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Proper 21  
Thérèse of Lisieux

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians 15:57*

## Hymn: Awake, my soul

[27 second introduction]

Awake, my soul, and with the sun  
Thy daily stage of duty run  
Shake off dull sloth and joyful rise  
To pay thy morning sacrifice

[Interlude]

Lord, I my vows to Thee renew  
Disperse my sins as morning dew  
Guard my first spring of thought and will  
And with Thyself my spirit fill

[Interlude]

Direct, control, suggest this day  
All I design or do or say  
That all my pow'rs with all their might  
In Thy sole glory may unite

[Interlude]

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God, all creatures here below  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly hosts  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Words: Thomas Ken  
Tune: *Tallis Canon*  
Arrangement: Nancy Raabe

## 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*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*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.

## **Antiphon**

The Earth is the Lords, for he made it:  
Come let us adore him.

## **Jubilate**

### ***Psalm 100***

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*

serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Earth is the Lords, for he made it:  
Come let us adore him.

## The Psalter

### **97** *Dominus regnavit* or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is King;  
let the Earth rejoice; \*  
let the multitude of the isles be glad  
<sup>2</sup> Clouds and darkness are round about him, \*  
righteousness and justice  
are the foundations of his throne  
<sup>3</sup> A fire goes before him \*  
and burns up his enemies on every side  
<sup>4</sup> His lightnings light up the world; \*  
the Earth sees it and is afraid  
<sup>5</sup> The mountains melt like wax  
at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the Lord of the whole Earth  
<sup>6</sup> The heavens declare his righteousness, \*  
and all the peoples see his glory  
<sup>7</sup> Confounded be all who worship carved images  
and delight in false gods! \*  
Bow down before him, all you gods  
<sup>8</sup> Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
because of your judgments, O Lord  
<sup>9</sup> For you are the Lord,  
most high over all the Earth; \*  
you are exalted far above all gods  
<sup>10</sup> The Lord loves those who hate evil; \*  
he preserves the lives of his saints  
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked  
<sup>11</sup> Light has sprung up for the righteous, \*  
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted

<sup>12</sup> Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, \*  
and give thanks to his holy Name.

## **99 *Dominus regnavit* or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is King;  
let the people tremble; \*  
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the Earth shake

<sup>2</sup> The Lord is great in Zion; \*  
he is high above all peoples

<sup>3</sup> Let them confess his Name,  
which is great and awesome; \*  
he is the Holy One

<sup>4</sup> "O mighty King, lover of justice,  
you have established equity; \*  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob

<sup>5</sup> "Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God  
and fall down before his footstool; \*  
he is the Holy One

<sup>6</sup> Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*  
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them

<sup>7</sup> He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*  
they kept his testimonies and  
the decree that he gave them.

<sup>8</sup> "O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; \*  
you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds

<sup>9</sup> "Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God  
and worship him upon his holy hill; \*  
for the Lord our God is the Holy One."

## **100 *Jubilate Deo* or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness \*  
and come before his presence with a song

<sup>2</sup> Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture

<sup>3</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name

<sup>4</sup> For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

## **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 Hosea 4:1-10

<sup>4</sup>Hear the word of the Lord, O people of Israel; for the Lord has an indictment against the inhabitants of the land. There is no faithfulness or loyalty, and no knowledge of God in the land. <sup>2</sup>Swearing, lying, and murder, and stealing and adultery break out; bloodshed follows bloodshed. <sup>3</sup>Therefore the land mourns, and all who live in it languish; together with the wild animals and the birds of the air, even the fish of the sea are perishing. <sup>4</sup>Yet let no one contend, and let none accuse, for with you is my contention, O priest. <sup>5</sup>You shall stumble by day; the prophet also shall stumble with you by night, and I will destroy your mother.

<sup>6</sup>My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to me. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children. <sup>7</sup>The more they increased, the more they sinned against me; they changed their glory into shame. <sup>8</sup>They feed on the sin of my people; they are greedy for their iniquity. <sup>9</sup>And it shall be like people, like priest; I will punish them for their ways, and repay them for their deeds. <sup>10</sup>They shall eat, but not be satisfied; they shall play the whore, but not multiply; because they have forsaken the Lord to devote themselves to

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## Canticle 13

### A Song of Praise

#### *Benedictus es, Domine*

Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*

on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.  
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you 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 New Testament Lesson**

*Reader*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 21:1-14

<sup>1</sup>When we had parted from them and set sail, we came by a straight course to Cos, and the next day to Rhodes, and from there to Patara. <sup>2</sup>When we found a ship bound for Phoenicia, we went on board and set sail. <sup>3</sup>We came in sight of Cyprus; and leaving it on our left, we sailed to Syria and landed at Tyre, because the ship was to unload its cargo there. <sup>4</sup>We looked up the disciples and stayed there for seven days. Through the Spirit they told Paul not to go on to Jerusalem. <sup>5</sup>When our days there were ended, we left and proceeded on our journey; and all of them, with wives and children, escorted us outside the city. There we knelt down on the beach and prayed <sup>6</sup>and said farewell to one another. Then we went on board the ship, and they returned home. <sup>7</sup>When we had finished the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais; and we greeted the believers and stayed with them for one day.

<sup>8</sup>The next day we left and came to Caesarea; and we went into the house of Philip the evangelist, one of the seven, and stayed with him. <sup>9</sup>He had four unmarried daughters who had the gift of prophecy. <sup>10</sup>While we were staying there for several days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. <sup>11</sup>He came to us and took Paul's belt, bound his own feet and hands with it, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'This is the way the Jews in Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and will hand him over to the Gentiles.'" <sup>12</sup>When we heard this, we and the people there urged him not to go up to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." <sup>14</sup>Since he would not be persuaded, we remained silent except to say, "The Lord's will be done."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 18**

### **A Song to the Lamb**

#### ***Dignus es***

Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*

are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
for ever and for evermore.

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.

## 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 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.

*Everyone*

## **The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary) (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.

## **Suffrages**

*Leader*

Help us, O God our Savior;

*Response*

Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

*Leader*

Look upon your congregation;

*Response*

Give to your people the blessing of peace.

