*  
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

<sup>4</sup> Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good \*  
and to those who are true of heart.

<sup>5</sup> As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,  
the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; \*  
but peace be upon Israel.

## **126 *In convertendo*** **or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup> Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

<sup>3</sup> Then they said among the nations, \*  
"The Lord has done great things for them."

<sup>4</sup> The Lord has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.

<sup>5</sup> Restore our fortunes, O Lord, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.

<sup>6</sup> Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.

<sup>7</sup> Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 7:1-17

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. <sup>2</sup>A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. <sup>3</sup>When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. <sup>4</sup>When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying,

"He is worthy of having you do this for him, for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us." And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; <sup>7</sup>therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. <sup>8</sup>For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." <sup>9</sup>When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." <sup>10</sup>When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

<sup>11</sup>Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. <sup>12</sup>As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. <sup>13</sup>When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." <sup>14</sup>Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" <sup>15</sup>The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. <sup>16</sup>Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" <sup>17</sup>This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Cantic**

*Everyone*

# **The Song of Mary *Magnificat*** **Luke 1:46-55**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*

to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

## The Apostles' Creed

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))

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 Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*



That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 22**

*Leader*

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

## **The World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [Kingman Reef](#).

## **The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church](#).

## **A Collect for Guidance**

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by

your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Intercessions

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

## Hymn: To my humble supplication

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## For Agriculture

Almighty God, we thank you for making the earth fruitful, so that it might produce what is needed for life: Bless those who work in the fields; give us seasonable weather; and grant that we may all share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## For Those We Love

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## For Quiet Confidence

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we will be saved, in quietness and confidence will be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Hymn: You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in His shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge,  
My Rock in Whom I trust."

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
And famine will bring you no fear;  
Under His Wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.

And for to His angels He's given a command,  
To guard you in all of your ways,  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.

And hold you, and hold you in the palm of His Hand.

Words and music: Michael Joncas

## **A Prayer of Self-Dedication**

Almighty and eternal God,  
so draw our hearts to you,  
so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations,  
so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly yours,  
utterly dedicated unto you;  
and then use us, we pray you, as you will,  
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,

that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

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. 2 Corinthians 13:14

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## **An Order for Compline**

*The Leader begins*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

*Leader*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*Response*

The maker of heaven and Earth.

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

We have sinned against you,

through our own fault,

in thought, and word, and deed,

and in what we have left undone.

For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,

forgive us all our offenses;

and grant that we may serve you

in newness of life,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **The Psalm**

*Everyone*

4 *Cum invocarem*

or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*

you set me free when I am hard-pressed;

have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup> "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*

how long will you worship dumb idols

and run after false gods?"

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*

when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

<sup>4</sup> Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

<sup>5</sup> Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> Many are saying,  
"Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

<sup>7</sup> You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

<sup>8</sup> I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

## The Word

*Leader*

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Hebrews 13:20-21*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.*

## The Responses

*Leader*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

*Response*

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

*Leader*

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

*Response*

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

## **The Prayers**

*Everyone*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

or [traditional](#)

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.

### **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your loves sake. Amen.

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.



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Wednesday  
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# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

Yours is the day, O God, yours also the night; you established the moon and the sun. You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter. *Psalm 74:15, 16*

## Hymn: I will come to you in the silence

I will come to you in the silence.  
I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear My voice.  
I claim you as My choice.  
Be still, and know I am near.

I am hope for all who are hopeless.  
I am eyes for all who long to see.  
In the shadows of the night,  
I will be your light  
Come and rest in Me.

Do not be afraid, I am with you.  
I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow Me.  
I will bring you home.  
I love you and you are mine.

I am strength for all the despairing.  
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free.  
And all will know My name.

Do not be afraid, I am with you.  
I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow Me.  
I will bring you home.  
I love you and you are mine.

I am the Word that leads all to freedom.  
I am the peace the world cannot give.  
I will call your name, embracing all your pain.  
Stand up, now, walk, and live.

Do not be afraid, I am with you.  
I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow Me.  
I will bring you home.  
I love you and you are mine.

Do not be afraid, I am with you.  
I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow Me.  
I will bring you home.  
I love you and you are mine.

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron***

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## **The Psalter**

### **128 *Beati omnes***

or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they all who fear the Lord, \*  
and who follow in his ways!

<sup>2</sup> You shall eat the fruit of your labor; \*  
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.

<sup>3</sup> Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, \*  
your children like olive shoots round about your table.

<sup>4</sup> The man who fears the Lord \*  
shall thus indeed be blessed.

<sup>5</sup> The Lord bless you from Zion, \*  
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days  
of your life.

<sup>6</sup> May you live to see your children's children; \*  
may peace be upon Israel.

### **129 *Sæpe expugnauerunt***

or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> "Greatly have they oppressed me since my youth," \*  
let Israel now say;

<sup>2</sup> "Greatly have they oppressed me since my youth, \*  
but they have not prevailed against me."

<sup>3</sup> The plowmen plowed upon my back \*  
and made their furrows long.

<sup>4</sup>

The Lord, the Righteous One, \*  
has cut the cords of the wicked.  
<sup>5</sup> Let them be put to shame and thrown back, \*  
all those who are enemies of Zion.  
<sup>6</sup> Let them be like grass upon the housetops, \*  
which withers before it can be plucked;  
<sup>7</sup> Which does not fill the hand of the reaper, \*  
nor the bosom of him who binds the sheaves;  
<sup>8</sup> So that those who go by say not so much as,  
"The Lord prosper you. \*  
We wish you well in the Name of the Lord."

## **130 *De profundis*** **or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice; \*  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.  
<sup>2</sup> If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
O Lord, who could stand?  
<sup>3</sup> For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
therefore you shall be feared.  
<sup>4</sup> I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; \*  
in his word is my hope.  
<sup>5</sup> My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
more than watchmen for the morning.  
<sup>6</sup> O Israel, wait for the Lord, \*  
for with the Lord there is mercy;  
<sup>7</sup> With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 7:18-35

<sup>18</sup>The disciples of John reported all these things to him. So John summoned two of his disciples

<sup>19</sup>and sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" <sup>20</sup>When the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?'" <sup>21</sup>Jesus had just then cured many people of diseases, plagues, and evil spirits, and had given sight to many who were blind. <sup>22</sup>And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>23</sup>And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." <sup>24</sup>When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>25</sup>What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who put on fine clothing and live in luxury are in royal palaces. <sup>26</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>27</sup>This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' <sup>28</sup>I tell you, among those born of women no one is greater than John; yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he." <sup>29</sup>(And all the people who heard this, including the tax collectors, acknowledged the justice of God, because they had been baptized with John's baptism. <sup>30</sup>But by refusing to be baptized by him, the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected God's purpose for themselves.) <sup>31</sup>"To what then will I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? <sup>32</sup>They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not weep.' <sup>33</sup>For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'He has a demon'; <sup>34</sup>the Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' <sup>35</sup>Nevertheless, wisdom is vindicated by all her children."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Cantic**

*Everyone*

## **The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis***

### **Luke 2:29-32**

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))**

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 Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Suffrages

*Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*Response*

And grant us your salvation.

*Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

*Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

*Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 22**

*Leader*

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [Midway Atoll](#).

## **The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [Syrian Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East](#).

## **A Collect for Protection**

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.



# Intercessions

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

## **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## **For Cities**

Heavenly Father, in your Word you have given us a vision of that holy City to which the nations of the world bring their glory: Behold and visit, we pray, the cities of the earth. Renew the ties of mutual regard which form our civic life. Send us honest and able leaders. Enable us to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression, that peace may prevail with righteousness, and justice with order, and that men and women from different cultures and with differing talents may find with one another the fulfillment of their humanity.

## **For Those Who Influence Public Opinion**

Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For the Future of the Human Race**

O God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: Increase our reverence before the mystery of life; and give us new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: Ye watchers and ye holy ones**

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
Bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,  
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia!  
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,  
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim,

More glorious than the seraphim,  
Lead their praises, Alleluia!  
Thou bearer of th'eternal Word,  
Most gracious, magnify the Lord.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,  
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,  
All saints triumphant, raise the song.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing,  
Supernal anthems echoing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

Singers; Choir of Belfast Cathedral  
Words: John A.L. Riley

## **A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

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. 2 Corinthians 13:14

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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# An Order for Compline

*The Leader begins*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

*Leader*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*Response*

The maker of heaven and Earth.

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:  
We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## The Psalm

*Everyone*

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*  
or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup>In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame: \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O Lord, O God of truth.

## The Word

*Leader*

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.  
*Matthew 11:28-30*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.*

## The Responses

*Leader*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

*Response*

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

*Leader*

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

*Response*

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

## **The Prayers**

*Everyone*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

or [traditional](#)

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.

### **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each others toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.

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# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. *Psalm 16:7, 8*

## Hymn: Joyous light of God's own glory

Joyous light of God's own glory  
Light of heav'n that fills this place  
Light of Son, eternal Father  
Light of God, the Son of grace.  
As the sun begins its setting  
And the glow of dusk sets in,  
We can look to heaven's glory  
For the light that never ends.

From the smallest of the sparrows  
To the blazing stars above,  
All Creation sings your glory,  
All Creation sings your love.  
O Son of God most holy  
O Son of God most high,  
May all earth and all the heavens  
Praise you for your glorious light.

O sing to God the Father,  
O sing to God the Son,  
O sing to God the Spirit,  
To God, the Three in One.  
Now let our voices rise up  
In harmonies most pure  
For God, you are most worthy  
Of our praise forevermore.

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Of our praise forevermore.

Words: RR Ketcham  
Tune: *Nettleton*



## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## The Invitatory

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## The Psalter

### 134 *Ecce nunc*

#### or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Behold now, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, \*  
you that stand by night in the house of the Lord.

<sup>2</sup> Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the Lord; \*  
the Lord who made heaven and earth bless  
you out of Zion.

### 135 *Laudate nomen*

#### or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

Praise the Name of the Lord; \*  
give praise, you servants of the Lord.

<sup>2</sup> You who stand in the house of the Lord, \*  
in the courts of the house of our God.

<sup>3</sup> Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; \*  
sing praises to his Name, for it is lovely.

<sup>4</sup> For the Lord has chosen Jacob for himself \*  
and Israel for his own possession.

<sup>5</sup> For I know that the Lord is great, \*  
and that our Lord is above all gods.

<sup>6</sup> The Lord does whatever pleases him, in heaven and on earth, \*  
in the seas and all the deeps.

<sup>7</sup> He brings up rain clouds from the ends of the earth; \*  
he sends out lightning with the rain,  
and brings the winds out of his storehouse.

<sup>8</sup> It was he who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, \*  
the firstborn both of man and beast.

<sup>9</sup> He sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, O Egypt, \*  
against Pharaoh and all his servants.

<sup>10</sup> He overthrew many nations \*  
and put mighty kings to death:

<sup>11</sup> Sihon, king of the Amorites,  
and Og, the king of Bashan, \*  
and all the kingdoms of Canaan.

<sup>12</sup> He gave their land to be an inheritance, \*  
an inheritance for Israel his people.  
<sup>13</sup> O Lord, your Name is everlasting; \*  
your renown, O Lord, endures from age to age.  
<sup>14</sup> For the Lord gives his people justice \*  
and shows compassion to his servants.  
<sup>15</sup> The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, \*  
the work of human hands.  
<sup>16</sup> They have mouths, but they cannot speak; \*  
eyes have they, but they cannot see.  
<sup>17</sup> They have ears, but they cannot hear; \*  
neither is there any breath in their mouth.  
<sup>18</sup> Those who make them are like them, \*  
and so are all who put their trust in them.  
<sup>19</sup> Bless the Lord, O house of Israel; \*  
O house of Aaron, bless the Lord.  
<sup>20</sup> Bless the Lord, O house of Levi; \*  
you who fear the Lord, bless the Lord.  
<sup>21</sup> Blessed be the Lord out of Zion, \*  
who dwells in Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 7:36-50

<sup>36</sup>One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table.  
<sup>37</sup>And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. <sup>38</sup>She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. <sup>39</sup>Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him that she is a sinner." <sup>40</sup>Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "Speak." <sup>41</sup>"A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup>When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" <sup>43</sup>Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." <sup>44</sup>Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered

your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. <sup>45</sup>You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup>You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. <sup>47</sup>Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." <sup>48</sup>Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." <sup>49</sup>But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" <sup>50</sup>And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

# **The Song of Mary *Magnificat*** **Luke 1:46-55**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))

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 Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 22**

*Leader*

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

## **The World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [Navassa Island](#).

## **The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [The Apostolic Faith Mission of South Africa](#).

## **A Collect for Protection**

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

## **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## **For Those Who Need Continuing Care**

Look with mercy, O God our Father, on all persons who have become ill, weak, distressed, or isolated. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept help; and increase their faith and their assurance of your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For the Absent**

O God, whose fatherly care reaches to the uttermost parts of the earth: We humbly beseech you graciously to behold and bless whom we love, now absent from us. Defend them from all dangers of soul and body; and grant that both they and we, drawing nearer to you, may be bound together by your love in the communion of your Holy Spirit, and in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns, adore Him**

Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns, adore Him;  
Praise Him, angels, in the height.  
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;  
Praise Him, all ye stars of light.  
Praise the Lord! for He hath spoken;  
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed.  
Laws which never shall be broken  
For their guidance He hath made.

Praise the Lord for He is glorious;  
Never shall His promise fail.  
God hath made His saints victorious;  
Sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation!  
Hosts on high, His power proclaim,  
Heav'n and Earth and all creation  
Laud and magnify His name.

## **A Prayer of Self-Dedication**

Almighty and eternal God,  
so draw our hearts to you,  
so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations,  
so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly yours,



utterly dedicated unto you;  
and then use us, we pray you, as you will,  
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Romans 15:13

## Hymn: God Be With You

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## An Order for Compline

*The Leader begins*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

*Leader*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*Response*

The maker of heaven and Earth.

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:  
We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## The Psalm

*Everyone*

4 *Cum invocarem*

or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup> "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?"

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

<sup>4</sup> Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

<sup>5</sup> Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> Many are saying,  
"Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

<sup>7</sup> You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

<sup>8</sup> I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

## The Word

*Leader*

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.  
*Matthew 11:28-30*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.*

## The Responses

*Leader*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

*Response*

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

*Leader*

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

*Response*

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

## **The Prayers**

*Everyone*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

or [traditional](#)

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.

### **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your loves sake. Amen.

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.

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# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

Seek him who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night; who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out upon the surface of the earth: The Lord is his name. *Amos 5:8*

## Hymn: Night is come

Night is come; stars shine down  
twinkling over field and town.  
Now we stop here to pray:  
"Thank you, God, for this day."

This one sleeps; this one wakes.  
And each one comfort takes  
from the Joy that surrounds  
all Creation without bounds.

Day by day, year by year,  
let us know You are near.  
Night by night from above  
teach us mercy, peace, and love.

Tune: *Night is come*

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron***

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## **The Psalter**

**141 *Domine, clamavi***  
**or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly; \*



hear my voice when I cry to you.

<sup>2</sup>Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, \*  
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

<sup>3</sup>Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,  
and guard the door of my lips; \*  
let not my heart incline to any evil thing.

<sup>4</sup>Let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers, \*  
nor eat of their choice foods.

<sup>5</sup>Let the righteous smite me in friendly rebuke;  
let not the oil of the unrighteous anoint my head; \*  
for my prayer is continually against their wicked deeds.

<sup>6</sup>Let their rulers be overthrown in stony places, \*  
that they may know my words are true.

<sup>7</sup>As when a plowman turns over the earth in furrows, \*  
let their bones be scattered at the mouth of the grave.

<sup>8</sup> But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God; \*  
in you I take refuge;  
do not strip me of my life.

<sup>9</sup>Protect me from the snare which they have laid for me \*  
and from the traps of the evildoers.

<sup>10</sup>Let the wicked fall into their own nets, \*  
while I myself escape.

## **143:1-11 *Domine, exaudi***

### **or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup>Lord, hear my prayer,  
and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; \*  
answer me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>Enter not into judgment with your servant, \*  
for in your sight shall no one living be justified.

<sup>3</sup>For my enemy has sought my life;  
he has crushed me to the ground; \*  
he has made me live in dark places like those who  
are long dead.

<sup>4</sup>My spirit faints within me; \*  
my heart within me is desolate.

<sup>5</sup>I remember the time past;  
I muse upon all your deeds; \*  
I consider the works of your hands.

<sup>6</sup>I spread out my hands to you; \*  
my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.