*Leader*

Declare your glory among the nations;

*Response*

And your wonders among all peoples.

*Leader*

Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

*Response*

Never forget the lives of your poor.

*Leader*

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

*Response*

And your favor to those who are true of heart.

*Leader*

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

*Response*

So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

## **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.*

### **A Collect 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.

### **A Collect for Guidance**

Heavenly Father, in you 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.

### **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](#).

## **The Commemoration**

Thérèse of Lisieux (2 January 1873 – 30 September 1897), was a French Catholic Discalced Carmelite nun who is widely venerated in modern times. She is popularly known as "The Little Flower of Jesus" or simply "The Little Flower".

Thérèse has been a highly influential model of sanctity for Catholics and for others because of the "simplicity and practicality of her approach to the spiritual life". Together with [Francis of Assisi](#), she is one of the most popular saints in the history of the church.

Thérèse felt an early call to religious life, and in 1888 at the early age of 15, she became a nun and joined two of her elder sisters in the cloistered Carmelite community of Lisieux, Normandy. After nine years as a Carmelite religious, she died at aged 24, following a slow and painful fight against tuberculosis.

Thérèse is best known today for her spiritual memoir, *L'histoire d'une âme* (*The Story of a Soul*). It describes her "little way" of a simple life of prayer and small good deeds. It was published a year after her death and became immediately very popular, likely leading to her canonization in 1925.

--more at [Wikipedia](#)

## Prayer

Gracious Father, who called your servant Thérèse to a life of fervent prayer, give to us the spirit of prayer and zeal for the ministry of the Gospel, that the love of Christ may be known throughout all the world; through the same 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 the Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## For Prisons and Correctional Institutions

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 the Victims of Addiction**

Blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. Amen.

## **Hymn: Beauty for brokenness**

Beauty for brokenness  
Hope for despair  
Lord, in your suffering world  
This is our prayer  
Bread for the children  
Justice, joy, peace  
Sunrise to sunset  
Your kingdom increase!

God of the poor  
Friend of the weak  
Give us compassion we pray  
Melt our cold hearts  
Let tears fall like rain  
Come, change our love  
From a spark to a flame

Lighten our darkness  
Breathe on this flame  
Until your justice burns  
Brightly again  
Until the nations  
Learn of your ways  
Seek your salvation  
And bring you their praise

God of the poor  
Friend of the weak  
Give us compassion we pray  
Melt our cold hearts  
Let tears fall like rain  
Come, change our love  
From a spark to a flame

Words and music: Graham Kendrick

## **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.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

## **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 of Service for Noonday**

## **The Opening**

*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.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

## **The Psalm**

### **Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos***

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

<sup>5</sup> The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

<sup>6</sup> So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord shall watch over your going out and  
your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

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 Word**

*Leader*

If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. *2 Corinthians 5:17-18*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to 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.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

*Everyone*



Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"  
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person,

we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

[Jump to Noonday](#)

Wednesday  
Morning Prayer  
Proper 21  
Saint Euphrosyne of Alexandria

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.  
*Colossians 3:1*

## Hymn: Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve

Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve,  
And press with vigor on;  
A heavenly race demands thy zeal,  
And an immortal crown.

'Tis God's all animating voice,  
That calls thee from on high;  
'Tis his own hand presents the prize  
To thine aspiring eye.

A cloud of witnesses around,  
Hold thee in full survey;  
Forget the steps already trod,  
And onward urge thy way.

Blessed Savior, introduced by thee,  
Our race have we begun;  
And crown'd with victory, at thy feet  
We lay our trophies down.

Strand Seventh Day Adventist Church on the 31 March 2012. Cape Town, South Africa

## 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*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*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.

## **Antiphon**

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

Come let us adore him.

## **Psalm 63:1-8 *Deus, Deus meus***

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.  
Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.  
For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.  
So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.  
My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.  
For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.  
My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:  
Come let us adore him.

## The Psalter

### 101 *Misericordiam et iudicium* or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> I will sing of mercy and justice; \*  
to you, O Lord, will I sing praises.  
<sup>2</sup> I will strive to follow a blameless course;  
oh, when will you come to me? \*  
I will walk with sincerity of heart within my house.  
<sup>3</sup> I will set no worthless thing before my eyes; \*  
I hate the doers of evil deeds;  
they shall not remain with me.  
<sup>4</sup> A crooked heart shall be far from me; \*  
I will not know evil.  
<sup>5</sup> Those who in secret slander their neighbors  
I will destroy; \*  
those who have a haughty look and a proud  
heart I cannot abide.  
<sup>6</sup> My eyes are upon the faithful in the land,  
that they may dwell with me, \*  
and only those who lead a blameless life shall be my servants.  
<sup>7</sup> Those who act deceitfully shall not dwell in my house, \*  
and those who tell lies shall not continue in my sight.  
<sup>8</sup> I will soon destroy all the wicked in the land, \*  
that I may root out all evildoers from the city of the Lord.

### 109:1-4, 20-30 *Deus, laudem* or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Hold not your tongue, O God of my praise; \*  
for the mouth of the wicked,  
the mouth of the deceitful, is opened against me.  
<sup>2</sup> They speak to me with a lying tongue; \*  
they encompass me with hateful words  
and fight against me without a cause.  
<sup>3</sup> Despite my love, they accuse me; \*

but as for me, I pray for them.

<sup>4</sup> They repay evil for good, \*  
and hatred for my love.

<sup>20</sup> But you, O Lord my God,  
oh, deal with me according to your Name; \*  
for your tender mercy's sake, deliver me.

<sup>21</sup> For I am poor and needy, \*  
and my heart is wounded within me.

<sup>22</sup> I have faded away like a shadow when it lengthens; \*  
I am shaken off like a locust.

<sup>23</sup> My knees are weak through fasting, \*  
and my flesh is wasted and gaunt.

<sup>24</sup> I have become a reproach to them; \*  
they see and shake their heads.

<sup>25</sup> Help me, O Lord my God; \*  
save me for your mercy's sake.

<sup>26</sup> Let them know that this is your hand, \*  
that you, O Lord, have done it.

<sup>27</sup> They may curse, but you will bless; \*  
let those who rise up against me be put to shame,  
and your servant will rejoice.

<sup>28</sup> Let my accusers be clothed with disgrace \*  
and wrap themselves in their shame as in a cloak.

<sup>29</sup> I will give great thanks to the Lord with my mouth; \*  
in the midst of the multitude will I praise him;

<sup>30</sup> Because he stands at the right hand of the needy, \*  
to save his life from those who would condemn him.

## **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 Hosea 4:11-19

<sup>11</sup> whoredom. Wine and new wine take away the understanding.

<sup>12</sup> My people consult a piece of wood, and their divining rod gives them oracles. For a spirit of whoredom has led them astray, and they have played the whore, forsaking their God. <sup>13</sup> They sacrifice on the tops of the mountains, and make

offerings upon the hills, under oak, poplar, and terebinth, because their shade is good. Therefore your daughters play the whore, and your daughters-in-law commit adultery. <sup>14</sup>I will not punish your daughters when they play the whore, nor your daughters-in-law when they commit adultery; for the men themselves go aside with whores, and sacrifice with temple prostitutes; thus a people without understanding comes to ruin. <sup>15</sup>Though you play the whore, O Israel, do not let Judah become guilty. Do not enter into Gilgal, or go up to Beth-aven, and do not swear, "As the Lord lives." <sup>16</sup>Like a stubborn heifer, Israel is stubborn; can the Lord now feed them like a lamb in a broad pasture? <sup>17</sup>Ephraim is joined to idols let him alone. <sup>18</sup>When their drinking is ended, they indulge in sexual orgies; they love lewdness more than their glory. <sup>19</sup>A wind has wrapped them in its wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their altars.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 11 The Third Song of Isaiah**

**Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19**

***Surge, illuminare***

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
and his glory will appear upon you.

Nations will stream to your light, \*  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

Your gates will always be open; \*  
by day or night they will never be shut.

They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.

You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
and all your portals, Praise.

The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
and your God will be your glory.

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 Acts of the Apostles 21:15-26

<sup>15</sup>After these days we got ready and started to go up to Jerusalem. <sup>16</sup>Some of the disciples from Caesarea also came along and brought us to the house of Mnason of Cyprus, an early disciple, with whom we were to stay. <sup>17</sup>When we arrived in Jerusalem, the brothers welcomed us warmly. <sup>18</sup>The next day Paul went with us to visit James; and all the elders were present. <sup>19</sup>After greeting them, he related one by one the things that God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. <sup>20</sup>When they heard it, they praised God. Then they said to him, "You see, brother, how many thousands of believers there are among the Jews, and they are all zealous for the law. <sup>21</sup>They have been told about you that you teach all the Jews living among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, and that you tell them not to circumcise their children or observe the customs. <sup>22</sup>What then is to be done? They will certainly hear that you have come. <sup>23</sup>So do what we tell you. We have four men who are under a vow. <sup>24</sup>Join these men, go through the rite of purification with them, and pay for the shaving of their heads. Thus all will know that there is nothing in what they have been told about you, but that you yourself observe and guard the law. <sup>25</sup>But as for the Gentiles who have become believers, we have sent a letter with our judgment that they should abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols and from blood and from what is strangled and from fornication." <sup>26</sup>Then Paul took the men, and the next day, having purified himself, he entered the temple with them, making public the completion of the days of purification when the sacrifice would be made for each of them.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle J** **A Song of Judith** ***Judith 16:13-16***

I will sing a new song to my God, \*  
for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.  
Let the whole creation serve you, \*  
for you spoke and all things came into being.  
You sent your breath and it formed them, \*  
no one is able to resist your voice.  
Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, \*  
rocks melt like wax at your presence.  
But to those who fear you, \*  
you continue to show mercy.  
No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, \*  
but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight 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.

## 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."  
<sup>28</sup>And he got up, left everything, and followed him. <sup>29</sup>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 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.

*Everyone*

## **The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary)** **(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.

## **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.*

### **A Collect for Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **A Collect for Peace**

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. 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](#).

## **The Commemoration**

Saint Euphrosyne of Alexandria (fl. 5th century CE) was a female saint who adopted male attire and lived at a local monastery as an ascetic.

Euphrosyne was the beloved only daughter of Paphnutius, a rich man of Alexandria, miraculously born in her parents' old age in answer to a monk's prayer. Her loving father desired to marry her to a wealthy youth.

But having already consecrated her life to God and under pressure to break her vow, she dressed as a man and assumed the identity of "Smaragdus" ("emerald"). She then escaped to a nearby men's monastery, where she made rapid strides toward a perfected ascetic life. She was under the guidance of the abbot, who also happened to be the same monk who had prayed for her birth.

Years later, when Paphnutius appealed to the abbot for comfort in his bereavement, the abbot committed him to the care of Euphrosyne, still under the guise of Smaragdus. Paphnutius received from his own daughter, whom he had failed to

recognize, helpful advice and comforting exhortation. Not until she was dying did Euphrosyne reveal herself to him as his lost daughter. After burying her, Paphnutius gave up all his worldly goods, and became a monk in the same monastery. There, he used his daughter's old cell until his own death ten years after.

from [Wikipedia](#)

## Prayer

Merciful God, who looks not with outward eyes but discerns the heart of each: we confess that those whom we love the most are often strangers to us. Give to all parents and children, we pray, the grace to see one another as they truly are and as you have called them to be. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our only mediator and advocate. 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 Nation

Lord God Almighty, who has made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## For the President of the United States and all in Civil Authority

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to your merciful care, that, being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to the President of the United States, the Governor of this State (or, Commonwealth), and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in your fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

## Hymn: Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
The Holy One is here.  
Come, bow before Him now,  
With reverence and fear.  
In Him no sin is found,  
We stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
The Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord,  
Is shining all around.  
He burns with holy fire,  
With splendour He is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight,  
Our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord,  
Is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord,  
Is moving in this place.  
He comes to cleanse and heal,  
To minister His grace.  
No work too hard for Him,  
In faith receive from Him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord,  
Is moving in this place.