<sup>7</sup>O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; \*  
do not hide your face from me  
or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.

<sup>8</sup>Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning,  
for I put my trust in you; \*  
show me the road that I must walk,  
for I lift up my soul to you.

<sup>9</sup>Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord, \*  
for I flee to you for refuge.

<sup>10</sup>Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; \*  
let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

<sup>11</sup>Revive me, O Lord, for your Name's sake; \*  
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 8:1-15

<sup>1</sup>Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, <sup>2</sup>as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, <sup>3</sup>and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.

<sup>4</sup>When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: <sup>5</sup>"A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. <sup>6</sup>Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. <sup>7</sup>Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. <sup>8</sup>Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold." As he said this, he called out, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!" <sup>9</sup>Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. <sup>10</sup>He said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that 'looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand.'" <sup>11</sup>"Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. <sup>12</sup>The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. <sup>13</sup>The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. <sup>14</sup>As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. <sup>15</sup>But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

# The Canticle

*Everyone*

## The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis*

### Luke 2:29-32

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

## The Apostles' Creed

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))**

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 Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*Response*

And grant us your salvation.

*Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

*Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

*Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 22**

*Leader*

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [Wake Island](#).

## **The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [Pentecostal churches](#).

## **A Collect for Fridays**

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

## **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## **For Clergy and People**

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our bishops, and other clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **For the Unity of the Church**

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions; take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as there is but one Body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For Monastic Orders and Vocations**

O Lord Jesus Christ, you became poor for our sake, that we might be made rich through your poverty: Guide and sanctify, we pray, those whom you call to follow you under the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, that by their prayer and service they may enrich your Church, and by their life and worship may glorify your Name; for you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **Hymn: Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns, adore Him**

Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns, adore Him;  
Praise Him, angels, in the height.  
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;  
Praise Him, all ye stars of light.  
Praise the Lord! for He hath spoken;  
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed.  
Laws which never shall be broken  
For their guidance He hath made.

Praise the Lord for He is glorious;  
Never shall His promise fail.  
God hath made His saints victorious;  
Sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation!  
Hosts on high, His power proclaim,  
Heav'n and Earth and all creation  
Laud and magnify His name.

## **A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

# The Ending

## The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## Benediction

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

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. 2 Corinthians 13:14

## Hymn: God Be With You

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.



God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## An Order for Compline

*The Leader begins*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

*Leader*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*Response*

The maker of heaven and Earth.

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:  
We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

# The Psalm

*Everyone*

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*  
or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup>In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame: \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O Lord, O God of truth.

# The Word

*Leader*

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.  
*Matthew 11:28-30*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith. *1 Peter 5:8-9a*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.*

# The Responses

*Leader*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

*Response*

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

*Leader*

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

*Response*

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

## **The Prayers**

*Everyone*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

or [traditional](#)

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.

### **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each others toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.

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# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."  
John 8:12

## Hymn: Now rest beneath night's shadow

Now rest beneath night's shadow  
The woodland, field, and meadow,  
The world in slumber lies;  
But you, my heart, awake thee,  
To prayer and song betake thee;  
Let praise to the Creator rise.  
Let praise to the Creator rise.

Lord Jesus, You do love me,  
Oh, spread Your wings above me  
And shield me from alarm!  
Though Satan would devour me,  
Let angel-guards sing o'er me:  
This child of God shall meet no harm!  
This child of God shall meet no harm!

Composer: Paul Gerhardt, 1653  
Tune: *Nun ruhen alle Wlder*

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron***

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## **The Psalter**

**104 *Benedic, anima mea***  
or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul; \*  
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!  
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.

<sup>2</sup> You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak \*  
and spread out the heavens like a curtain.

<sup>3</sup> You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; \*  
you make the clouds your chariot;  
you ride on the wings of the wind.

<sup>4</sup> You make the winds your messengers \*  
and flames of fire your servants.

<sup>5</sup> You have set the earth upon its foundations, \*  
so that it never shall move at any time.

<sup>6</sup> You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; \*  
the waters stood higher than the mountains.

<sup>7</sup> At your rebuke they fled; \*  
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

<sup>8</sup> They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, \*  
to the places you had appointed for them.

<sup>9</sup> You set the limits that they should not pass; \*  
they shall not again cover the earth.

<sup>10</sup> You send the springs into the valleys; \*  
they flow between the mountains.

<sup>11</sup> All the beasts of the field drink their fill from them, \*  
and the wild asses quench their thirst.

<sup>12</sup> Beside them the birds of the air make their nests \*  
and sing among the branches.

<sup>13</sup> You water the mountains from your dwelling on high; \*  
the earth is fully satisfied by the fruit of your works.

<sup>14</sup> You make grass grow for flocks and herds \*  
and plants to serve mankind;

<sup>15</sup> That they may bring forth food from the earth, \*  
and wine to gladden our hearts,

<sup>16</sup> Oil to make a cheerful countenance, \*  
and bread to strengthen the heart.

<sup>17</sup> The trees of the Lord are full of sap, \*  
the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,

<sup>18</sup> In which the birds build their nests, \*  
and in whose tops the stork makes his dwelling.

<sup>19</sup> The high hills are a refuge for the mountain goats, \*  
and the stony cliffs for the rock badgers.

<sup>20</sup> You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, \*  
and the sun knows the time of its setting.

<sup>21</sup> You make darkness that it may be night, \*  
in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.

<sup>22</sup> The lions roar after their prey \*  
and seek their food from God.

<sup>23</sup> The sun rises, and they slip away \*  
and lay themselves down in their dens.



24 Man goes forth to his work \*  
and to his labor until the evening.

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.

28 All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.

29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \*  
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.

35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the Lord.

36 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth, \*  
and the wicked be no more.

37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 8:16-25

"No one after lighting a lamp hides it under a jar, or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a lampstand, so that those who enter may see the light. <sup>17</sup>For nothing is hidden that will not be disclosed, nor is anything secret that will not become known and come to light. <sup>18</sup>Then pay attention to how you listen; for to those who have, more will be given; and from those who do not have, even what they seem to have will be taken away." <sup>19</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came to him, but they could not reach him because of the crowd. <sup>20</sup>And he was told, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you." <sup>21</sup>But he said to them, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it."

<sup>22</sup>One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they put out, <sup>23</sup>and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. <sup>24</sup>They went to him and woke him up, shouting, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. <sup>25</sup>He said to them, "Where is your faith?" They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?"

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Cantic**

*Everyone*

# **The Song of Mary *Magnificat*** **Luke 1:46-55**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

## The Apostles' Creed

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))

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 Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 22**

*Leader*

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

## **The World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [Bajo Nuevo Bank](#).

## **The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [The Church of the Lord \(Prayer Fellowship\) Worldwide](#).

## **A Collect for Saturdays**

O God, the source of eternal light: Shed forth your unending day upon us who watch for you, that our lips may praise you, our lives may bless you, and our worship on the morrow give you glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Intercessions

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

## **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## **For Sound Government**

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

Lord, keep this nation under your care.

To all who have executive authority and to all who have administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To those who make our laws give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name.

For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Amen.

## **For Schools and Colleges**

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For the Harvest of Lands and Waters**

O gracious Father, who opens your hand and fills all living things: Bless the lands and waters, and multiply the harvests of the world; let your Spirit go forth, that it may renew the face of the earth; show your loving-kindness, that our land may give her increase; and save us from selfish use of what you give, that men and women everywhere may give you thanks; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: I love thy kingdom, Lord**

I love thy kingdom, Lord,  
the house of thine abode,  
the Church our blest Redeemer  
saved with his own precious blood.

For her my tears shall fall;  
for her my prayers ascend;  
to her my cares and toils be given,  
till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy  
I prize her heavenly ways,  
her sweet communion, solemn vows,  
her hymns of love and praise.

Jesus, thou friend divine,  
our Savior and our King,  
thy hand from every snare and foe  
shall great deliverance bring.

Sure as thy truth shall last,  
to Zion shall be given  
the brightest glories Earth can yield,  
and brighter bliss of heaven.

Singers: The Congregation of Washington National Cathedral (the Cathedral Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul)  
Words: Timothy Dwight  
Tune: *St. Thomas*

## **A Prayer of Self-Dedication**

Almighty and eternal God,  
so draw our hearts to you,  
so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations,  
so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly yours,  
utterly dedicated unto you;  
and then use us, we pray you, as you will,  
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

# The Ending

## The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## Benediction

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

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. 2 Corinthians 13:14

## Hymn: God Be With You

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.



God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## An Order for Compline

*The Leader begins*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

*Leader*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*Response*

The maker of heaven and Earth.

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:  
We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

# The Psalm

*Everyone*

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*  
or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup>In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame: \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O Lord, O God of truth.

# The Word

*Leader*

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Hebrews 13:20-21*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith. *1 Peter 5:8-9a*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.*

# The Responses

*Leader*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

*Response*

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

*Leader*

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

*Response*

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

## **The Prayers**

*Everyone*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

or [traditional](#)

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.

## **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illumine this night with your celestial brightness; that by night as by day your people may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **A Collect for Saturdays**

We give you thanks, O God, for revealing your Son Jesus Christ to us by the light of his resurrection: Grant that as we sing your glory at the close of this day, our joy may abound in the morning as we celebrate the Paschal mystery; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your loves sake. Amen.

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.

[Jump to Compline](#)

Sunday  
Evening Prayer  
Proper 23

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:2

## Hymn: Glory to thee, my God, this night

Glory to thee, my God, this night,  
for all the blessings of the light:  
keep me, O keep me, King of kings,  
beneath thine own almighty wings.

Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,  
the ill that I this day have done;  
that with the world, myself, and thee,  
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

Teach me to live, that I may dread  
the grave as little as my bed;  
teach me to die, that so I may  
rise glorious at the awful day.

O may my soul on thee repose,  
and with sweet sleep mine eyelids close;  
sleep that may me more vigorous make  
to serve my God when I awake.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Singers: The Chapel Choir of University College, Durham  
Words: Thomas Ken, 1692  
Music: Thomas Tallis Tune: *Tallis' Canon*

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron***

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

# The Psalter

## 111 *Confitebor tibi*

### or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup> Great are the deeds of the Lord! \*  
they are studied by all who delight in them.

<sup>3</sup> His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.

<sup>4</sup> He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

<sup>5</sup> He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

<sup>6</sup> He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.

<sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.

<sup>8</sup> They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.

<sup>9</sup> He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.

<sup>10</sup> The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.

## 112 *Beatus vir*

### or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
and have great delight in his commandments!

<sup>2</sup> Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

<sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
and their righteousness will last for ever.

<sup>4</sup> Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

<sup>5</sup> It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup> For they will never be shaken; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.



<sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
their heart is right;  
they put their trust in the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

<sup>9</sup> They have given freely to the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.

<sup>10</sup> The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \*  
the desires of the wicked will perish.

## **113 *Laudate, pueri*** **or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!  
Give praise, you servants of the Lord; \*  
praise the Name of the Lord.

<sup>2</sup> Let the Name of the Lord be blessed, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

<sup>3</sup> From the rising of the sun to its going down \*  
let the Name of the Lord be praised.

<sup>4</sup> The Lord is high above all nations, \*  
and his glory above the heavens.

<sup>5</sup> Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high, \*  
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

<sup>6</sup> He takes up the weak out of the dust \*  
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

<sup>7</sup> He sets them with the princes, \*  
with the princes of his people.

<sup>8</sup> He makes the woman of a childless house \*  
to be a joyful mother of children.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **The Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 15:21-28

<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

# **The Song of Mary *Magnificat* Luke 1:46-55**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))

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 Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 23**

*Leader*

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

## **A Collect for Sundays**

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [Serranilla Bank](#).

## **The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria](#).

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

## **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## **For Courts of Justice**

Lord Jesus, for our sake you were condemned as a criminal: Visit our jails and prisons with your pity and judgment. Remember all prisoners, and bring the guilty to repentance and amendment of life according to your will, and give them hope for their future. When any are held unjustly, bring them release; forgive us, and teach us to improve our justice. Remember those who work in these institutions; keep them humane and compassionate; and save them from becoming brutal or callous. And since what we do for those in prison, O Lord, we do for you, constrain us to improve their lot. All this we ask for your mercy's sake. Amen.

## **For Those Who Suffer for the Sake of Conscience**

O God our Father, whose Son forgave his enemies while he was suffering shame and death: Strengthen those who suffer for the sake of conscience; when they are accused, save them from speaking in hate; when they are rejected, save them from bitterness; when they are imprisoned, save them from despair; and to us your servants, give grace to respect their witness and to discern the truth, that our society may be cleansed and strengthened. This we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, our merciful and righteous Judge. Amen.

## **For Towns and Rural Areas**

Lord Christ, when you came among us, you proclaimed the kingdom of God in villages, towns, and lonely places: Grant that your presence and power may be known throughout this land. Have mercy upon all of us who live and work in rural areas; and grant that all the people of our nation may give thanks to you for food and drink and all other bodily necessities of life, respect those who labor to produce them, and honor the land and the water from which these good things come. All this we ask in your holy Name. Amen.

## **Hymn: I greet Thee, who my sure Redeemer art**

I greet Thee, who my sure Redeemer art,  
My only Trust and Savior of my heart,  
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;  
I pray Thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,  
Reigning omnipotent in ev'ry place:  
So come, O King, and our whole being sway;  
Shine on us with the light of Thy pure day.

Thou art the life, by which alone we live,  
And all our substance and our strength receive;  
O comfort us in death's approaching hour,  
strong-hearted then to face it by thy pow'r.

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness,  
No harshness hast Thou and no bitterness:  
make us to taste the sweet grace found in Thee  
and ever stay in thy sweet unity.

Our hope is in no other save in Thee;  
Our faith is built upon Thy promise free;  
O grant to us such stronger hope and sure  
That we can boldly conquer and endure.

Words: John Calvin, Strasbourg Psalter  
Tune: *Toulon*

## **A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

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. 2 Corinthians 13:14

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## **An Order for Compline**

*The Leader begins*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

*Leader*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*Response*

The maker of heaven and Earth.

*Leader*



Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.

For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **The Psalm**

*Everyone*

4 *Cum invocarem*

or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup> "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?"

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

<sup>4</sup> Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

<sup>5</sup> Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> Many are saying,  
"Oh, that we might see better times!" \*

Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

<sup>7</sup> You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

<sup>8</sup> I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

## **The Word**

*Leader*

Lord, you are in the midst of us, and we are called by your Name: Do not forsake us, O Lord our God. *Jeremiah 14:9, 22*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.*

## **The Responses**

*Leader*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

*Response*

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

*Leader*

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

*Response*

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

## **The Prayers**

*Everyone*

# The Lord's Prayer

or [traditional](#)

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.

## Traditional Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who

sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your loves sake. Amen.

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.

[Jump to Compline](#)

Monday  
Evening Prayer  
Proper 23

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. *Psalm 139:10, 11*

## Hymn: I lie, O Lord, within Your care

I lie, O Lord, within Your care,  
Awake or when I'm sleeping.  
Whoever trusts in Your strong arms  
Is safe within Your keeping.

Lord, You alone keep constant watch;  
My restless heart You quiet.  
When shadow fills the night with fear,  
I will by faith defy it.

It is enough that You are near;  
I need not now discover  
What hidden plans You have for me,  
My future's path uncover.

Tomorrow's road I cannot trace  
Nor know what ills will meet me.  
You only ask that I be still  
And trust You there will greet me.

Text: Jochen Klepper, translated by Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr.

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron***

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## **The Psalter**

## **4 *Cum invocarem*** **or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup> "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?"

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

<sup>4</sup> Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

<sup>5</sup> Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> Many are saying,  
"Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

<sup>7</sup> You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

<sup>8</sup> I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

## **7 *Domine, Deus meus*** **or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> O Lord my God, I take refuge in you; \*  
save and deliver me from all who pursue me;

<sup>2</sup> Lest like a lion they tear me in pieces \*  
and snatch me away with none to deliver me.

<sup>3</sup> O Lord my God, if I have done these things: \*  
if there is any wickedness in my hands,

<sup>4</sup> If I have repaid my friend with evil, \*  
or plundered him who without cause is my enemy;

<sup>5</sup> Then let my enemy pursue and overtake me, \*  
trample my life into the ground,  
and lay my honor in the dust.

<sup>6</sup> Stand up, O Lord, in your wrath; \*  
rise up against the fury of my enemies.

<sup>7</sup> Awake, O my God, decree justice; \*  
let the assembly of the peoples gather round you.

<sup>8</sup> Be seated on your lofty throne, O Most High; \*  
O Lord, judge the nations.