Choir: Beverley Minster

## **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 of Service for Noonday**



# The Opening

*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.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

# The Psalm

## Psalm 126 *In convertendo*

<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.

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 Word

*Leader*

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of Hosts.

*Malachi 1:11*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to 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.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"  
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

[Jump to Noonday](#)

Thursday  
Morning Prayer  
Proper 21  
John Raleigh Mott

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. *John 4:23*

## Hymn: Lord God of morning and of night

Lord God of morning and of night,  
We thank Thee for Thy gift of light;  
As in the dawn the shadows fly,  
We seem to find Thee now more nigh.

Yet, whilst Thy will we would persue  
Oft what we would we cannot do.  
The sun may stand in zenith skies  
But on the soul thick midnight lies.

O Lord of lights, tis Thou alone  
Canst make our darkened hearts Thine own;  
O then be with us, Lord, that we  
In Thy great day may wake to Thee.

Praise God our Maker and our Friend;  
Praise Him through time, till time shall end;  
Till psalm and song His name adore  
Through heavens great day of evermore.

Singers: Harvard University Choir  
Text: Francis Turner Palgrave  
Music: M. Lee Suitor

## 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*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*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.

## **Antiphon**

God is the Rock of our salvation:  
O come let us worship.

## **Venite Psalm 95:1-7**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

God is the Rock of our salvation:  
O come let us worship.

## The Psalter

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

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

<sup>2</sup>Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.

<sup>3</sup>Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

<sup>4</sup>Search for the Lord and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.

<sup>5</sup>Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

<sup>6</sup>O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.

<sup>7</sup>He is the Lord our God; \*  
his judgments prevail in all the world.

<sup>8</sup>He has always been mindful of his covenant, \*  
the promise he made for a thousand generations:

<sup>9</sup>The covenant he made with Abraham, \*  
the oath that he swore to Isaac,

<sup>10</sup>Which he established as a statute for Jacob, \*  
an everlasting covenant for Israel,

<sup>11</sup>Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan \*  
to be your allotted inheritance."

<sup>12</sup>When they were few in number, \*  
of little account, and sojourners in the land,

<sup>13</sup>Wandering from nation to nation \*  
and from one kingdom to another,

<sup>14</sup>He let no one oppress them \*  
and rebuked kings for their sake,

<sup>15</sup>Saying, "Do not touch my anointed \*  
and do my prophets no harm."

<sup>16</sup>Then he called for a famine in the land \*



and destroyed the supply of bread.

<sup>17</sup>He sent a man before them, \*  
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

<sup>18</sup>They bruised his feet in fetters; \*  
his neck they put in an iron collar.

<sup>19</sup>Until his prediction came to pass, \*  
the word of the Lord tested him.

<sup>20</sup>The king sent and released him; \*  
the ruler of the peoples set him free.

<sup>21</sup>He set him as a master over his household, \*  
as a ruler over all his possessions,

<sup>22</sup>To instruct his princes according to his will \*

## 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 Hosea 5:8-6:6

<sup>8</sup>Blow the horn in Gibeah, the trumpet in Ramah. Sound the alarm at Beth-aven; look behind you, Benjamin! <sup>9</sup>Ephraim shall become a desolation in the day of punishment; among the tribes of Israel I declare what is sure. <sup>10</sup>The princes of Judah have become like those who remove the landmark; on them I will pour out my wrath like water. <sup>11</sup>Ephraim is oppressed, crushed in judgment, because he was determined to go after vanity. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I am like maggots to Ephraim, and like rotteness to the house of Judah. <sup>13</sup>When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah his wound, then Ephraim went to Assyria, and sent to the great king. But he is not able to cure you or heal your wound. <sup>14</sup>For I will be like a lion to Ephraim, and like a young lion to the house of Judah. I myself will tear and go away; I will carry off, and no one shall rescue. <sup>15</sup>I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor:

<sup>1</sup>"Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. <sup>2</sup>After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. <sup>3</sup>Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth."

<sup>4</sup>What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. <sup>5</sup>Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. <sup>6</sup>For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than

burnt offerings.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 9**

### **The First Song of Isaiah**

#### ***Ecce, Deus***

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of 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 Acts of the Apostles 21:27-36

<sup>27</sup>When the seven days were almost completed, the Jews from Asia, who had seen him in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd. They seized him, <sup>28</sup>shouting, "Fellow Israelites, help! This is the man who is teaching everyone everywhere against our people, our law, and this place; more than that, he has actually brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place." <sup>29</sup>For they had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian with him in the city, and they supposed that Paul had brought him into the temple. <sup>30</sup>Then all the city was aroused, and the people rushed together. They seized Paul and dragged him out of the temple, and immediately the doors were shut. <sup>31</sup>While they were trying to kill him, word came to the tribune of the cohort that all Jerusalem was in an uproar. <sup>32</sup>Immediately he took soldiers and centurions and ran down to them. When they saw the tribune and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul. <sup>33</sup>Then the tribune came, arrested him, and ordered him to be bound with two chains; he inquired who he was and what he had done. <sup>34</sup>Some in the crowd shouted one thing, some another; and as he could not learn the facts because of the uproar,

he ordered him to be brought into the barracks. <sup>35</sup>When Paul came to the steps, the violence of the mob was so great that he had to be carried by the soldiers. <sup>36</sup>The crowd that followed kept shouting, "Away with him!"

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 19**

### **The Song of the Redeemed**

#### ***Magna et mirabilia***

Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.  
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the holy One.  
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

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.

## **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 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.

*Everyone*

## **The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary) (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.

## **Suffrages**

*Leader*

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

*Response*

Govern and uphold them, now and always.

*Leader*

Day by day we bless you;

*Response*

We praise your Name for ever.

*Leader*

Lord, keep us from all sin today;

*Response*

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

*Response*

For we put our trust in you.

*Leader*

In you, Lord, is our hope;

*Response*

And we shall never hope in vain.

## **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.*

### **A Collect for Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **A Collect for the Renewal of Life**

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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](#).

## **The Commemoration**

John Raleigh Mott (May 25, 1865 - January 31, 1955) was a long-serving leader of the YMCA and the World Student Christian Federation (WSCF).

He received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1946 for his work in establishing and strengthening international Protestant Christian student organizations that worked to promote peace.

From 1895 until 1920 Mott was the General Secretary of the WSCF.

In 1910, Mott, an American Methodist layperson, presided at the 1910 World Missionary Conference, which launched both the modern Protestant missions movement and some say the modern ecumenical movement.

From 1920 until 1928 he was the Chairperson of the WSCF. For his labors in both missions and ecumenism, as well as for peace, some historians consider him to be "the most widely traveled and universally trusted Christian leader of his time".

Intimately involved in the formation of the World Council of Churches in 1948, that body elected him as a life-long honorary President. His best-known book, [The Evangelization of the World in this Generation](#), became a missionary slogan in the early 20th century.

more at [Wikipedia](#) and [the Nobel Foundation](#)

## Prayer

Everlasting God, who leads your people's feet into the ways of peace; Raise up heralds and evangelists of your kingdom like your servant John Mott, that your church may make known to all the world the unsearchable riches and unsurpassed peace of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and for ever. 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 Peace Among Nations

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **For Those in the Armed Forces of Our Country**

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For the Conservation of Natural Resources**

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: Be still, my soul**

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on thy side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to thy God to order and provide;  
In every change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul; thy best, thy heavenly, Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul; the Lord doth undertake  
To guide the future as He did the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul; the hour is hastening on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord.  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Words: Catharina von Schlegel

Translated by Jane Borthwick

Music: Jean Sibelius

Singers: Congregation of Salisbury Cathedral Close

## **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*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

## **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 of Service for Noonday

## The Opening

*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.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

## The Psalm

### Psalm 119 *Lucerna pedibus meis*

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.

<sup>106</sup> I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.

<sup>107</sup> I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

<sup>108</sup> Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.

<sup>109</sup> My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.

<sup>110</sup> The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

<sup>111</sup> Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

<sup>112</sup> I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

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 Word**

*Leader*

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. *Romans 5:5*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

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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.

## The Collect

*Leader*

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## Intercessions

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"  
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

[Jump to Noonday](#)

Friday  
Morning Prayer  
Proper 21  
Francis of Assisi

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the Earth keep silence before him. *Habakkuk 2:20*

## Hymn: Lord God, we thank you, now the night is over

Lord God, we thank you, now the night is over,  
active and watchful, stand we here before you;  
singing we offer prayer and meditation:  
thus we adore you.

Monarch of all things, fit us for your mansions;  
banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending;  
bring us to heaven, where your saints united  
joy without ending.

Singers: Donna Seda (soprano), Laurel Helgren (alto), Gaye Gay (tenor), Bob Mangels (bass)

Words: attributed to Gregory the Great, sixth century;  
trans. Percy Dearmer, 1906

Tune: *Christe sanctorum*

Recorded for The Mission of St. Clare

## 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*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*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.

## **Antiphon**

The Holy One is in our midst:  
O come let us worship.

## **Jubilate**

### ***Psalm 100***

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Holy One is in our midst:

O come let us worship.

# The Psalter

## 102 *Domine, exaudi* or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Lord, hear my prayer,  
and let my cry come before you; \*  
hide not your face from me in the day of my trouble.

<sup>2</sup> Incline your ear to me; \*  
when I call, make haste to answer me,

<sup>3</sup> For my days drift away like smoke, \*  
and my bones are hot as burning coals.

<sup>4</sup> My heart is smitten like grass and withered, \*  
so that I forget to eat my bread.

<sup>5</sup> Because of the voice of my groaning \*  
I am but skin and bones.

<sup>6</sup> I have become like a vulture in the wilderness, \*  
like an owl among the ruins.

<sup>7</sup> I lie awake and groan; \*  
I am like a sparrow, lonely on a house-top.

<sup>8</sup> My enemies revile me all day long, \*  
and those who scoff at me  
have taken an oath against me.

<sup>9</sup> For I have eaten ashes for bread \*  
and mingled my drink with weeping.

<sup>10</sup> Because of your indignation and wrath \*  
you have lifted me up and thrown me away.

<sup>11</sup> My days pass away like a shadow, \*  
and I wither like the grass.

<sup>12</sup> But you, O Lord, endure for ever, \*  
and your Name from age to age.

<sup>13</sup> You will arise and have compassion on Zion,  
for it is time to have mercy upon her; \*  
indeed, the appointed time has come.

<sup>14</sup> For your servants love her very rubble, \*  
and are moved to pity even for her dust.

<sup>15</sup> The nations shall fear your Name, O Lord, \*  
and all the kings of the earth your glory.

<sup>16</sup> For the Lord will build up Zion, \*  
and his glory will appear.

<sup>17</sup> He will look with favor  
on the prayer of the homeless; \*  
he will not despise their plea.

<sup>18</sup> Let this be written for a future generation, \*  
so that a people yet unborn may praise the Lord.

<sup>19</sup> For the Lord looked down from

his holy place on high; \*  
from the heavens he beheld the Earth;  
<sup>20</sup> That he might hear the groan of the captive \*  
and set free those condemned to die;  
<sup>21</sup> That they may declare in Zion the Name of the Lord, \*  
and his praise in Jerusalem;  
<sup>22</sup> When the peoples are gathered together, \*  
and the kingdoms also, to serve the Lord.  
<sup>23</sup> He has brought down my strength before my time; \*  
he has shortened the number of my days;  
<sup>24</sup> And I said, "O my God,  
do not take me away in the midst of my days; \*  
your years endure throughout all generations.  
<sup>25</sup> In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations  
of the Earth, \*  
and the heavens are the work of your hands;  
<sup>26</sup> They shall perish, but you will endure;  
they all shall wear out like a garment; \*  
as clothing you will change them,  
and they shall be changed;  
<sup>27</sup> But you are always the same, \*  
and your years will never end.  
<sup>28</sup> The children of your servants shall continue, \*  
and their offspring shall stand fast in your sight."