<sup>9</sup> Give judgment for me according to my  
righteousness, O Lord, \*

and according to my innocence, O Most High.

<sup>10</sup> Let the malice of the wicked come to an end,

but establish the righteous; \*  
for you test the mind and heart, O righteous God.

<sup>11</sup> God is my shield and defense; \*  
he is the savior of the true in heart.

<sup>12</sup> God is a righteous judge; \*  
God sits in judgment every day.

<sup>13</sup> If they will not repent, God will whet his sword; \*  
he will bend his bow and make it ready.

<sup>14</sup> He has prepared his weapons of death; \*  
he makes his arrows shafts of fire.

<sup>15</sup> Look at those who are in labor with wickedness, \*  
who conceive evil, and give birth to a lie.

<sup>16</sup> They dig a pit and make it deep \*  
and fall into the hole that they have made.

<sup>17</sup> Their malice turns back upon their own head; \*  
their violence falls on their own scalp.

<sup>18</sup> I will bear witness that the Lord is righteous; \*  
I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **The Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 8:26-39

<sup>26</sup>Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" <sup>29</sup>for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. <sup>32</sup>Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. <sup>34</sup>When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear.



So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

## **The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis***

### **Luke 2:29-32**

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

# The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))

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 Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

# The Suffrages

*Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*Response*

And grant us your salvation.

*Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

*Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

*Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

## The Collect of the Day: Proper 23

*Leader*

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## For Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

## The World Cycle of Prayer

We pray for the people of [Marshall Islands](#).

# The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [The First African Church Mission](#).

## A Collect for Peace

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

## Intercessions

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

## Hymn: To my humble supplication

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## For the Right Use of God's Gifts

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## For Knowledge of God's Creation

Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## For the Care of Children

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Hymn: You are my salvation

You are my salvation  
Whom then shall I fear?  
In darkness and temptation  
My light and help are near.

You are all around me  
Stronger will I stand.  
And danger will not crush me  
When we walk hand in hand.

God most high  
You shelter me  
And I will trust in You.  
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God most high  
You shelter me  
And I will trust in You.

With courage I will wait  
Depending on Your mercy.  
You alone, O Lord, will be my peace.

[Interlude]

God most high  
You shelter me  
And I will trust in You.  
God most high  
You shelter me  
And I will trust in You.

Singer: Yvonne Lyon  
Words and Music: David Lyon  
Words based on "God Is My Strong Salvation"  
by James Montgomery (1771-1854)

## **A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

### **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

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. 2 Corinthians 13:14

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## **An Order for Compline**

*The Leader begins*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

*Leader*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*Response*

The maker of heaven and Earth.

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:  
We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **The Psalm**

*Everyone*

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*

or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup>In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame: \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O Lord, O God of truth.

## **The Word**

*Leader*

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

*Matthew 11:28-30*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.*

## **The Responses**



*Leader*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

*Response*

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

*Leader*

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

*Response*

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

## **The Prayers**

*Everyone*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

or [traditional](#)

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.

### **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illumine this night with your celestial brightness; that by night as by day your people may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each others toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in

peace.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.

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Tuesday  
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# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole Earth tremble before him. *Psalm 96:9*

## Hymn: Sleep my child and peace attend thee

Sleep my child and peace attend thee  
All through the night  
Guardian angels God will send thee  
All through the night  
Soft the drowsy hours are creeping  
Hill and dale in slumber sleeping  
I, my loving vigil keeping  
All through the night

While the moon her watch is keeping  
All through the night  
While the weary world is sleeping  
All through the night  
O'er thy spirit gently stealing  
Visions of delight revealing  
Breathes a pure and holy feeling  
All through the night

Singer: John Whitehead  
Tune: *Ar hy d nos* (Welsh traditional)

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron***

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## **The Psalter**

### **10 *Ut quid, Domine?***

## or [Coverdale](#)

- <sup>1</sup> Why do you stand so far off, O Lord, \*  
and hide yourself in time of trouble?
- <sup>2</sup> The wicked arrogantly persecute the poor, \*  
but they are trapped in the schemes they have devised.
- <sup>3</sup> The wicked boast of their heart's desire; \*  
the covetous curse and revile the Lord.
- <sup>4</sup> The wicked are so proud that they care not for God; \*  
their only thought is, "God does not matter."
- <sup>5</sup> Their ways are devious at all times;  
your judgments are far above out of their sight; \*  
they defy all their enemies.
- <sup>6</sup> They say in their heart, "I shall not be shaken; \*  
no harm shall happen to me ever."
- <sup>7</sup> Their mouth is full of cursing, deceit, and oppression; \*  
under their tongue are mischief and wrong.
- <sup>8</sup> They lurk in ambush in public squares  
and in secret places they murder the innocent; \*  
they spy out the helpless.
- <sup>9</sup> They lie in wait, like a lion in a covert;  
they lie in wait to seize upon the lowly; \*  
they seize the lowly and drag them away in their net.
- <sup>10</sup> The innocent are broken and humbled before them; \*  
the helpless fall before their power.
- <sup>11</sup> They say in their heart, "God has forgotten; \*  
he hides his face; he will never notice."
- <sup>12</sup> Rise up, O Lord;  
lift up your hand, O God; \*  
do not forget the afflicted.
- <sup>13</sup> Why should the wicked revile God? \*  
why should they say in their heart, "You do not care"?
- <sup>14</sup> Surely, you behold trouble and misery; \*  
you see it and take it into your own hand.
- <sup>15</sup> The helpless commit themselves to you, \*  
for you are the helper of orphans.
- <sup>16</sup> Break the power of the wicked and evil; \*  
search out their wickedness until you find none.
- <sup>17</sup> The Lord is King for ever and ever; \*  
the ungodly shall perish from his land.
- <sup>18</sup> The Lord will hear the desire of the humble; \*  
you will strengthen their heart and your ears shall hear;
- <sup>19</sup> To give justice to the orphan and oppressed, \*  
so that mere mortals may strike terror no more.

## ***11 In Domino confido***

## or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> In the Lord have I taken refuge; \*  
how then can you say to me,  
"Fly away like a bird to the hilltop;  
<sup>2</sup> For see how the wicked bend the bow  
and fit their arrows to the string, \*  
to shoot from ambush at the true of heart.  
<sup>3</sup> When the foundations are being destroyed, \*  
what can the righteous do?"  
<sup>4</sup> The Lord is in his holy temple; \*  
the Lord's throne is in heaven.  
<sup>5</sup> His eyes behold the inhabited world; \*  
his piercing eye weighs our worth.  
<sup>6</sup> The Lord weighs the righteous as well as the wicked, \*  
but those who delight in violence he abhors.  
<sup>7</sup> Upon the wicked he shall rain coals of fire and  
burning sulphur; \*  
a scorching wind shall be their lot.  
<sup>8</sup> For the Lord is righteous;  
he delights in righteous deeds; \*  
and the just shall see his face.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 8:40-56

<sup>40</sup>Now when Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. <sup>41</sup>Just then there came a man named Jairus, a leader of the synagogue. He fell at Jesus' feet and begged him to come to his house, <sup>42</sup>for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, who was dying. As he went, the crowds pressed in on him. <sup>43</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years; and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her. <sup>44</sup>She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his clothes, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. <sup>45</sup>Then Jesus asked, "Who touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds surround you and press in on you." <sup>46</sup>But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; for I noticed that power had gone out from me." <sup>47</sup>When the woman saw that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. <sup>48</sup>He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." <sup>49</sup>While he was still speaking, someone came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer." <sup>50</sup>When Jesus heard this, he replied, "Do not fear. Only believe, and she will be saved." <sup>51</sup>When he came to the house, he did not allow anyone to enter with him,

except Peter, John, and James, and the child's father and mother. <sup>52</sup>They were all weeping and wailing for her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." <sup>53</sup>And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. <sup>54</sup>But he took her by the hand and called out, "Child, get up!" <sup>55</sup>Her spirit returned, and she got up at once. Then he directed them to give her something to eat. <sup>56</sup>Her parents were astounded; but he ordered them to tell no one what had happened.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

# **The Song of Mary *Magnificat* Luke 1:46-55**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.



He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))

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 Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 23**

*Leader*

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

## **The World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [Micronesia](#).

## **The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [Toraja Church](#).

## **A Collect for Guidance**

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

## **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication

Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## **For Agriculture**

Almighty God, we thank you for making the earth fruitful, so that it might produce what is needed for life: Bless those who work in the fields; give us seasonable weather; and grant that we may all share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For Those We Love**

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For Quiet Confidence**

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we will be saved, in quietness and confidence will be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: You are my salvation**

You are my salvation  
Whom then shall I fear?  
In darkness and temptation  
My light and help are near.

You are all around me  
Stronger will I stand.  
And danger will not crush me  
When we walk hand in hand.

God most high  
You shelter me  
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And I will trust in You.

With courage I will wait  
Depending on Your mercy.  
You alone, O Lord, will be my peace.

[Interlude]

God most high  
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Words based on "God Is My Strong Salvation"  
by James Montgomery (1771-1854)

## **A Prayer of Self-Dedication**

Almighty and eternal God,  
so draw our hearts to you,  
so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations,  
so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly yours,  
utterly dedicated unto you;  
and then use us, we pray you, as you will,  
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

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. 2 Corinthians 13:14

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## **An Order for Compline**

*The Leader begins*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

*Leader*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*Response*

The maker of heaven and Earth.

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

We have sinned against you,

through our own fault,

in thought, and word, and deed,

and in what we have left undone.

For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,

forgive us all our offenses;

and grant that we may serve you

in newness of life,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **The Psalm**

*Everyone*

4 *Cum invocarem*

or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*

you set me free when I am hard-pressed;

have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup> "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*

how long will you worship dumb idols

and run after false gods?"

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*

when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

<sup>4</sup> Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

<sup>5</sup> Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> Many are saying,  
"Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

<sup>7</sup> You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

<sup>8</sup> I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

## The Word

*Leader*

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Hebrews 13:20-21*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.*

## The Responses

*Leader*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

*Response*

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

*Leader*

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

*Response*

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.



*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

## **The Prayers**

*Everyone*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

or [traditional](#)

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.

### **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your loves sake. Amen.

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.

[Jump to Compline](#)

Wednesday  
Evening Prayer  
Proper 23

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

Yours is the day, O God, yours also the night; you established the moon and the sun. You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter. *Psalm 74:15, 16*

## Hymn: The day you gave us

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,  
the darkness falls at thy behest;  
to thee our morning hymns ascended,  
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank thee that thy Church, unsleeping  
while Earth rolls onward into light,  
through all the world her watch is keeping  
and rests not now by day nor night.

As o'er each continent and island  
the dawn leads on another day,  
the voice of prayer is never silent,  
nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking  
our brethren 'neath the western sky,  
and hour by hour fresh lips are making  
thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,  
like Earth's proud empires, pass away;  
thy kingdom stands, and grows forever,  
till all thy creatures own thy sway.

Words: John Ellerton  
Music: Clement E. Scholefield  
Tune: *St. Clement*

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron***

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,

O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## The Psalter

### 12 *Salvum me fac*

or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Help me, Lord, for there is no godly one left; \*  
the faithful have vanished from among us.  
<sup>2</sup> Everyone speaks falsely with his neighbor; \*  
with a smooth tongue they speak from a double heart.  
<sup>3</sup> Oh, that the Lord would cut off all smooth tongues, \*  
and close the lips that utter proud boasts!  
<sup>4</sup> Those who say, "With our tongue will we prevail; \*  
our lips are our own; who is lord over us?"  
<sup>5</sup> "Because the needy are oppressed,  
and the poor cry out in misery, \*  
I will rise up," says the Lord,  
"and give them the help they long for."  
<sup>6</sup> The words of the Lord are pure words, \*  
like silver refined from ore  
and purified seven times in the fire.  
<sup>7</sup> O Lord, watch over us \*  
and save us from this generation for ever.  
<sup>8</sup> The wicked prowl on every side, \*  
and that which is worthless is highly prized by everyone.

### 13 *Usquequo, Domine?*

or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> How long, O Lord?  
will you forget me for ever? \*  
how long will you hide your face from me?  
<sup>2</sup> How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,  
and grief in my heart, day after day? \*  
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?  
<sup>3</sup> Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God; \*  
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;  
<sup>4</sup> Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," \*  
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.  
<sup>5</sup> But I put my trust in your mercy; \*  
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.  
<sup>6</sup> I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly; \*  
I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

## 14 *Dixit insipiens* or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." \*  
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;  
there is none who does any good.

<sup>2</sup> The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, \*  
to see if there is any who is wise,  
if there is one who seeks after God.

<sup>3</sup> Every one has proved faithless;  
all alike have turned bad; \*  
there is none who does good; no, not one.

<sup>4</sup> Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers \*  
who eat up my people like bread  
and do not call upon the Lord?

<sup>5</sup> See how they tremble with fear, \*  
because God is in the company of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, \*  
but the Lord is their refuge.

<sup>7</sup> Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! \*  
when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,  
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## Gloria Patri

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

## Gospel

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 9:1-17

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, <sup>2</sup>and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. <sup>3</sup>He said to them, "Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money not even an extra tunic. <sup>4</sup>Whatever house you enter, stay there, and leave from there.

<sup>5</sup>Wherever they do not welcome you, as you are leaving that town shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them." <sup>6</sup>They departed and went through the villages, bringing the good news and curing diseases everywhere. <sup>7</sup>Now Herod the ruler heard about all that had taken place, and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had been raised from the dead, <sup>8</sup>by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the ancient prophets had arisen. <sup>9</sup>Herod said, "John I beheaded; but who is this about whom I hear such things?" And he tried to see him.

On their return the apostles told Jesus all they had done. He took them with him and withdrew privately to a city called Bethsaida. <sup>11</sup>When the crowds found out about it, they followed him; and he welcomed them, and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed to be cured. <sup>12</sup>The day was drawing to a close, and the twelve came to him and said, "Send the crowd away, so that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside, to lodge and get provisions; for we are here in a deserted place." <sup>13</sup>But he said to them, "You give them something to eat." They said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish unless we are to go and buy food for all these people." <sup>14</sup>For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, "Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each." <sup>15</sup>They did so and made them all sit down. <sup>16</sup>And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. <sup>17</sup>And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

# **The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis***

## **Luke 2:29-32**

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))

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 Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.



And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*Response*

And grant us your salvation.

*Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

*Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

*Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 23**

*Leader*

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [Palau](#).

## **The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [Union of Baptist Churches in Cameroon](#).

## **A Collect for Protection**

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

## **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## **For Cities**

Heavenly Father, in your Word you have given us a vision of that holy City to which the nations of the world bring their glory: Behold and visit, we pray, the cities of the earth. Renew the ties of mutual regard which form our civic life. Send us honest and able leaders. Enable us to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression, that peace may prevail with righteousness, and justice with order, and that men and women from different cultures and with differing talents may find with one another the fulfillment of their humanity.

## **For Those Who Influence Public Opinion**

Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For the Future of the Human Race**

O God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: Increase our reverence before the mystery of life; and give us new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: You are my salvation**

You are my salvation  
Whom then shall I fear?  
In darkness and temptation  
My light and help are near.

You are all around me  
Stronger will I stand.  
And danger will not crush me  
When we walk hand in hand.

God most high  
You shelter me  
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With courage I will wait  
Depending on Your mercy.  
You alone, O Lord, will be my peace.

[Interlude]

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You shelter me  
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Singer: Yvonne Lyon  
Words and Music: David Lyon  
Words based on "God Is My Strong Salvation"  
by James Montgomery (1771-1854)

## **A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## **The Ending**

## **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

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. 2 Corinthians 13:14

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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# An Order for Compline

*The Leader begins*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

*Leader*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*Response*

The maker of heaven and Earth.

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:  
We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## The Psalm

*Everyone*

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*

or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup>In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame: \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O Lord, O God of truth.

## The Word

*Leader*

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

*Matthew 11:28-30*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.*

## The Responses

*Leader*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

*Response*

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

*Leader*

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

*Response*

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

## **The Prayers**

*Everyone*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

or [traditional](#)

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.

### **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;



*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each others toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.

[Jump to Compline](#)

Thursday  
Evening Prayer  
Proper 23

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. *Psalm 16:7, 8*

## Hymn: The day thou gavest

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,  
the darkness falls at thy behest;  
to thee our morning hymns ascended,  
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank thee that thy Church, unsleeping  
while Earth rolls onward into light,  
through all the world her watch is keeping  
and rests not now by day nor night.

As o'er each continent and island  
the dawn leads on another day,  
the voice of prayer is never silent,  
nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking  
our brethren 'neath the western sky,  
and hour by hour fresh lips are making  
thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,  
like Earth's proud empires, pass away;  
thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,  
till all thy creatures own thy sway.

Words: John Ellerton  
Music: Clement E. Scholefield  
Tune: *St. Clement*

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron***

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,

O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

# The Psalter

## 18 Part II *Et retribuēt mihi* or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>21</sup> The Lord rewarded me because of my righteous dealing; \*  
because my hands were clean he rewarded me;

<sup>22</sup> For I have kept the ways of the Lord \*  
and have not offended against my God;

<sup>23</sup> For all his judgments are before my eyes, \*  
and his decrees I have not put away from me;

<sup>24</sup> For I have been blameless with him \*  
and have kept myself from iniquity;

<sup>25</sup> Therefore the Lord rewarded me according to my  
righteous dealing, \*  
because of the cleanness of my hands in his sight.

<sup>26</sup> With the faithful you show yourself faithful, O God; \*  
with the forthright you show yourself forthright.

<sup>27</sup> With the pure you show yourself pure, \*  
but with the crooked you are wily.

<sup>28</sup> You will save a lowly people, \*  
but you will humble the haughty eyes.

<sup>29</sup> You, O Lord, are my lamp; \*  
my God, you make my darkness bright.

<sup>30</sup> With you I will break down an enclosure; \*  
with the help of my God I will scale any wall.

<sup>31</sup> As for God, his ways are perfect;  
the words of the Lord are tried in the fire; \*  
he is a shield to all who trust in him.

<sup>32</sup> For who is God, but the Lord? \*  
who is the Rock, except our God?

<sup>33</sup> It is God who girds me about with strength \*  
and makes my way secure.

<sup>34</sup> He makes me sure-footed like a deer \*  
and lets me stand firm on the heights.

<sup>35</sup> He trains my hands for battle \*  
and my arms for bending even a bow of bronze.

<sup>36</sup> You have given me your shield of victory; \*  
your right hand also sustains me;  
your loving care makes me great.

<sup>37</sup> You lengthen my stride beneath me, \*  
and my ankles do not give way.

<sup>38</sup> I pursue my enemies and overtake them; \*  
I will not turn back till I have destroyed them.

<sup>39</sup> I strike them down, and they cannot rise; \*  
they fall defeated at my feet.  
<sup>40</sup> You have girded me with strength for the battle; \*  
you have cast down my adversaries beneath me;  
you have put my enemies to flight.  
<sup>41</sup> I destroy those who hate me;  
they cry out, but there is none to help them; \*  
they cry to the Lord, but he does not answer.  
<sup>42</sup> I beat them small like dust before the wind; \*  
I trample them like mud in the streets.  
<sup>43</sup> You deliver me from the strife of the peoples; \*  
you put me at the head of the nations.  
<sup>44</sup> A people I have not known shall serve me;  
no sooner shall they hear than they shall obey me; \*  
strangers will cringe before me.  
<sup>45</sup> The foreign peoples will lose heart; \*  
they shall come trembling out of their strongholds.  
<sup>46</sup> The Lord lives! Blessed is my Rock! \*  
Exalted is the God of my salvation!  
<sup>47</sup> He is the God who gave me victory \*  
and cast down the peoples beneath me.  
<sup>48</sup> You rescued me from the fury of my enemies;  
you exalted me above those who rose against me; \*  
you saved me from my deadly foe.  
<sup>49</sup> Therefore will I extol you among the nations, O Lord, \*  
and sing praises to your Name.  
<sup>50</sup> He multiplies the victories of his king; \*  
he shows loving-kindness to his anointed,  
to David and his descendants for ever.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 9:18-27

<sup>18</sup>Once when Jesus was praying alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" <sup>19</sup>They answered, "John the Baptist; but others, Elijah; and still others, that one of the ancient prophets has arisen." <sup>20</sup>He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered, "The Messiah of God." <sup>21</sup>He sternly

ordered and commanded them not to tell anyone, <sup>22</sup>saying, "The Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised." <sup>23</sup>Then he said to them all, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. <sup>24</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. <sup>25</sup>What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit themselves? <sup>26</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words, of them the Son of Man will be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. <sup>27</sup>But truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

# **The Song of Mary *Magnificat* Luke 1:46-55**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))

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 Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,



*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 23**

*Leader*

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

## **The World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [Uruguay](#).

## **The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [Union of Protestant Churches in Alsace and Lorraine](#).

## **A Collect for Protection**

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

## **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## **For Those Who Need Continuing Care**

Look with mercy, O God our Father, on all persons who have become ill, weak, distressed, or isolated. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept help; and increase their faith and their assurance of your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For the Absent**

O God, whose fatherly care reaches to the uttermost parts of the earth: We humbly beseech you graciously to behold and bless whom we love, now absent from us. Defend them from all dangers of soul and body; and grant that both they and we, drawing nearer to you, may be bound together by your love in the communion of your Holy Spirit, and in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: We thank the Lord**

We thank the Lord of heav'n and Earth,  
Who hath preserved us from our birth.

For present joys, for present joys, for blessings past,  
And for the hope of heav'n at last.  
And for the hope of heav'n at last.  
For present joys, for blessings past,  
And for the hope of heav'n at last.

For present joys, for present joys, for blessings past,  
And for the hope of heav'n at last.  
And for the hope of heav'n at last.  
For present joys, for blessings past,  
And for the hope of heav'n at last.

Singers: Alabama Sacred Harp Singers  
Tune: *Present Joys*

## **A Prayer of Self-Dedication**

Almighty and eternal God,  
so draw our hearts to you,  
so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations,  
so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly yours,  
utterly dedicated unto you;

and then use us, we pray you, as you will,  
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Romans 15:13

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## An Order for Compline

*The Leader begins*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

*Leader*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*Response*

The maker of heaven and Earth.

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:  
We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## The Psalm

*Everyone*

4 *Cum invocarem*  
or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup> "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?"

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

<sup>4</sup> Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

<sup>5</sup> Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> Many are saying,  
"Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

<sup>7</sup> You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

<sup>8</sup> I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

## The Word

*Leader*

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.  
*Matthew 11:28-30*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.*

## The Responses

*Leader*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

*Response*

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

*Leader*

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

*Response*

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

## **The Prayers**

*Everyone*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

or [traditional](#)

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.

### **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your loves sake. Amen.

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.



[Jump to Compline](#)

Friday  
Evening Prayer  
The Evening of the Commemoration of St. Luke

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

Seek him who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night; who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out upon the surface of the earth: The Lord is his name. *Amos 5:8*

## Hymn: Glory to thee, my God, this night

Glory to thee, my God, this night,  
for all the blessings of the light:  
keep me, O keep me, King of kings,  
beneath thine own almighty wings.

Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,  
the ill that I this day have done;  
that with the world, myself, and thee,  
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

Teach me to live, that I may dread  
the grave as little as my bed;  
teach me to die, that so I may  
rise glorious at the awful day.

O may my soul on thee repose,  
and with sweet sleep mine eyelids close;  
sleep that may me more vigorous make  
to serve my God when I awake.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1692

Tune: *Tallis' Canon*

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron***

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

# The Psalter

## **67 *Deus misereatur*** **or [Coverdale](#)**

- <sup>1</sup> May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- <sup>2</sup> Let your ways be known upon Earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.
- <sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- <sup>4</sup> Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- <sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- <sup>6</sup> The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- <sup>7</sup> May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the Earth stand in awe of him.

## **96 *Cantate Domino*** **or [Coverdale](#)**

- <sup>1</sup> Sing to the Lord a new song; \*  
sing to the Lord, all the whole Earth.
- <sup>2</sup> Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- <sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.
- <sup>4</sup> For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- <sup>5</sup> As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- <sup>6</sup> Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- <sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; \*  
scribe to the Lord honor and power.
- <sup>8</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- <sup>9</sup> Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole Earth tremble before him.
- <sup>10</sup> Tell it out among the nations: The Lord is King! \*  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
she will judge the peoples with equity.

<sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice, and let the Earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

<sup>12</sup> Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the Lord when he comes, \*  
when he comes to judge the Earth.

<sup>13</sup> He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with his truth.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **The Lessons**

### **The Old Testament Lesson**

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 52:7-10

<sup>7</sup>How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." <sup>8</sup>Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. <sup>9</sup>Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup>The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

## **The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis* Luke 2:29-32**

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*

to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

## **The New Testament Lesson**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 1:1-8

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

## **The Song of Mary *Magnificat* Luke 1:46-55**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*

he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

## **(or Traditional)**

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 Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*Response*

And grant us your salvation.

*Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

*Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

*Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

## **The Collect of the Day: Saint Luke**

*Leader*

Almighty God, who inspired your servant Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of your Son: Graciously continue in your Church this love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of your Name; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our



Lord. Amen.

## **The World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [Uzbekistan](#).

## **The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [Union of the Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East](#).

## **A Collect for Fridays**

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

## **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## **For Clergy and People**

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our bishops, and other clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **For the Unity of the Church**

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions; take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as there is but one Body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## For Monastic Orders and Vocations

O Lord Jesus Christ, you became poor for our sake, that we might be made rich through your poverty: Guide and sanctify, we pray, those whom you call to follow you under the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, that by their prayer and service they may enrich your Church, and by their life and worship may glorify your Name; for you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### Hymn: Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
Bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,  
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia!  
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,  
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim,  
More glorious than the seraphim,  
Lead their praises, Alleluia!  
Thou bearer of th'eternal Word,  
Most gracious, magnify the Lord.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,  
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,  
All saints triumphant, raise the song.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing,  
Supernal anthems echoing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

Singers; Choir of Belfast Cathedral  
Words: John A.L. Riley

### A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

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. 2 Corinthians 13:14

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## **An Order for Compline**

*The Leader begins*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

*Leader*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*Response*

The maker of heaven and Earth.

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:  
We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## The Psalm

*Everyone*

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*  
or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup>In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame: \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O Lord, O God of truth.

## The Word

*Leader*

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.  
*Matthew 11:28-30*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith. *1 Peter 5:8-9a*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.*

## **The Responses**

*Leader*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

*Response*

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

*Leader*

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

*Response*

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

## **The Prayers**

*Everyone*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

or [traditional](#)

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.

## **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each others toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*

whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.



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# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."  
John 8:12

## Hymn: To you before the close of day

To you before the close of day,  
Creator of all things, we pray  
that, in your constant clemency,  
our guard and keeper you would be.

Save us from troubled, restless sleep;  
from all ill dreams your children keep.  
So calm our minds that fears may cease  
and rested bodies wake in peace.

A healthy life we ask of you:  
the fire of love in us renew,  
and when the dawn new light will bring,  
your praise and glory we shall sing.

Almighty Father, hear our cry  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, most high,  
Whom with the Spirit we adore  
forever and for evermore. Amen.

Singer: Angelina Gearke, Cantor  
Saint Mary's parish  
Independence, Missouri

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron***

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## **The Psalter**

## **110:1-7 *Dixit Dominus***

### **or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, \*  
until I make your enemies your footstool."

<sup>2</sup> The LORD will send the scepter of your power out of Zion, \*  
saying, "Rule over your enemies round about you.

<sup>3</sup> Princely state has been yours from the day of your birth; \*  
in the beauty of holiness have I begotten you,  
like dew from the womb of the morning."

<sup>4</sup> The LORD has sworn and he will not recant: \*  
"You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek."

<sup>5</sup> The Lord who is at your right hand  
will smite kings in the day of his wrath; \*  
he will rule over the nations.

<sup>6</sup> He will heap high the corpses; \*  
he will smash heads over the wide earth.

<sup>7</sup> He will drink from the brook beside the road; \*  
therefore he will lift high his head.

## **116 *Dilexi, quoniam***

### **or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, because he has heard the  
voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever  
I called upon him.

<sup>2</sup> The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.

<sup>3</sup> Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: \*  
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

<sup>4</sup> Gracious is the LORD and righteous; \*  
our God is full of compassion.

<sup>5</sup> The LORD watches over the innocent; \*  
I was brought very low, and he helped me.

<sup>6</sup> Turn again to your rest, O my soul. \*  
for the LORD has treated you well.

<sup>7</sup> For you have rescued my life from death, \*  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

<sup>8</sup> I will walk in the presence of the LORD \*  
in the land of the living.

<sup>9</sup> I believed, even when I said,  
"I have been brought very low." \*  
In my distress I said, "No one can be trusted."

<sup>10</sup> How shall I repay the LORD \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?

<sup>11</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.  
<sup>12</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people.  
<sup>13</sup> Precious in the sight of the LORD \*  
is the death of his servants.  
<sup>14</sup> O LORD, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.  
<sup>15</sup> I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.  
<sup>16</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people,  
<sup>17</sup> In the courts of the LORD's house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!

## **117 *Laudate Dominum*** **or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD, all you nations; \*  
laud him, all you peoples.  
<sup>2</sup> For his loving-kindness toward us is great, \*  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever.  
Hallelujah!

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 9:37-50

<sup>37</sup>On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. <sup>38</sup>Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. <sup>39</sup>Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. <sup>40</sup>I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." <sup>41</sup>Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." <sup>42</sup>While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father.

<sup>43</sup>And all were astounded at the greatness of God. While everyone was amazed at all that he was doing, he said to his disciples, <sup>44</sup>"Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands." <sup>45</sup>But they did not understand this saying; its meaning was concealed from them, so that they could not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying. <sup>46</sup>An argument arose among them as to which one of them was the greatest. <sup>47</sup>But Jesus, aware of their inner thoughts, took a little child and put it by his side, <sup>48</sup>and said to them, "Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me; for the least among all of you is the greatest." <sup>49</sup>John answered, "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he does not follow with us." <sup>50</sup>But Jesus said to him, "Do not stop him; for whoever is not against you is for you."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Cantic**

*Everyone*

# **The Song of Mary *Magnificat*** **Luke 1:46-55**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))**

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 Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 23**

*Leader*

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

## **The World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [Vanuatu](#).

## **The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [Union of Welsh Independents](#).

## **A Collect for Saturdays**

O God, the source of eternal light: Shed forth your unending day upon us who watch for you, that our lips may praise you, our lives may bless you, and our worship on the morrow give you glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*



## **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## **For Sound Government**

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

Lord, keep this nation under your care.

To all who have executive authority and to all who have administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To those who make our laws give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name.

For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Amen.

## **For Schools and Colleges**

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For the Harvest of Lands and Waters**

O gracious Father, who opens your hand and fills all living things: Bless the lands and waters, and multiply the harvests of the world; let your Spirit go forth, that it may renew the face of the earth; show your loving-kindness, that our land may give her increase; and save us from selfish use of what you give, that men and women everywhere may give you thanks; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: Unto the hills**

Unto the hills around do I lift up my longing eyes  
O whence for me shall my salvation come, from whence arise?  
From God, the Lord, doth come my certain aid,  
From God, the Lord, who heaven and Earth hath made.

He will not suffer that thy foot be moved: safe shalt thou be.  
No careless slumber shall His eyelids close, who keepeth thee.  
Behold, He sleepeth not, He slumbereth ne'er,  
Who keepeth Israel in His holy care.

From every evil shall He keep thy soul, from every sin;  
Jehovah shall preserve thy going out, thy coming in.  
Above thee watching, He Whom we adore  
Shall keep thee henceforth, yea, forevermore.

Singers: Altar of Praise Chorale  
Words: John D. Campbell  
Music: Charles H. Purday  
Tune: *Sandon*

## **A Prayer of Self-Dedication**

Almighty and eternal God,  
so draw our hearts to you,  
so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations,  
so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly yours,  
utterly dedicated unto you;  
and then use us, we pray you, as you will,  
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,

and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

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. 2 Corinthians 13:14

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## **An Order for Compline**

*The Leader begins*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

*Leader*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*Response*

The maker of heaven and Earth.

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:  
We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **The Psalm**

*Everyone*

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*  
or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup>In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame: \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O Lord, O God of truth.

## The Word

*Leader*

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Hebrews 13:20-21*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith. *1 Peter 5:8-9a*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.*

## The Responses

*Leader*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

*Response*

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

*Leader*

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

*Response*

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

## **The Prayers**

*Everyone*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

or [traditional](#)

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.

### **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illumine this night with your celestial brightness; that by night as by day your people may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **A Collect for Saturdays**

We give you thanks, O God, for revealing your Son Jesus Christ to us by the light of his resurrection: Grant that as we sing your glory at the close of this day, our joy may abound in the morning as we celebrate the Paschal mystery; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your loves sake. Amen.