## **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 Hosea 10:1-15

<sup>1</sup>Israel is a luxuriant vine that yields its fruit. The more his fruit increased the more altars he built; as his country improved, he improved his pillars. <sup>2</sup>Their heart is false; now they must bear their guilt. The Lord will break down their altars, and destroy their pillars. <sup>3</sup>For now they will say: "We have no king, for we do not fear the Lord, and a king what could he do for us?" <sup>4</sup>They utter mere words; with empty oaths they make covenants; so litigation springs up like poisonous weeds in the furrows of the field. <sup>5</sup>The inhabitants of Samaria tremble for the calf of Beth-aven. Its people shall mourn for it, and its idolatrous priests shall wail over it, over its glory that has departed from it. <sup>6</sup>The thing itself shall be carried to Assyria as tribute to the great king. Ephraim shall be put to shame, and Israel shall be ashamed of his

idol. <sup>7</sup>Samaria's king shall perish like a chip on the face of the waters. <sup>8</sup>The high places of Aven, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed. Thorn and thistle shall grow up on their altars. They shall say to the mountains, Cover us, and to the hills, Fall on us.

<sup>9</sup>Since the days of Gibeah you have sinned, O Israel; there they have continued. Shall not war overtake them in Gibeah?

<sup>10</sup>I will come against the wayward people to punish them; and nations shall be gathered against them when they are punished for their double iniquity. <sup>11</sup>Ephraim was a trained heifer that loved to thresh, and I spared her fair neck; but I will make Ephraim break the ground; Judah must plow; Jacob must harrow for himself. <sup>12</sup>Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you. <sup>13</sup>You have plowed wickedness, you have reaped injustice, you have eaten the fruit of lies. Because you have trusted in your power and in the multitude of your warriors, <sup>14</sup>therefore the tumult of war shall rise against your people, and all your fortresses shall be destroyed, as Shalman destroyed Beth-arbel on the day of battle when mothers were dashed in pieces with their children. <sup>15</sup>Thus it shall be done to you, O Bethel, because of your great wickedness. At dawn the king of Israel shall be utterly cut off.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle Q**

### **A Song of Christ's Goodness**

#### **Anselm of Canterbury**

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you; \*  
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.  
Often you weep over our sins and our pride, \*  
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.  
You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, \*  
in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.  
Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life; \*  
by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.  
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; \*  
through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.  
Your warmth gives life to the dead, \*  
your touch makes sinners righteous.  
Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us; \*  
in your love and tenderness, remake us.  
In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness, \*  
for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.

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 Acts of the Apostles 21:37-22:16

<sup>37</sup>Just as Paul was about to be brought into the barracks, he said to the tribune, "May I say something to you?" The tribune replied, "Do you know Greek?" <sup>38</sup>Then you are not the Egyptian who recently stirred up a revolt and led the four thousand assassins out into the wilderness?" <sup>39</sup>Paul replied, "I am a Jew, from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of an important city; I beg you, let me speak to the people." <sup>40</sup>When he had given him permission, Paul stood on the steps and motioned to the people for silence; and when there was a great hush, he addressed them in the Hebrew language, saying:

<sup>1</sup>"Brothers and fathers, listen to the defense that I now make before you." <sup>2</sup>When they heard him addressing them in Hebrew, they became even more quiet. Then he said:

<sup>3</sup>"I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, educated strictly according to our ancestral law, being zealous for God, just as all of you are today. <sup>4</sup>I persecuted this Way up to the point of death by binding both men and women and putting them in prison, <sup>5</sup>as the high priest and the whole council of elders can testify about me. From them I also received letters to the brothers in Damascus, and I went there in order to bind those who were there and to bring them back to Jerusalem for punishment. <sup>6</sup>"While I was on my way and approaching Damascus, about noon a great light from heaven suddenly shone about me. <sup>7</sup>I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?' <sup>8</sup>I answered, 'Who are you, Lord?' Then he said to me, 'I am Jesus of Nazareth whom you are persecuting.' <sup>9</sup>Now those who were with me saw the light but did not hear the voice of the one who was speaking to me. <sup>10</sup>I asked, 'What am I to do, Lord?' The Lord said to me, 'Get up and go to Damascus; there you will be told everything that has been assigned to you to do.' <sup>11</sup>Since I could not see because of the brightness of that light, those who were with me took my hand and led me to Damascus. <sup>12</sup>"A certain Ananias, who was a devout man according to the law and well spoken of by all the Jews living there, <sup>13</sup>came to me; and standing beside me, he said, 'Brother Saul, regain your sight!' In that very hour I regained my sight and saw him. <sup>14</sup>Then he said, 'The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will, to see the Righteous One and to hear his own voice; <sup>15</sup>for you will be his witness to all the world of what you have seen and heard. <sup>16</sup>And now why do you delay? Get up, be baptized, and have your sins washed away, calling on his name.'

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 18**

### **A Song to the Lamb**

#### ***Dignus es***

Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,

From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
for ever and for evermore.

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.

## **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 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.

*Everyone*

### **The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary)** **(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.

## **Suffrages**

*Leader*

Help us, O God our Savior;

*Response*

Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

*Leader*

Look upon your congregation;

*Response*

Give to your people the blessing of peace.

*Leader*

Declare your glory among the nations;

*Response*

And your wonders among all peoples.

*Leader*

Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

*Response*

Never forget the lives of your poor.

*Leader*

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

*Response*

And your favor to those who are true of heart.



*Leader*

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

*Response*

So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

## **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.*

### **A Collect 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.

### **A Collect for Fridays**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son 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](#).

## **The Commemoration**

Francis was born in 1182, the son of a wealthy cloth merchant. His early years were frivolous, but an experience of sickness and another of military service were instrumental in leading him to reflect on the purpose of life.

One day, in the church of San Damiano, he seemed to hear Christ saying to him, "Francis, repair my falling house." He took the words literally, and sold a bale of silk from his father's warehouse to pay for repairs to the church of San Damiano.