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.

[Jump to Compline](#)

Sunday  
Evening Prayer  
Proper 24

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:2

## Hymn: Night is come

Night is come; stars shine down  
twinkling over field and town.  
Now we stop here to pray:  
"Thank you, God, for this day."

This one sleeps; this one wakes.  
And each one comfort takes  
from the Joy that surrounds  
all Creation without bounds.

Day by day, year by year,  
let us know You are near.  
Night by night from above  
teach us mercy, peace, and love.

Tune: *Night is come*

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.



We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron***

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## **The Psalter**

**114 *In exitu Israel***

**or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, \*

the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

<sup>2</sup> Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
and Israel his dominion.

<sup>3</sup> The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
Jordan turned and went back.

<sup>4</sup> The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
and the little hills like young sheep.

<sup>5</sup> What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
O Jordan, that you turned back?

<sup>6</sup> You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
you little hills like young sheep?

<sup>7</sup> Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

<sup>8</sup> Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

## **115 *Non nobis, Domine*** **or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> Not to us, O Lord, not to us,  
but to your Name give glory; \*  
because of your love and because of your faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup> Why should the heathen say, \*  
"Where then is their God?"

<sup>3</sup> Our God is in heaven; \*  
whatever he wills to do he does.

<sup>4</sup> Their idols are silver and gold, \*  
the work of human hands.

<sup>5</sup> They have mouths, but they cannot speak; \*  
eyes have they, but they cannot see;

<sup>6</sup> They have ears but they cannot hear; \*  
noses, but they cannot smell;

<sup>7</sup> They have hands, but they cannot feel;  
feet, but they cannot walk; \*  
they make no sound with their throat.

<sup>8</sup> Those who make them are like them, \*  
and so are all who put their trust in them.

<sup>9</sup> O Israel, trust in the Lord; \*  
he is their help and their shield.

<sup>10</sup> O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord; \*  
he is their help and their shield.

<sup>11</sup> You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord; \*  
he is their help and their shield.

<sup>12</sup> The Lord has been mindful of us, and he will bless us; \*  
he will bless the house of Israel;  
he will bless the house of Aaron;

<sup>13</sup> He will bless those who fear the Lord, \*  
both small and great together.

<sup>14</sup> May the Lord increase you more and more, \*  
you and your children after you.

<sup>15</sup> May you be blessed by the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

<sup>16</sup> The heaven of heavens is the Lord's, \*  
but he entrusted the earth to its peoples.

<sup>17</sup> The dead do not praise the Lord, \*  
nor all those who go down into silence;

<sup>18</sup> But we will bless the Lord, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.  
Hallelujah!

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **The Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 16:13-20

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup>And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

# **The Song of Mary *Magnificat***

## **Luke 1:46-55**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))**

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 Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 24**

*Leader*

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

## **A Collect for Sundays**

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [Vatican City](#).

## **The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands](#).

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

## **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## **For Courts of Justice**

Lord Jesus, for our sake you were condemned as a criminal: Visit our jails and prisons with your pity and judgment. Remember all prisoners, and bring the guilty to repentance and amendment of life according to your will, and give them hope for their future. When any are held unjustly, bring them release; forgive us, and teach us to improve our justice. Remember those who work in these institutions; keep them humane and compassionate; and save them from becoming brutal or callous. And since what we do for those in prison, O Lord, we do for you, constrain us to improve their lot. All this we ask for your mercy's sake. Amen.

## **For Those Who Suffer for the Sake of Conscience**

O God our Father, whose Son forgave his enemies while he was suffering shame and death: Strengthen those who suffer for the sake of conscience; when they are accused, save them from speaking in hate; when they are rejected, save them from bitterness; when they are imprisoned, save them from despair; and to us your servants, give grace to respect their witness and to discern the truth, that our society may be cleansed and strengthened. This we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, our merciful and righteous Judge. Amen.

## **For Towns and Rural Areas**

Lord Christ, when you came among us, you proclaimed the kingdom of God in villages, towns, and lonely places: Grant that your presence and power may be known throughout this land. Have mercy upon all of us who live and work in rural areas; and grant that all the people of our nation may give thanks to you for food and drink and all other bodily necessities of life, respect those who labor to produce them, and honor the land and the water from which these good things come. All this we ask in your holy Name. Amen.

## **Hymn: Thou, Whose Almighty word**

Thou, Whose Almighty word  
Chaos and darkness heard,  
And took their flight,  
Hear us, we humbly pray;  
And, where the Gospel day  
Sheds not its glorious ray,  
Let there be light!

Thou Who didst come to bring  
On Thy redeeming wing  
Healing and sight,  
Health to the sick in mind,  
Sight to the inly blind,  
O now, to all mankind  
Let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love,  
Life-giving, holy Dove,  
Speed forth Thy flight!  
Move on the waters' face,  
Bearing the lamp of grace,  
And, in Earth's darkest place,  
Let there be light!

Blesséd and Holy Three,  
Glorious Trinity:  
Wisdom, Love, Might;  
Boundless as ocean's tide,  
Rolling in fullest pride  
Through the world, far and wide,  
Let there be light!

Singers: Scottish Festival Singers  
Words: John Marriott  
Music: Felice de Giardini  
Tune: *Moscow*



## **A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

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. 2 Corinthians 13:14

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## **An Order for Compline**

*The Leader begins*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

*Leader*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*Response*

The maker of heaven and Earth.

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:  
We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,

forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## The Psalm

*Everyone*

4 *Cum invocarem*

or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup> "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?"

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

<sup>4</sup> Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

<sup>5</sup> Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> Many are saying,  
"Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

<sup>7</sup> You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

<sup>8</sup> I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

## The Word

*Leader*

Lord, you are in the midst of us, and we are called by your Name: Do not forsake us, O Lord our God. *Jeremiah 14:9*,

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.*

## **The Responses**

*Leader*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

*Response*

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

*Leader*

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

*Response*

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

## **The Prayers**

*Everyone*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

or [traditional](#)

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.

## **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your loves sake. Amen.

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.

[Jump to Compline](#)

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# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. *Psalm 139:10, 11*

## Hymn: Now rest beneath night's shadow

Now rest beneath night's shadow  
The woodland, field, and meadow,  
The world in slumber lies;  
But you, my heart, awake thee,  
To prayer and song betake thee;  
Let praise to the Creator rise.  
Let praise to the Creator rise.

Lord Jesus, You do love me,  
Oh, spread Your wings above me  
And shield me from alarm!  
Though Satan would devour me,  
Let angel-guards sing o'er me:  
This child of God shall meet no harm!  
This child of God shall meet no harm!

Composer: Paul Gerhardt, 1653  
Tune: *Nun ruhen alle Wlder*

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron***

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## **The Psalter**

**9 *Confitebor tibi***

or [Coverdale](#)



<sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; \*  
I will tell of all your marvelous works.

<sup>2</sup> I will be glad and rejoice in you; \*  
I will sing to your Name, O Most High.

<sup>3</sup> When my enemies are driven back, \*  
they will stumble and perish at your presence.

<sup>4</sup> For you have maintained my right and my cause; \*  
you sit upon your throne judging right.

<sup>5</sup> You have rebuked the ungodly and destroyed the wicked; \*  
you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.

<sup>6</sup> As for the enemy, they are finished, in perpetual ruin, \*  
their cities ploughed under, the memory of them perished;

<sup>7</sup> But the Lord is enthroned for ever; \*  
he has set up his throne for judgment.

<sup>8</sup> It is he who rules the world with righteousness; \*  
he judges the peoples with equity.

<sup>9</sup> The Lord will be a refuge for the oppressed, \*  
a refuge in time of trouble.

<sup>10</sup> Those who know your Name will put their trust in you, \*  
for you never forsake those who seek you, O Lord.

<sup>11</sup> Sing praise to the Lord who dwells in Zion; \*  
proclaim to the peoples the things he has done.

<sup>12</sup> The Avenger of blood will remember them; \*  
he will not forget the cry of the afflicted.

<sup>13</sup> Have pity on me, O Lord; \*  
see the misery I suffer from those who hate me,  
O you who lift me up from the gate of death;

<sup>14</sup> So that I may tell of all your praises  
and rejoice in your salvation \*  
in the gates of the city of Zion.

<sup>15</sup> The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug, \*  
and in the snare they set is their own foot caught.

<sup>16</sup> The Lord is known by his acts of justice; \*  
the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.

<sup>17</sup> The wicked shall be given over to the grave, \*  
and also all the peoples that forget God.

<sup>18</sup> For the needy shall not always be forgotten, \*  
and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.

<sup>19</sup> Rise up, O Lord, let not the ungodly have the upper hand; \*  
let them be judged before you.

<sup>20</sup> Put fear upon them, O Lord; \*  
let the ungodly know they are but mortal.

## **15 *Domine, quis habitabit?***

### **or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*

who may abide upon your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup> Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
who speaks the truth from his heart.

<sup>3</sup> There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

<sup>4</sup> In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
but he honors those who fear the Lord.

<sup>5</sup> He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.

<sup>6</sup> He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

<sup>7</sup> Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **The Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 9:51-62

<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup>but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>Then they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup>To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup>But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup>Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

## **The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis* Luke 2:29-32**

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))**

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 Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*Response*

And grant us your salvation.

*Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

*Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

*Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 24**

*Leader*

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

## **The World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [Venezuela](#).

## **The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [United Church in Papua New Guinea](#).

## **A Collect for Peace**

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that

peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

## Intercessions

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

### **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptation  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

### **For the Right Use of God's Gifts**

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For Knowledge of God's Creation**

Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For the Care of Children**

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **Hymn: I love thy kingdom, Lord**

I love thy kingdom, Lord,  
the house of thine abode,  
the Church our blest Redeemer  
saved with his own precious blood.

For her my tears shall fall;  
for her my prayers ascend;  
to her my cares and toils be given,

till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy  
I prize her heavenly ways,  
her sweet communion, solemn vows,  
her hymns of love and praise.

Jesus, thou friend divine,  
our Savior and our King,  
thy hand from every snare and foe  
shall great deliverance bring.

Sure as thy truth shall last,  
to Zion shall be given  
the brightest glories Earth can yield,  
and brighter bliss of heaven.

Singers: The Congregation of Washington National Cathedral (the Cathedral Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul)  
Words: Timothy Dwight  
Tune: *St. Thomas*

## **A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

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. 2 Corinthians 13:14

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## **An Order for Compline**

*The Leader begins*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

*Leader*



Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*Response*

The maker of heaven and Earth.

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:  
We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **The Psalm**

*Everyone*

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*  
or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup>In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame: \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*

for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O Lord, O God of truth.

## The Word

*Leader*

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.  
*Matthew 11:28-30*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.*

## The Responses

*Leader*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

*Response*

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

*Leader*

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

*Response*

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

## The Prayers

*Everyone*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

or [traditional](#)

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.

## **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illumine this night with your celestial brightness; that by night as by day your people may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each others toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.

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Tuesday  
Evening Prayer  
Proper 24

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole Earth tremble before him. *Psalm 96:9*

## Hymn: Abide with me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour.  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and Earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Words: Henry F. Lyte  
Music: Monk Tune: *Eventide*

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron***

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## **The Psalter**

### **36 *Dixit injustus* or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> There is a voice of rebellion deep in the heart of the wicked; \*

there is no fear of God before his eyes.

<sup>2</sup> He flatters himself in his own eyes \*  
that his hateful sin will not be found out.

<sup>3</sup> The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful; \*  
he has left off acting wisely and doing good.

<sup>4</sup> He thinks up wickedness upon his bed  
and has set himself in no good way; \*  
he does not abhor that which is evil.

<sup>5</sup> Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, \*  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

<sup>6</sup> Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,  
your justice like the great deep; \*  
you save both man and beast, O Lord.

<sup>7</sup> How priceless is your love, O God! \*  
your people take refuge under the  
shadow of your wings.

<sup>8</sup> They feast upon the abundance of your house; \*  
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

<sup>9</sup> For with you is the well of life, \*  
and in your light we see light.

<sup>10</sup> Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, \*  
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

<sup>11</sup> Let not the foot of the proud come near me, \*  
nor the hand of the wicked push me aside.

<sup>12</sup> See how they are fallen, those who work wickedness! \*  
they are cast down and shall not be able to rise.

## ***39 Dixi, Custodiam*** **or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> I said, "I will keep watch upon my ways, \*  
so that I do not offend with my tongue.

<sup>2</sup> I will put a muzzle on my mouth \*  
while the wicked are in my presence."

<sup>3</sup> So I held my tongue and said nothing; \*  
I refrained from rash words;  
but my pain became unbearable.

<sup>4</sup> My heart was hot within me;  
while I pondered, the fire burst into flame; \*  
I spoke out with my tongue:

<sup>5</sup> Lord, let me know my end and the number of my days, \*  
so that I may know how short my life is.

<sup>6</sup> You have given me a mere handful of days,  
and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight; \*  
truly, even those who stand erect are but a puff of wind.

<sup>7</sup> We walk about like a shadow,  
and in vain we are in turmoil; \*  
we heap up riches and cannot tell who will gather them.

And now, what is my hope? \*  
O Lord, my hope is in you.  
<sup>9</sup> Deliver me from all my transgressions \*  
and do not make me the taunt of the fool.  
<sup>10</sup> I fell silent and did not open my mouth, \*  
for surely it was you that did it.  
<sup>11</sup> Take your affliction from me; \*  
I am worn down by the blows of your hand.  
<sup>12</sup> With rebukes for sin you punish us;  
like a moth you eat away all that is dear to us; \*  
truly, everyone is but a puff of wind.  
<sup>13</sup> Hear my prayer, O Lord,  
and give ear to my cry; \*  
hold not your peace at my tears.  
<sup>14</sup> For I am but a sojourner with you, \*  
a wayfarer, as all my forebears were.  
<sup>15</sup> Turn your gaze from me, that I may be glad again, \*  
before I go my way and am no more.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 10:1-16

<sup>10</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' <sup>12</sup>I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town. <sup>13</sup>"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>14</sup>But at the judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. <sup>15</sup>And you, Capernaum, will



you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

# **The Song of Mary *Magnificat* Luke 1:46-55**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))

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 Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 24**

*Leader*

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

## **The World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [Vietnam](#).

## **The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [United Church in the Solomon Islands](#).

## **A Collect for Guidance**

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

## **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance

Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## **For Agriculture**

Almighty God, we thank you for making the earth fruitful, so that it might produce what is needed for life: Bless those who work in the fields; give us seasonable weather; and grant that we may all share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For Those We Love**

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For Quiet Confidence**

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we will be saved, in quietness and confidence will be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: Though I may speak**

Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
And have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love, my words are vain,  
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,  
And striving so my love profess,  
But not be given by love within,  
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
Our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
By this we worship, and are freed.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Singers: The Kindred Hearts Quartet

Tune: *O Waly, Waly*

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Singers: The Kindred Hearts Quartet  
Tune: *O Waly, Waly*

## **A Prayer of Self-Dedication**

Almighty and eternal God,  
so draw our hearts to you,  
so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations,  
so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly yours,  
utterly dedicated unto you;  
and then use us, we pray you, as you will,  
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

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. 2 Corinthians 13:14

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## **An Order for Compline**

*The Leader begins*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

*Leader*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*Response*

The maker of heaven and Earth.

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:  
We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **The Psalm**

*Everyone*

4 *Cum invocarem*  
or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup> "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?"

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

<sup>4</sup> Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

<sup>5</sup> Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> Many are saying,  
"Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

<sup>7</sup> You have put gladness in my heart, \*



more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

<sup>8</sup> I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

## The Word

*Leader*

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Hebrews 13:20-21*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.*

## The Responses

*Leader*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

*Response*

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

*Leader*

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

*Response*

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

## The Prayers

*Everyone*

# The Lord's Prayer

or [traditional](#)

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.

## Traditional Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield

the joyous; and all for your loves sake. Amen.

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.

[Jump to Compline](#)

Wednesday  
Evening Prayer  
The Evening of the Commemoration of James of Jerusalem

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

Yours is the day, O God, yours also the night; you established the moon and the sun. You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter. *Psalm 74:15, 16*

## Hymn: Glory to thee, my God, this night

Glory to thee, my God, this night,  
for all the blessings of the light:  
keep me, O keep me, King of kings,  
beneath thine own almighty wings.

Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,  
the ill that I this day have done;  
that with the world, myself, and thee,  
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

Teach me to live, that I may dread  
the grave as little as my bed;  
teach me to die, that so I may  
rise glorious at the awful day.