His father was outraged, and there was a public confrontation at which his father disinherited and disowned him, and he in turn renounced his father's wealth--one account says that he not only handed his father his purse, but also took off his

expensive clothes, laid them at his father's feet, and walked away naked.

He declared himself "wedded to Lady Poverty", renounced all material possessions, and devoted himself to serving the poor.

In his day the most dreaded of all diseases was something known as leprosy. (It is probably not the same as either the modern or the Biblical disease of that name.) Lepers were kept at a distance and regarded with fear and disgust. Francis cared for them, fed them, bathed their sores, and kissed them.

Since he could not pay for repairs to the Church of San Damiano, he undertook to repair it by his own labors. He moved in with the priest, and begged stones lying useless in fields, shaping them for use in repairing the church.

He got his meals, not by asking for money so that he might live at the expense of others, but by scrounging crusts and discarded vegetable from trash-bins, and by working as a day laborer, insisting on being paid in bread, milk, eggs, or vegetables rather than in money. Soon a few companions joined him. Dante in his *Paradiso* has Aquinas say of him:

Let me tell you of a youth whose aristocratic father disowned him because of his love for a beautiful lady. She had been married before, to Christ, and was so faithful a spouse to Him that, while Mary only stood at the foot of the Cross, she leaped up to be with Him on the Cross. These two of whom I speak are Francis and the Lady Poverty. As they walked along together, the sight of their mutual love drew men's hearts after them. Bernard saw them and ran after them, kicking off his shoes to run faster to so great a peace. Giles and Sylvester saw them, kicked off their shoes and ran to join them....

After three years, in 1210, the Pope authorized the forming of the Order of Friars Minor, commonly called the Franciscans. ("Friar" means "brother," as in "fraternity", and "minor" means "lesser" or "younger." I take the meaning to be that a Franciscan, meeting another Christian, is to think, "I am your brother in Christ, and your younger brother at that, bound to defer to you and to give you precedence over myself.")

Francis and his companions took literally the words of Christ when he sent his disciples out to preach (M 10:7-10):

Preach as you go, saying, "The kingdom of Heaven is at hand." ... You have received the Gospel without payment, give it to others as freely. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, no spare garment, nor sandals, nor staff.

They would have no money, and no property, individually or collectively. Their task was to preach, "using words if necessary," but declaring by word and action the love of God in Christ.

Francis was partial to a touch of the dramatic (see his parting from his father, for example), and it was probably he who set up the first Christmas manger scene, to bring home the Good News of God made man for our salvation, home to men's hearts and imaginations as well as to their intellects.

In 1219, Francis went to the Holy Land to preach to the Muslims. He was given a pass through the enemy lines, and spoke to the Sultan, Melek-al-Kamil.

Francis proclaimed the Gospel to the Sultan, who replied that he had his own beliefs, and that Muslims were as firmly convinced of the truth of Islam as Francis was of the truth of Christianity.

Francis proposed that a fire be built, and that he and a Muslim volunteer would walk side by side into the fire to show whose faith was stronger. The Sultan said he was not sure that a Muslim volunteer could be found. Francis then offered to walk into the fire alone. The Sultan was deeply impressed but remained unconverted.

Francis proposed an armistice between the two warring sides, and drew up terms for one; the Sultan agreed, but, to Francis's deep disappointment, the Christian leaders would not. Francis returned to Italy, but a permanent result was that the Franciscans were given custody of the Christian shrines then in Muslim hands.

The Order was suffering from its own success. Then, as now, many persons were deeply attracted by Francis and his air of joy, abandonment, and freedom.

What is overlooked is that these were made possible only by his willingness to accept total poverty, not picturesque poverty but real dirt, rags, cold, and hunger, and lepers with real pus oozing from their sores and a real danger of infection.

Many idealistic young men were joining the Order in a burst of enthusiasm and then finding themselves not so sure that such extremes of poverty were really necessary.

When there were only a few friars, they were all known to Francis personally, and the force of his personality kept the original ideals of the Order alive in them. Now that the Order was larger, this was no longer enough.

In 1220 Francis resigned as minister-general of the Order, and in 1221 he agreed to a new and modified rule, which he did not approve, but could not resist.

He died on 4 October 1226.

The Franciscans split into the Conventual Franciscans, who held a limited amount of property in common, and the Spiritual Franciscans, who disavowed all property. They taught that Christ and the twelve apostles had held no property, singly or jointly. This view offended those who held property, and was declared to be heretical (proof text, John 18:10; Jesus said to Peter, "Put up THY sword...."). In 1318, several Spiritual Franciscans were burned at the stake in Marseilles.

A story is told of the days when the friars first began to have permanent houses. A beggar came by when Brother Juniper was at the gate and asked for a little money. Brother Juniper said, "There is no money in the house. But wait a minute. Last week someone gave us an altar cloth with little silver bells attached. We don't need those. I will cut them off for you. They will be as good as money." And he did.

When the sacristan learned what had happened, he complained to the prior, who said, "We are fortunate that he did not give away the cloth itself. But send him to me, and I will scold him." Brother Juniper came, and the prior scolded him until he was hoarse. Brother Juniper noticed that the prior was hoarse, and went to the kitchen and cooked him some mint sauce. He brought it to the prior, who had gone to bed.

He said, "Father Prior, get up and eat this mint sauce. It will be good for your throat." The prior said, "I don't want any mint sauce. Go away and let me sleep." Brother Juniper said, "It's good sauce, and will be good for your throat." The prior said, "Go away, I don't want it." Brother Juniper said, "Well, if you won't eat it, how about holding the candle while I eat it?" This was too much for the prior. He got up and they both ate.

From the first known letter from Francis to all Christians:

"O how happy and blessed are those who love the Lord and do as the Lord himself said in the gospel: You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart and your whole soul, and your neighbor as yourself. Therefore, let us love God and adore him with pure heart and mind. This is his particular desire when he says: True worshipers adore the Father in spirit and truth. For all who adore him must do so in the spirit of truth. Let us also direct to him our praises and prayers, saying: "Our Father, who are in heaven," since we must always pray and never grow slack.