O may my soul on thee repose,  
and with sweet sleep mine eyelids close;  
sleep that may me more vigorous make  
to serve my God when I awake.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Singers: The Chapel Choir of University College, Durham  
Words: Thomas Ken, 1692  
Music: Thomas Tallis Tune: *Tallis' Canon*

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron***

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,

O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

# The Psalter

## **122 *Laetatus Sum*** **or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> I was glad when they said to me, \*  
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

<sup>2</sup> Now our feet are standing \*  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup> Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
that is at unity with itself;

<sup>4</sup> To which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord, \*  
the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the Name of the Lord.

<sup>5</sup> For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
the thrones of the house of David.

<sup>6</sup> Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
"May they prosper who love you.

<sup>7</sup> Peace be within your walls \*  
and quietness within your towers.

<sup>8</sup> For my brethren and companions' sake, \*  
I pray for your prosperity.

<sup>9</sup> Because of the house of the Lord our God, \*  
I will seek to do you good."

## **125 *Qui confidunt*** **or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, \*  
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

<sup>2</sup> The hills stand about Jerusalem; \*  
so does the Lord stand round about his people,  
from this time forth for evermore.

<sup>3</sup> The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the  
land allotted to the just, \*  
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

<sup>4</sup> Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good \*  
and to those who are true of heart.

<sup>5</sup> As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,  
the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; \*  
but peace be upon Israel.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **The Lessons**

### **The Old Testament Lesson**

*Reader*

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 65:17-25

<sup>17</sup>For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. <sup>18</sup>But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. <sup>19</sup>I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. <sup>20</sup>No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. <sup>21</sup>They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. <sup>22</sup>They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup>They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord and their descendants as well. <sup>24</sup>Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord .

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

### **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

## **The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis*** **Luke 2:29-32**

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*

whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

## **The New Testament Lesson**

*Reader*

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews 12:12-24

<sup>12</sup>Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, <sup>13</sup>and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed. <sup>14</sup>Pursue peace with everyone, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. <sup>15</sup>See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springs up and causes trouble, and through it many become defiled. <sup>16</sup>See to it that no one becomes like Esau, an immoral and godless person, who sold his birthright for a single meal. <sup>17</sup>You know that later, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, even though he sought the blessing with tears.

<sup>18</sup>You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.")

<sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

## **The Song of Mary *Magnificat* Luke 1:46-55**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*



the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))**

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 Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*Response*

And grant us your salvation.

*Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

*Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

*Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

## **The Collect of the Day: Saint James**

*Leader*

Grant, O God, that, following the example of your servant James the Just, brother of our Lord, your Church may give itself continually to prayer and to the reconciliation of all who are at variance and enmity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [Yemen](#).

## **The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [United Church of Canada](#).

## **A Collect for Protection**

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

## **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## **For Cities**

Heavenly Father, in your Word you have given us a vision of that holy City to which the nations of the world bring their glory: Behold and visit, we pray, the cities of the earth. Renew the ties of mutual regard which form our civic life. Send us honest and able leaders. Enable us to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression, that peace may prevail with righteousness, and justice with order, and that men and women from different cultures and with differing talents may find with one another the fulfillment of their humanity.

## **For Those Who Influence Public Opinion**

Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its

mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For the Future of the Human Race**

O God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: Increase our reverence before the mystery of life; and give us new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: There is a place of quiet rest**

There is a place of quiet rest,  
near to the heart of God;  
a place where sin cannot molest,  
near to the heart of God.

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,  
sent from the heart of God,  
hold us who wait before thee  
near to the heart of God.

There is a place of comfort sweet,  
near to the heart of God;  
a place where we our Savior meet,  
near to the heart of God.

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,  
sent from the heart of God,  
hold us who wait before thee  
near to the heart of God.

There is a place of full release,  
near to the heart of God;  
a place where all is joy and peace,  
near to the heart of God.

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,  
sent from the heart of God,  
hold us who wait before thee  
near to the heart of God.

Near to the heart of God.

Singers: Sharon Mennonite Bible Institute Singers  
Words and music: Cleland B. McAfee

## **A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

### **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

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. 2 Corinthians 13:14

## Hymn: God Be With You

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## An Order for Compline

*The Leader begins*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

*Leader*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*Response*

The maker of heaven and Earth.

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:  
We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **The Psalm**

*Everyone*

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*  
or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup>In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame: \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O Lord, O God of truth.

## **The Word**

*Leader*

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.  
*Matthew 11:28-30*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.*

## **The Responses**

*Leader*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;



*Response*

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

*Leader*

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

*Response*

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

## **The Prayers**

*Everyone*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

or [traditional](#)

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.

### **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each others toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.

[Jump to Compline](#)

Thursday  
Evening Prayer  
Proper 24

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. *Psalm 16:7, 8*

## Hymn: I lie, O Lord, within Your care

I lie, O Lord, within Your care,  
Awake or when I'm sleeping.  
Whoever trusts in Your strong arms  
Is safe within Your keeping.

Lord, You alone keep constant watch;  
My restless heart You quiet.  
When shadow fills the night with fear,  
I will by faith defy it.

It is enough that You are near;  
I need not now discover  
What hidden plans You have for me,  
My future's path uncover.

Tomorrow's road I cannot trace  
Nor know what ills will meet me.  
You only ask that I be still  
And trust You there will greet me.

Text: Jochen Klepper, translated by Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr.

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron***

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## **The Psalter**

## 37 Part II

### *Novit Dominus*

#### or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>19</sup> The Lord cares for the lives of the godly, \*  
and their inheritance shall last for ever.

<sup>20</sup> They shall not be ashamed in bad times, \*  
and in days of famine they shall have enough.

<sup>21</sup> As for the wicked, they shall perish, \*  
and the enemies of the Lord, like the glory of  
the meadows, shall vanish;  
they shall vanish like smoke.

<sup>22</sup> The wicked borrow and do not repay, \*  
but the righteous are generous in giving.

<sup>23</sup> Those who are blessed by God shall possess the land, \*  
but those who are cursed by him shall be destroyed.

<sup>24</sup> Our steps are directed by the Lord; \*  
he strengthens those in whose way he delights.

<sup>25</sup> If they stumble, they shall not fall headlong, \*  
for the Lord holds them by the hand.

<sup>26</sup> I have been young and now I am old, \*  
but never have I seen the righteous forsaken,  
or their children begging bread.

<sup>27</sup> The righteous are always generous in their lending, \*  
and their children shall be a blessing.

<sup>28</sup> Turn from evil, and do good, \*  
and dwell in the land for ever.

<sup>29</sup> For the Lord loves justice; \*  
he does not forsake his faithful ones.

<sup>30</sup> They shall be kept safe for ever, \*  
but the offspring of the wicked shall be destroyed.

<sup>31</sup> The righteous shall possess the land \*  
and dwell in it for ever.

<sup>32</sup> The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, \*  
and their tongue speaks what is right.

<sup>33</sup> The law of their God is in their heart, \*  
and their footsteps shall not falter.

<sup>34</sup> The wicked spy on the righteous \*  
and seek occasion to kill them.

<sup>35</sup> The Lord will not abandon them to their hand, \*  
nor let them be found guilty when brought to trial.

<sup>36</sup> Wait upon the Lord and keep his way; \*  
he will raise you up to possess the land,  
and when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.

<sup>37</sup> I have seen the wicked in their arrogance, \*  
flourishing like a tree in full leaf.

<sup>38</sup> I went by, and behold, they were not there; \*  
I searched for them, but they could not be found.

<sup>39</sup> Mark those who are honest;  
observe the upright; \*  
for there is a future for the peaceable.

<sup>40</sup> Transgressors shall be destroyed, one and all; \*  
the future of the wicked is cut off.

<sup>41</sup> But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; \*  
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

<sup>42</sup> The Lord will help them and rescue them; \*  
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,  
because they seek refuge in him.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 10:25-37

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup>He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." <sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

# The Canticle

*Everyone*

## The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

### Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

## The Apostles' Creed

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,



the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

# The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))

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 Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

# The Suffrages

*Leader*

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

## The Collect of the Day: Proper 24

*Leader*

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

## **The World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [Zambia](#).

## **The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [United Church of Christ](#).

## **A Collect for Protection**

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

## **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## **For Those Who Need Continuing Care**

Look with mercy, O God our Father, on all persons who have become ill, weak, distressed, or isolated. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept help; and increase their faith and their assurance of your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For the Absent**

O God, whose fatherly care reaches to the uttermost parts of the earth: We humbly beseech you graciously to behold and bless whom we love, now absent from us. Defend them from all dangers of soul and body; and grant that both they and we, drawing nearer to you, may be bound together by your love in the communion of your Holy Spirit, and in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: There is a hope**

There is a hope that burns within my heart,  
That gives me strength for every passing day;  
A glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part,  
Yet drives all doubt away:  
I stand in Christ, with sins forgiven;  
And Christ in me, the hope of heaven!  
My highest calling and my deepest joy,  
To make His will my home.

There is a hope that stands the test of time,  
That lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,  
To see the matchless beauty of a day divine  
When I behold His face!  
When sufferings cease and sorrows die,  
And every longing satisfied.  
Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,  
For I am truly home.

Singers: Choirs and congregation, St. Thomas', Belfast, Ireland  
Composer: Stuart Townsend

## **A Prayer of Self-Dedication**

Almighty and eternal God,  
so draw our hearts to you,  
so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations,  
so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly yours,  
utterly dedicated unto you;  
and then use us, we pray you, as you will,  
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness

to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Romans 15:13

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## **An Order for Compline**

*The Leader begins*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

*Leader*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*Response*

The maker of heaven and Earth.

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

We have sinned against you,

through our own fault,

in thought, and word, and deed,

and in what we have left undone.

For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,

forgive us all our offenses;

and grant that we may serve you

in newness of life,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **The Psalm**

*Everyone*

4 *Cum invocarem*

or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*

you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup> "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?"

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

<sup>4</sup> Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

<sup>5</sup> Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> Many are saying,  
"Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

<sup>7</sup> You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

<sup>8</sup> I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

## The Word

*Leader*

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.  
*Matthew 11:28-30*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.*

## The Responses

*Leader*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

*Response*

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

*Leader*

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

*Response*

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

## **The Prayers**

*Everyone*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

or [traditional](#)

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.

### **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.



*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your loves sake. Amen.

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.

[Jump to Compline](#)

Friday  
Evening Prayer  
Proper 24

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

Seek him who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night; who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out upon the surface of the earth: The Lord is his name. *Amos 5:8*

## Hymn: Now the day is over

Now the day is over,  
Night is drawing nigh,  
Shadows of the evening  
Steal across the sky.

Jesus, give the weary  
Calm and sweet repose;  
With Thy tenderest blessing  
May our eyelids close.

Comfort every sufferer  
Watching late in pain;  
Those who plan some evil  
From their sins restrain.

When the morning wakens,  
Then may I arise  
Pure, and fresh, and sinless  
In Your holy eyes.

Words: Sabine Baring-Gould  
Music: Joseph Barnby

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron***

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## **The Psalter**

## ***35 Judica, Domine*** **or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup>Fight those who fight me, O Lord; \*  
attack those who are attacking me.

<sup>2</sup>Take up shield and armor \*  
and rise up to help me.

<sup>3</sup>Draw the sword and bar the way against those  
who pursue me; \*  
say to my soul, "I am your salvation."

<sup>4</sup>Let those who seek after my life be shamed and humbled, \*  
let those who plot my ruin fall back and be dismayed.

<sup>5</sup>Let them be like chaff before the wind, \*  
and let the angel of the Lord drive them away.

<sup>6</sup>Let their way be dark and slippery, \*  
and let the angel of the Lord pursue them.

<sup>7</sup>For they have secretly spread a net for me without a cause; \*  
without a cause they have dug a pit to take me alive.

<sup>8</sup>Let ruin come upon them unawares; \*  
let them be caught in the net they hid;  
let them fall into the pit they dug.

<sup>9</sup>Then I will be joyful in the Lord; \*  
I will glory in his victory.

<sup>10</sup>My very bones will say, "Lord, who is like you? \*  
You deliver the poor from those who are too strong for them,  
the poor and needy from those who rob them."

<sup>11</sup>Malicious witnesses rise up against me; \*  
they charge me with matters I know nothing about.

<sup>12</sup>They pay me evil in exchange for good; \*  
my soul is full of despair.

<sup>13</sup>But when they were sick I dressed in sack-cloth \*  
and humbled myself by fasting;

<sup>14</sup>I prayed with my whole heart,  
as one would for a friend or a brother; \*  
I behaved like one who mourns for his mother,  
bowed down and grieving.

<sup>15</sup>But when I stumbled, they were glad and gathered together;  
they gathered against me; \*  
strangers whom I did not know tore me to pieces and  
would not stop.

<sup>16</sup>They put me to the test and mocked me; \*  
they gnashed at me with their teeth.

<sup>17</sup>O Lord, how long will you look on? \*  
rescue me from the roaring beasts,  
and my life from the young lions.

<sup>18</sup>I will give you thanks in the great congregation; \*  
I will praise you in the mighty throng.

<sup>19</sup>Do not let my treacherous foes rejoice over me, \*

nor let those who hate me without a cause  
wink at each other.

<sup>20</sup>For they do not plan for peace, \*  
but invent deceitful schemes against the  
quiet in the land.

<sup>21</sup>They opened their mouths at me and said, \*  
"Aha! we saw it with our own eyes."

<sup>22</sup>You saw it, O Lord; do not be silent; \*  
O Lord, be not far from me.

<sup>23</sup>Awake, arise, to my cause! \*  
to my defense, my God and my Lord!

<sup>24</sup>Give me justice, O Lord my God,  
according to your righteousness; \*  
do not let them triumph over me.

<sup>25</sup>Do not let them say in their hearts,  
"Aha! just what we want!" \*  
Do not let them say, "We have swallowed him up."

<sup>26</sup>Let all who rejoice at my ruin be ashamed and disgraced; \*  
let those who boast against me be clothed with  
dismay and shame.

<sup>27</sup>Let those who favor my cause sing out with joy and be glad; \*  
let them say always, "Great is the Lord,  
who desires the prosperity of his servant."

<sup>28</sup>And my tongue shall be talking of your righteousness \*  
and of your praise all the day long.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 10:38-42

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup>there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

# **The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis*** **Luke 2:29-32**

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))**

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 Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*Response*

And grant us your salvation.

*Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

*Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

*Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 24**

*Leader*



Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [Zimbabwe](#).

## **The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [United Church of Christ - Congregational in the Marshall Islands](#).

## **A Collect for Fridays**

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

## **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## **For Clergy and People**

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our bishops, and other clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly

please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **For the Unity of the Church**

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions; take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as there is but one Body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For Monastic Orders and Vocations**

O Lord Jesus Christ, you became poor for our sake, that we might be made rich through your poverty: Guide and sanctify, we pray, those whom you call to follow you under the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, that by their prayer and service they may enrich your Church, and by their life and worship may glorify your Name; for you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **Hymn: Spirit of God**

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
wean it from Earth; through all its pulses move;  
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,  
and make me love thee as I ought to love.

Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh;  
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear.  
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh,  
teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,  
one holy passion filling all my frame;  
the kindling of the heaven-descended Dove,  
my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

## **A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

# The Ending

## The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## Benediction

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

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. 2 Corinthians 13:14

## Hymn: God Be With You

God be with you till we meet again;

By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## An Order for Compline

*The Leader begins*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

*Leader*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*Response*

The maker of heaven and Earth.

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:  
We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## The Psalm

*Everyone*

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*  
or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup>In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame: \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O Lord, O God of truth.

## The Word

*Leader*

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.  
*Matthew 11:28-30*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith. *1 Peter 5:8-9a*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.*

## The Responses

*Leader*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

*Response*

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

*Leader*

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

*Response*

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

## **The Prayers**

*Everyone*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

or [traditional](#)

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.

### **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each others toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.



[Jump to Compline](#)

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# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."  
John 8:12

## Hymn: Joyous light of God's own glory

Joyous light of God's own glory  
Light of heav'n that fills this place  
Light of Son, eternal Father  
Light of God, the Son of grace.  
As the sun begins its setting  
And the glow of dusk sets in,  
We can look to heaven's glory  
For the light that never ends.

From the smallest of the sparrows  
To the blazing stars above,  
All Creation sings your glory,  
All Creation sings your love.  
O Son of God most holy  
O Son of God most high,  
May all earth and all the heavens  
Praise you for your glorious light.

O sing to God the Father,  
O sing to God the Son,  
O sing to God the Spirit,  
To God, the Three in One.  
Now let our voices rise up  
In harmonies most pure  
For God, you are most worthy  
Of our praise forevermore.

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In harmonies most pure  
For God, you are most worthy  
Of our praise forevermore.

Words: RR Ketcham  
Tune: *Nettleton*

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## The Invitatory

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## The Psalter

### 42 *Quemadmodum* or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> As the deer longs for the water-brooks, \*  
so longs my soul for you, O God.

<sup>2</sup> My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; \*  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

<sup>3</sup> My tears have been my food day and night, \*  
while all day long they say to me,  
Where now is your God?

<sup>4</sup> I pour out my soul when I think on these things: \*  
how I went with the multitude  
and led them into the house of God,

<sup>5</sup> With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, \*  
among those who keep holy-day.

<sup>6</sup> Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
and why are you so disquieted within me?

<sup>7</sup> Put your trust in God; \*  
for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

<sup>8</sup> My soul is heavy within me; \*  
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,  
and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.

<sup>9</sup> One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; \*  
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.

<sup>10</sup> The Lord grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; \*  
in the night season his song is with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.

<sup>11</sup> I will say to the God of my strength,  
Why have you forgotten me? \*  
and why do I go so heavily  
while the enemy oppresses me?

<sup>12</sup> While my bones are being broken, \*  
my enemies mock me to my face;

<sup>13</sup> All day long they mock me \*  
and say to me, Where now is your God?

<sup>14</sup> Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
and why are you so disquieted within me?

<sup>15</sup> Put your trust in God; \*  
for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

## **43 *Judica me, Deus*** or **[Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> Give judgment for me, O God,  
and defend my cause against an ungodly people; \*  
deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.

<sup>2</sup> For you are the God of my strength;  
why have you put me from you? \*  
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?

<sup>3</sup> Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, \*  
and bring me to your holy hill  
and to your dwelling;

<sup>4</sup> That I may go to the altar of God,  
to the God of my joy and gladness; \*  
and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.

<sup>5</sup> Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
and why are you so disquieted within me?

<sup>6</sup> Put your trust in God; \*  
for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 11:1-13

<sup>1</sup>He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because

he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup>"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

# **The Song of Mary *Magnificat*** **Luke 1:46-55**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))

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 Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 24**

*Leader*

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

## **The World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [Afghanistan](#).

## **The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [United Church of Christ in Japan](#).

## **A Collect for Saturdays**

O God, the source of eternal light: Shed forth your unending day upon us who watch for you, that our lips may praise you, our lives may bless you, and our worship on the morrow give you glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

## **Hymn: To my humble supplication**



To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## **For Sound Government**

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

Lord, keep this nation under your care.

To all who have executive authority and to all who have administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To those who make our laws give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name.

For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Amen.

## **For Schools and Colleges**

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For the Harvest of Lands and Waters**

O gracious Father, who opens your hand and fills all living things: Bless the lands and waters, and multiply the harvests of the world; let your Spirit go forth, that it may renew the face of the earth; show your loving-kindness, that our land may give her increase; and save us from selfish use of what you give, that men and women everywhere may give you thanks; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good**

[One minute, 30 second introduction]

Sing praise to God, the highest good,  
The author of creation,  
The God of love who understood  
Our need for his salvation.  
With healing balm our souls he fills  
And every faithless murmur stills:  
To God all praise and glory!

What Gods almighty power has made,  
In mercy he is keeping;  
By morning glow or evening shade  
His eye is never sleeping;  
Within the kingdom of his might  
All things are just and good and right:  
To God all praise and glory!

We sought the Lord in our distress;  
O God, in mercy hear us.  
Our Savior saw our helplessness  
And came with peace to cheer us.  
For this we thank and praise the Lord,  
Who is by one and all adored:  
To God all praise and glory!

Words: Melchior Vulpus  
Music: Johann J. Schutz  
Tune: *Lot Gott Den Herren, Ihr*

## **A Prayer of Self-Dedication**

Almighty and eternal God,  
so draw our hearts to you,  
so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations,  
so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly yours,  
utterly dedicated unto you;  
and then use us, we pray you, as you will,  
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

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. 2 Corinthians 13:14

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## **An Order for Compline**

*The Leader begins*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

*Leader*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*Response*

The maker of heaven and Earth.

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:  
We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **The Psalm**

*Everyone*

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*  
or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup>In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame: \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me; \*

make haste to deliver me.

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O Lord, O God of truth.

## The Word

*Leader*

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Hebrews 13:20-21*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith. *1 Peter 5:8-9a*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.*

## The Responses

*Leader*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

*Response*

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

*Leader*

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

*Response*

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

## **The Prayers**

*Everyone*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

or [traditional](#)

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.

### **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illumine this night with your celestial brightness; that by night as by day your people may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **A Collect for Saturdays**

We give you thanks, O God, for revealing your Son Jesus Christ to us by the light of his resurrection: Grant that as we sing your glory at the close of this day, our joy may abound in the morning as we celebrate the Paschal mystery; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your loves sake. Amen.

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.



[Jump to Compline](#)

Sunday  
Evening Prayer  
Proper 25

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:2

## Hymn: Since Jesus my Savior

Since Jesus my Savior from sin rescued me  
Life's pathway shines brighter because I am free.  
No harm can befall me though foes should assail;  
My refuge is Jesus, his love cannot fail.  
His love cannot fail. His love cannot fail.  
There's no one like Jesus, his love cannot fail.

My heart overflows with a wondrous delight  
For Jesus is with me by day and by night.  
His love ever flowing so boundless and free.  
It never can fail, 'tis for you and for me.  
His love cannot fail. His love cannot fail.  
There's no one like Jesus, his love cannot fail.

There's no one like Jesus to comfort and bless  
There's no one like him in the hour of distress  
He knows every trial on life's upward way.  
His love cannot fail, 'tis a joy day by day.  
His love cannot fail. His love cannot fail.  
There's no one like Jesus, his love cannot fail.

Singers: Altar of Praise Chorale  
Words and music: James M. Black

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron***

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## **The Psalter**

# 103 *Benedic, anima mea*

## or [Coverdale](#)

- <sup>1</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*  
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- <sup>2</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*  
and forget not all his benefits.
- <sup>3</sup> He forgives all your sins \*  
and heals all your infirmities;
- <sup>4</sup> He redeems your life from the grave \*  
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- <sup>5</sup> He satisfies you with good things, \*  
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- <sup>6</sup> The Lord executes righteousness \*  
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- <sup>7</sup> He made his ways known to Moses \*  
and his works to the children of Israel.
- <sup>8</sup> The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- <sup>9</sup> He will not always accuse us, \*  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- <sup>10</sup> He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- <sup>11</sup> For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- <sup>12</sup> As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- <sup>13</sup> As a father cares for his children, \*  
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.
- <sup>14</sup> For he himself knows whereof we are made; \*  
he remembers that we are but dust.
- <sup>15</sup> Our days are like the grass; \*  
we flourish like a flower of the field;
- <sup>16</sup> When the wind goes over it, it is gone, \*  
and its place shall know it no more.
- <sup>17</sup> But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever  
on those who fear him, \*  
and his righteousness on children's children;
- <sup>18</sup> On those who keep his covenant \*  
and remember his commandments and do them.
- <sup>19</sup> The Lord has set his throne in heaven, \*  
and his kingship has dominion over all.
- <sup>20</sup> Bless the Lord, you angels of his,  
you mighty ones who do his bidding, \*  
and hearken to the voice of his word.
- <sup>21</sup> Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, \*  
you ministers of his who do his will.

Bless the Lord, all you works of his,  
in all places of his dominion; \*  
bless the Lord, O my soul.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **The Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 18:15-20

<sup>15</sup>"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

## **The Song of Mary *Magnificat* Luke 1:46-55**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

## The Apostles' Creed

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))**

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 Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 25**

*Leader*

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

## **A Collect for Sundays**

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [Albania](#).

## **The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [United Church of Christ in the Philippines](#).

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

## **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## **For Courts of Justice**

Lord Jesus, for our sake you were condemned as a criminal: Visit our jails and prisons with your pity and judgment. Remember all prisoners, and bring the guilty to repentance and amendment of life according to your will, and give them hope for their future. When any are held unjustly, bring them release; forgive us, and teach us to improve our justice. Remember those who work in these institutions; keep them humane and compassionate; and save them from becoming brutal or callous. And since what we do for those in prison, O Lord, we do for you, constrain us to improve their lot. All this we ask for your mercy's sake. Amen.

## **For Those Who Suffer for the Sake of Conscience**

O God our Father, whose Son forgave his enemies while he was suffering shame and death: Strengthen those who suffer for the sake of conscience; when they are accused, save them from speaking in hate; when they are rejected, save them from bitterness; when they are imprisoned, save them from despair; and to us your servants, give grace to respect their witness and to discern the truth, that our society may be cleansed and strengthened. This we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, our merciful and righteous Judge. Amen.

## **For Towns and Rural Areas**

Lord Christ, when you came among us, you proclaimed the kingdom of God in villages, towns, and lonely places: Grant



that your presence and power may be known throughout this land. Have mercy upon all of us who live and work in rural areas; and grant that all the people of our nation may give thanks to you for food and drink and all other bodily necessities of life, respect those who labor to produce them, and honor the land and the water from which these good things come. All this we ask in your holy Name. Amen.

## **Hymn: Shall we gather at the river**

(14 second pause before music)

Shall we gather at the river,  
Where bright angel feet have trod,  
With its crystal tide forever  
Flowing by the throne of God?

Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
The beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river  
That flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river,  
Washing up its silver spray,  
We shall walk and worship ever,  
All the happy golden day.

Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
The beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river  
That flows by the throne of God.

## **A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

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. 2 Corinthians 13:14

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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# An Order for Compline

*The Leader begins*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

*Leader*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*Response*

The maker of heaven and Earth.

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:  
We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## The Psalm

*Everyone*

4 *Cum invocarem*  
or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup> "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?"

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

<sup>4</sup> Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

<sup>5</sup> Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> Many are saying,  
"Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

<sup>7</sup> You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

<sup>8</sup> I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

## The Word

*Leader*

Lord, you are in the midst of us, and we are called by your Name: Do not forsake us, O Lord our God. *Jeremiah 14:9, 22*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.*

## The Responses

*Leader*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

*Response*

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

*Leader*

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

*Response*

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

## **The Prayers**

*Everyone*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

or [traditional](#)

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.

### **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your loves sake. Amen.

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.

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Monday  
Evening Prayer  
The Evening of the Commemoration of Simon and Jude

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. *Psalm 139:10, 11*

## Hymn: Now rest beneath night's shadow

Now rest beneath night's shadow  
The woodland, field, and meadow,  
The world in slumber lies;  
But you, my heart, awake thee,  
To prayer and song betake thee;  
Let praise to the Creator rise.  
Let praise to the Creator rise.

Lord Jesus, You do love me,  
Oh, spread Your wings above me  
And shield me from alarm!  
Though Satan would devour me,  
Let angel-guards sing o'er me:  
This child of God shall meet no harm!  
This child of God shall meet no harm!

Composer: Paul Gerhardt, 1653  
Tune: *Nun ruhen alle Wlder*

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron***

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## **The Psalter**

**116 *Dilexi, quoniam***  
or [Coverdale](#)



<sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

<sup>2</sup> The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.

<sup>3</sup> Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: \*  
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

<sup>4</sup> Gracious is the LORD and righteous; \*  
our God is full of compassion.

<sup>5</sup> The LORD watches over the innocent; \*  
I was brought very low, and he helped me.

<sup>6</sup> Turn again to your rest, O my soul. \*  
for the LORD has treated you well.

<sup>7</sup> For you have rescued my life from death, \*  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

<sup>8</sup> I will walk in the presence of the LORD \*  
in the land of the living.

<sup>9</sup> I believed, even when I said,  
"I have been brought very low." \*  
In my distress I said, "No one can be trusted."

<sup>10</sup> How shall I repay the LORD \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?

<sup>11</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

<sup>12</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people.

<sup>13</sup> Precious in the sight of the LORD \*  
is the death of his servants.

<sup>14</sup> O LORD, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.

<sup>15</sup> I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

<sup>16</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people,

<sup>17</sup> In the courts of the LORD's house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!

## **117 *Laudate Dominum*** **or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD, all you nations; \*  
laud him, all you peoples.

<sup>2</sup> For his loving-kindness toward us is great, \*  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever.

Hallelujah!

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **The Lessons**

### **The Old Testament Lesson**

*Reader*

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 4:2-6

<sup>2</sup>On that day the branch of the Lord shall be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land shall be the pride and glory of the survivors of Israel. <sup>3</sup>Whoever is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy, everyone who has been recorded for life in Jerusalem, <sup>4</sup>once the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion and cleansed the bloodstains of Jerusalem from its midst by a spirit of judgment and by a spirit of burning. <sup>5</sup>Then the Lord will create over the whole site of Mount Zion and over its places of assembly a cloud by day and smoke and the shining of a flaming fire by night. Indeed over all the glory there will be a canopy. <sup>6</sup>It will serve as a pavilion, a shade by day from the heat, and a refuge and a shelter from the storm and rain.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

### **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

## **The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis*** **Luke 2:29-32**

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

## The Gospel

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to John 14:15-31

<sup>15</sup>"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup>"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them." <sup>22</sup>Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?" <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. <sup>25</sup>"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe. <sup>30</sup>I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; <sup>31</sup>but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## The Canticle

*Everyone*

# The Song of Mary *Magnificat* Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*

for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

## The Apostles' Creed

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))**

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 Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*Response*

And grant us your salvation.

*Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

*Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

*Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

## **The Collect of the Day: Simon and Jude**

*Leader*

O God, we thank you for the glorious company of the apostles, and especially on this day for Simon and Jude; and we pray that, as they were faithful and zealous in their mission, so we may with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

## **The World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [Algeria](#).

## **The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe](#).

## **A Collect for Peace**

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being

delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

## Intercessions

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

### **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

### **For the Right Use of God's Gifts**

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For Knowledge of God's Creation**

Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For the Care of Children**

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **Hymn: Seek ye first the kingdom of God**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness;  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Man shall not live by bread alone,  
But by every word  
That proceeds from the mouth of God.  
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
Seek, and ye shall find.  
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Singer and musician: Jack Marti

## **A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you



have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

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. 2 Corinthians 13:14

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## **An Order for Compline**

*The Leader begins*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

*Leader*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*Response*

The maker of heaven and Earth.

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:  
We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **The Psalm**

*Everyone*

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*  
or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup>In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame: \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O Lord, O God of truth.

## **The Word**

*Leader*

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;

for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.  
*Matthew 11:28-30*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.*

## **The Responses**

*Leader*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

*Response*

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

*Leader*

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

*Response*

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

## **The Prayers**

*Everyone*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

or [traditional](#)

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.

## **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illumine this night with your celestial brightness; that by night as by day your people may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each others toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.

[Jump to Compline](#)

Tuesday  
Evening Prayer  
Proper 25

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole Earth tremble before him. *Psalm 96:9*

## Hymn: In the dark of the midnight

In the dark of the midnight,  
Have I oft hid my face;  
While the storm howls above me,  
And there's no hiding place;  
'Mid the crash of the thunder,  
Precious Lord, hear my cry;  
"Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by."

'Til the storm passes over,  
'Til the thunder sounds no more;  
'Til the clouds roll forever from the sky,  
Hold me fast, let me stand,  
In the hollow of Thy hand;  
Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by.

Many times Satan whispers,  
"There is no need to try;  
For there's no end of sorrow,  
There's no hope by and by";  
But I know Thou art with me,  
And tomorrow I'll rise;  
Where the storms never darken the skies.

'Til the storm passes over,  
'Til the thunder sounds no more;  
'Til the clouds roll forever from the sky,  
Hold me fast, let me stand,  
In the hollow of Thy hand;  
Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by.

When the long night has ended,  
And the storms come no more,  
Let me stand in Thy presence.  
On that bright, peaceful shore.  
In that land where the tempest

Never comes, Lord may I  
Dwell with Thee when the storm passes by.

'Til the storm passes over,  
'Til the thunder sounds no more;  
'Til the clouds roll forever from the sky,  
Hold me fast, let me stand,  
In the hollow of Thy hand;  
Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by.

Words and Music: Traditional

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron***

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## **The Psalter**

### **47 *Omnes gentes, plaudite* or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> Clap your hands, all you peoples; \*  
shout to God with a cry of joy.

<sup>2</sup> For the Lord Most High is to be feared; \*  
he is the great King over all the Earth.

<sup>3</sup> He subdues the peoples under us, \*  
and the nations under our feet.

<sup>4</sup> He chooses our inheritance for us, \*  
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

<sup>5</sup> God has gone up with a shout, \*  
the Lord with the sound of the rams-horn.

<sup>6</sup> Sing praises to God, sing praises; \*  
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

<sup>7</sup> For God is King of all the Earth; \*  
sing praises with all your skill.

<sup>8</sup> God reigns over the nations; \*  
God sits upon his holy throne.

<sup>9</sup> The nobles of the peoples have gathered together \*  
with the people of the God of Abraham.

<sup>10</sup> The rulers of the Earth belong to God, \*  
and he is highly exalted.

### **48 *Magnus Dominus* or [Coverdale](#)**



<sup>1</sup>Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised; \*  
in the city of our God is his holy hill.

<sup>2</sup>Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the  
hill of Zion, \*  
the very center of the world and the city of the great King.

<sup>3</sup>God is in her citadels; \*  
he is known to be her sure refuge.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, the kings of the earth assembled \*  
and marched forward together.

<sup>5</sup>They looked and were astounded; \*  
they retreated and fled in terror.

<sup>6</sup>Trembling seized them there; \*  
they writhed like a woman in childbirth,  
like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.

<sup>7</sup>As we have heard, so have we seen,  
in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God; \*  
God has established her for ever.

<sup>8</sup>We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, \*  
in the midst of your temple.

<sup>9</sup>Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to  
the world's end; \*  
your right hand is full of justice.

<sup>10</sup>Let Mount Zion be glad  
and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
because of your judgments.

<sup>11</sup>Make the circuit of Zion;  
walk round about her; \*  
count the number of her towers.

<sup>12</sup>Consider well her bulwarks;  
examine her strongholds; \*  
that you may tell those who come after.

<sup>13</sup>This God is our God for ever and ever; \*  
he shall be our guide for evermore.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 11:27-36

<sup>27</sup>While he was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!" <sup>28</sup>But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!"

<sup>29</sup>When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, "This generation is an evil generation; it asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. <sup>30</sup>For just as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so the Son of Man will be to this generation. <sup>31</sup>The queen of the South will rise at the judgment with the people of this generation and condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to listen to the wisdom of Solomon, and see, something greater than Solomon is here! <sup>32</sup>The people of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the proclamation of Jonah, and see, something greater than Jonah is here! <sup>33</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar, but on the lampstand so that those who enter may see the light. <sup>34</sup>Your eye is the lamp of your body. If your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light; but if it is not healthy, your body is full of darkness. <sup>35</sup>Therefore consider whether the light in you is not darkness. <sup>36</sup>If then your whole body is full of light, with no part of it in darkness, it will be as full of light as when a lamp gives you light with its rays."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Cantic**

*Everyone*

# **The Song of Mary *Magnificat*** **Luke 1:46-55**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

## The Apostles' Creed

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))

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 Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 25**

*Leader*

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

## **The World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [Andorra](#).

## **The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [United Church of Zambia](#).

## **A Collect for Guidance**

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Intercessions

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

## Hymn: To my humble supplication

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## For Agriculture

Almighty God, we thank you for making the earth fruitful, so that it might produce what is needed for life: Bless those who work in the fields; give us seasonable weather; and grant that we may all share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## For Those We Love

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## For Quiet Confidence

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we will be saved, in quietness and confidence will be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Hymn: You are salt for the Earth

You are salt for the Earth, O people:  
salt for the kingdom of God!  
Share the flavor of life, O people:  
life in the kingdom of God!

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,  
bring forth the kingdom of peace;  
Bring forth the kingdom of justice,  
bring forth the City of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people:  
light for the City of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people:  
shine for the kingdom of God!

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,  
bring forth the kingdom of peace;  
Bring forth the kingdom of justice,  
bring forth the City of God!

You are a seed of the Word, O people:  
bring forth the City of God!  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,  
grow in the kingdom of God!

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,  
bring forth the kingdom of peace;  
Bring forth the kingdom of justice,  
bring forth the City of God!

You are a blessed and a pilgrim people:  
bound for the kingdom of God!  
Love our journey and love our homeland:  
love is the kingdom of God!

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,  
bring forth the kingdom of peace;  
Bring forth the kingdom of justice,  
bring forth the City of God!

Singers: Crossroads Lutheran Church  
Words and Music: Marty Haugen

## **A Prayer of Self-Dedication**

Almighty and eternal God,  
so draw our hearts to you,  
so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations,  
so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly yours,  
utterly dedicated unto you;  
and then use us, we pray you, as you will,  
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

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. 2 Corinthians 13:14

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## **An Order for Compline**

*The Leader begins*



The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

*Leader*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*Response*

The maker of heaven and Earth.

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:  
We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **The Psalm**

*Everyone*

4 *Cum invocarem*  
or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup> "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*

how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?"

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

<sup>4</sup> Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

<sup>5</sup> Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> Many are saying,  
"Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

<sup>7</sup> You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

<sup>8</sup> I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

## The Word

*Leader*

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Hebrews 13:20-21*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.*

## The Responses

*Leader*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

*Response*

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

*Leader*

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

*Response*

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

## **The Prayers**

*Everyone*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

or [traditional](#)

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.

### **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your loves sake. Amen.

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.

[Jump to Compline](#)

Wednesday  
Evening Prayer  
Proper 25

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

Yours is the day, O God, yours also the night; you established the moon and the sun. You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter. *Psalm 74:15, 16*

## Hymn: Praise to the Lord

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear,  
Brothers and sisters draw near,  
Praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen  
All that is needful has been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do,  
Who with his love doth befriend thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the "Amen"  
Sound from his people again;  
Gladly for aye we adore him.

*Lobe den Herren den mächtigen König*  
Words: Joachim Neander (1680)  
Translation: Catherine Winkworth

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron***

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

# The Psalter

## 49 *Audite haec, omnes* or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Hear this, all you peoples;  
hearken, all you who dwell in the world, \*  
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

<sup>2</sup> My mouth shall speak of wisdom, \*  
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

<sup>3</sup> I will incline my ear to a proverb \*  
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

<sup>4</sup> Why should I be afraid in evil days, \*  
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

<sup>5</sup> The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, \*  
and boast of their great riches?

<sup>6</sup> We can never ransom ourselves, \*  
or deliver to God the price of our life;

<sup>7</sup> For the ransom of our life is so great, \*  
that we should never have enough to pay it,

<sup>8</sup> In order to live for ever and ever, \*  
and never see the grave.

<sup>9</sup> For we see that the wise die also;  
like the dull and stupid they perish \*  
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

<sup>10</sup> Their graves shall be their homes for ever,  
their dwelling places from generation to generation, \*  
though they call the lands after their own names.

<sup>11</sup> Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; \*  
they are like the beasts that perish.

<sup>12</sup> Such is the way of those who foolishly trust in themselves, \*  
and the end of those who delight in their own words.

<sup>13</sup> Like a flock of sheep they are destined to die;  
Death is their shepherd; \*  
they go down straightway to the grave.

<sup>14</sup> Their form shall waste away, \*  
and the land of the dead shall be their home.

<sup>15</sup> But God will ransom my life; \*  
he will snatch me from the grasp of death.

<sup>16</sup> Do not be envious when some become rich, \*  
or when the grandeur of their house increases;

<sup>17</sup> For they will carry nothing away at their death, \*  
nor will their grandeur follow them.

<sup>18</sup> Though they thought highly of themselves while they lived, \*  
and were praised for their success,

<sup>19</sup> They shall join the company of their forebears, \*

who will never see the light again.

<sup>20</sup> Those who are honored, but have no understanding, \*  
are like the beasts that perish.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 11:37-52

<sup>37</sup>While he was speaking, a Pharisee invited him to dine with him; so he went in and took his place at the table. <sup>38</sup>The Pharisee was amazed to see that he did not first wash before dinner. <sup>39</sup>Then the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. <sup>40</sup>You fools! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? <sup>41</sup>So give for alms those things that are within; and see, everything will be clean for you. <sup>42</sup>"But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and herbs of all kinds, and neglect justice and the love of God; it is these you ought to have practiced, without neglecting the others. <sup>43</sup>Woe to you Pharisees! For you love to have the seat of honor in the synagogues and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces. <sup>44</sup>Woe to you! For you are like unmarked graves, and people walk over them without realizing it." <sup>45</sup>One of the lawyers answered him, "Teacher, when you say these things, you insult us too." <sup>46</sup>And he said, "Woe also to you lawyers! For you load people with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not lift a finger to ease them. <sup>47</sup>Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets whom your ancestors killed. <sup>48</sup>So you are witnesses and approve of the deeds of your ancestors; for they killed them, and you build their tombs. <sup>49</sup>Therefore also the Wisdom of God said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute,' <sup>50</sup>so that this generation may be charged with the blood of all the prophets shed since the foundation of the world, <sup>51</sup>from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, it will be charged against this generation. <sup>52</sup>Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge; you did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Cantic**

*Everyone*



# **The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis***

## **Luke 2:29-32**

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

# Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))

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 Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Suffrages

*Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*Response*

And grant us your salvation.

*Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

*Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

*Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 25**

*Leader*

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ

our Lord. Amen.

## **The World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [Angola](#).

## **The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [United Congregational Church of Southern Africa](#).

## **A Collect for Protection**

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

## **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## **For Cities**

Heavenly Father, in your Word you have given us a vision of that holy City to which the nations of the world bring their glory: Behold and visit, we pray, the cities of the earth. Renew the ties of mutual regard which form our civic life. Send us honest and able leaders. Enable us to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression, that peace may prevail with righteousness, and justice with order, and that men and women from different cultures and with differing talents may find with one another the fulfillment of their humanity.

## **For Those Who Influence Public Opinion**

Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For the Future of the Human Race**

O God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: Increase our reverence before the mystery of life; and give us new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow**

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above,  
Praise Him above,  
Praise Him above,  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts.  
Praise Him above,  
Praise Him above,  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Amen. Amen.  
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Amen.  
Alleluia. Amen. Alleluia. Amen.  
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Singers: Streams of Inspiration

## **A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness

to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

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. 2 Corinthians 13:14

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## **An Order for Compline**

*The Leader begins*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

*Leader*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*Response*

The maker of heaven and Earth.

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:  
We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

## **The Psalm**

*Everyone*

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*  
or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup>In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;

let me never be put to shame: \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O Lord, O God of truth.

## The Word

*Leader*

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

*Matthew 11:28-30*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.*

## The Responses

*Leader*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

*Response*

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

*Leader*

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

*Response*

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.



*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

## **The Prayers**

*Everyone*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

or [traditional](#)

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.

### **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each others toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.

[Jump to Compline](#)

Thursday  
Evening Prayer  
The Eve of All Saints' Day

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. *Psalm 16:7, 8*

## Hymn: Joyous light of God's own glory

Joyous light of God's own glory  
Light of heav'n that fills this place  
Light of Son, eternal Father  
Light of God, the Son of grace.  
As the sun begins its setting  
And the glow of dusk sets in,  
We can look to heaven's glory  
For the light that never ends.

From the smallest of the sparrows  
To the blazing stars above,  
All Creation sings your glory,  
All Creation sings your love.  
O Son of God most holy  
O Son of God most high,  
May all earth and all the heavens  
Praise you for your glorious light.

O sing to God the Father,  
O sing to God the Son,  
O sing to God the Spirit,  
To God, the Three in One.  
Now let our voices rise up  
In harmonies most pure  
For God, you are most worthy  
Of our praise forevermore.

Now let our voices rise up  
In harmonies most pure  
For God, you are most worthy  
Of our praise forevermore.

Words: RR Ketcham  
Tune: *Nettleton*

# Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

# The Invitatory

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

# O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## The Psalter

### 34 *Benedicam Dominum* or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> I will bless the Lord at all times; \*  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup> I will glory in the Lord; \*  
let the humble hear and rejoice.

<sup>3</sup> Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; \*  
let us exalt his Name together.

<sup>4</sup> I sought the Lord, and he answered me \*  
and delivered me out of all my terror.

<sup>5</sup> Look upon him and be radiant, \*  
and let not your faces be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup> I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me \*  
and saved me from all my troubles.

<sup>7</sup> The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, \*  
and he will deliver them.

<sup>8</sup> Taste and see that the Lord is good; \*  
happy are they who trust in him!

<sup>9</sup> Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, \*  
for those who fear him lack nothing.

<sup>10</sup> The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \*  
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

<sup>11</sup> Come, children, and listen to me; \*  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

<sup>12</sup> Who among you loves life \*  
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

<sup>13</sup> Keep your tongue from evil-speaking \*  
and your lips from lying words.

<sup>14</sup> Turn from evil and do good; \*  
seek peace and pursue it.

<sup>15</sup> The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, \*  
and his ears are open to their cry.

<sup>16</sup> The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, \*  
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

<sup>17</sup> The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them \*  
and delivers them from all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup> The Lord is near to the brokenhearted \*  
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

<sup>19</sup> Many are the troubles of the righteous, \*  
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.

<sup>20</sup> He will keep safe all his bones; \*  
not one of them shall be broken.

<sup>21</sup> Evil shall slay the wicked, \*  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

<sup>22</sup> The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, \*  
and none will be punished who trust in him.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost:

as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

## **The Lessons**

### **The Old Testament Lesson**

*Reader*

A reading from the Book of Wisdom 3:1-9

<sup>1</sup>But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,  
and no torment will ever touch them.

<sup>2</sup> In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,  
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,

<sup>3</sup> and their going from us to be their destruction;  
but they are at peace.

<sup>4</sup> For though in the sight of others they were punished,  
their hope is full of immortality.

<sup>5</sup> Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,  
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;

<sup>6</sup> like gold in the furnace he tried them,  
and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.

<sup>7</sup> In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,  
and will run like sparks through the stubble.

<sup>8</sup> They will govern nations and rule over peoples,  
and the Lord will reign over them for ever.

<sup>9</sup> Those who trust in him will understand truth,  
and the faithful will abide with him in love,  
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,

and he watches over his elect.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

# **The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis*** **Luke 2:29-32**

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

## **The New Testament Reading**

*Reader*

A reading from the Revelation to John 21:1-4,22-22:5

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." <sup>22</sup>I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

<sup>1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they

will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

# **The Song of Mary *Magnificat* Luke 1:46-55**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.



He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))

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 Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 25**

*Leader*

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

## **The World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [Antigua and Barbuda](#).

## **The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [United Evangelical Lutheran Church](#).

## **A Collect for Protection**

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

## **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance

Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## **For Those Who Need Continuing Care**

Look with mercy, O God our Father, on all persons who have become ill, weak, distressed, or isolated. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept help; and increase their faith and their assurance of your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For the Absent**

O God, whose fatherly care reaches to the uttermost parts of the earth: We humbly beseech you graciously to behold and bless whom we love, now absent from us. Defend them from all dangers of soul and body; and grant that both they and we, drawing nearer to you, may be bound together by your love in the communion of your Holy Spirit, and in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns, adore Him**

Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns, adore Him;  
Praise Him, angels, in the height.  
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;  
Praise Him, all ye stars of light.  
Praise the Lord! for He hath spoken;  
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed.  
Laws which never shall be broken  
For their guidance He hath made.

Praise the Lord for He is glorious;  
Never shall His promise fail.  
God hath made His saints victorious;  
Sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation!  
Hosts on high, His power proclaim,  
Heav'n and Earth and all creation  
Laud and magnify His name.

## **A Prayer of Self-Dedication**

Almighty and eternal God,  
so draw our hearts to you,  
so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations,  
so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly yours,  
utterly dedicated unto you;  
and then use us, we pray you, as you will,  
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

# The Ending

## The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## Benediction

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Romans 15:13

## Hymn: God Be With You

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.

God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## An Order for Compline

*The Leader begins*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

*Leader*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*Response*

The maker of heaven and Earth.

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:  
We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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. Alleluia.

# The Psalm

*Everyone*

4 *Cum invocarem*

or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup> "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?"

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

<sup>4</sup> Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

<sup>5</sup> Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> Many are saying,  
"Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

<sup>7</sup> You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

<sup>8</sup> I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

# The Word

*Leader*

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.  
*Matthew 11:28-30*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.*

# The Responses

*Leader*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

*Response*

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

*Leader*

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

*Response*

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

## **The Prayers**

*Everyone*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

or [traditional](#)

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.

### **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.



And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten 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 for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.