Furthermore, let us produce worthy fruits of penance. Let us also love our neighbors as ourselves. Let us have charity and humility. Let us give alms because these cleanse our souls from the stains of sin. Men lose all the material things they leave behind in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give. For these they will receive from the Lord the reward and recompense they deserve.

We must not be wise and prudent according to the flesh. Rather we must be simple, humble and pure. We should never desire to be over others. Instead, we ought to be servants who are submissive to every human being for God's sake. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on all who live in this way and persevere in it to the end. He will permanently dwell in them.

They will be the Father's children who do his work. They are the spouses, brothers and mothers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Books about St. Francis include:

[St. Francis of Assisi, a biography of Francis](#) by G K Chesterton.

[The Biography of Saint Francis of Assisi](#) by Englebert

[St. Francis](#) by Nikos Kazantzakis

essay by James Kiefer

## Prayer

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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 Our Enemies

O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## For Social Justice

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## For Young Persons

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: Be Thou my Vision**

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight;  
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;  
Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tower:  
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Words: Irish (8thC) versified by Mary Elizabeth Byrne  
Tune: *Slane* Irish ballad

## **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*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

## **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 of Service for Noonday

## The Opening

*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.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

## Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos*

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

<sup>5</sup> The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

<sup>6</sup> So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord shall watch over your going out and  
your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

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 Word

*Leader*

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of Hosts.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

# The Prayers

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

# Contemporary Lord's Prayer

[skip to 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.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching out your loving arms: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your tender mercies sake.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"  
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

[Jump to Noonday](#)

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# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite. *Isaiah 57:15*

## Hymn: Morning glory, starlit sky

Morning glory, starlit sky,  
Soaring music, scholar's truth,  
Flight of swallows, autumn leaves,  
Memory's treasure, grace of youth:

Open are the gifts of God,  
Gifts of love to mind and sense;  
Hidden is love's agony,  
Love's endeavour, love's expense.

Love that gives, gives evermore,  
Gives with zeal, with eager hands,  
Spares not, keeps not, all outpours,  
Ventures all, its all expends.

Drained is love in making full,  
Bound in setting others free,  
Poor in making many rich,  
Weak in giving power to be.

Therefore he who shows us God  
Helpless hangs upon the tree;  
And the nails and crown of thorns  
Tell of what God's love must be.

Here is God, no monarch he,  
Throned in easy state to reign;  
Here is God, whose arms of love,  
Aching, spent, the world sustain.

Singers: The choir of All Saints' Church, Wokingham, United Kingdom  
Soloist: Chloe Price  
Music: Barry Rose

# 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*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*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.

# Antiphon

The Earth is the Lords, for he made it:  
Come let us adore him.

# Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Earth is the Lords, for he made it:  
Come let us adore him.

## 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.

## **108 *Paratum cor meum***

### **or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup>My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; \*  
I will sing and make melody.

<sup>2</sup>Wake up, my spirit;  
awake, lute and harp; \*  
I myself will waken the dawn.

<sup>3</sup>I will confess you among the peoples, O Lord; \*  
I will sing praises to you among the nations.

<sup>4</sup>For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, \*  
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

<sup>5</sup>Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, \*  
and your glory over all the earth.

<sup>6</sup>So that those who are dear to you may be delivered, \*  
save with your right hand and answer me.

<sup>7</sup>God spoke from his holy place and said, \*  
"I will exult and parcel out Shechem;  
I will divide the valley of Succoth.

<sup>8</sup>Gilead is mine and Manasseh is mine; \*  
Ephraim is my helmet and Judah my scepter.

<sup>9</sup>Moab is my washbasin,  
on Edom I throw down my sandal to claim it, \*  
and over Philistia will I shout in triumph."

<sup>10</sup>Who will lead me into the strong city? \*  
who will bring me into Edom?

<sup>11</sup>Have you not cast us off, O God? \*  
you no longer go out, O God, with our armies.

<sup>12</sup>Grant us your help against the enemy, \*  
for vain is the help of man.

<sup>13</sup>With God we will do valiant deeds, \*  
and he shall tread our enemies under foot.

## **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 Hosea 11:1-9

<sup>1</sup>When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. <sup>2</sup>The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. <sup>3</sup>Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. <sup>4</sup>I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. <sup>5</sup>They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. <sup>6</sup>The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. <sup>7</sup>My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

<sup>8</sup>How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. <sup>9</sup>I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle S**

### **A Song of Our True Nature**

#### **Julian of Norwich**

Christ revealed our frailty and our falling, \*  
our trespasses and our humiliations.  
Christ also revealed his blessed power, \*  
his blessed wisdom and love.  
He protects us as tenderly and as sweetly when we are in greatest need; \*  
he raises us in spirit  
and turns everything to glory and joy without ending.  
God is the ground and the substance, the very essence of nature; \*  
God is the true father and mother of natures.  
We are all bound to God by nature, \*  
and we are all bound to God by grace.  
And this grace is for all the world, \*  
because it is our precious mother, Christ.  
For this fair nature was prepared by Christ  
for the honor and nobility of all, \*  
and for the joy and bliss of salvation

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 Acts of the Apostles 22:17-29

<sup>17</sup>"After I had returned to Jerusalem and while I was praying in the temple, I fell into a trance <sup>18</sup>and saw Jesus saying to me, 'Hurry and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not accept your testimony about me.' <sup>19</sup>And I said, 'Lord, they themselves know that in every synagogue I imprisoned and beat those who believed in you. <sup>20</sup>And while the blood of your witness Stephen was shed, I myself was standing by, approving and keeping the coats of those who killed him.' <sup>21</sup>Then he said to me, 'Go, for I will send you far away to the Gentiles.'"

<sup>22</sup>Up to this point they listened to him, but then they shouted, "Away with such a fellow from the earth! For he should not be allowed to live." <sup>23</sup>And while they were shouting, throwing off their cloaks, and tossing dust into the air, <sup>24</sup>the tribune directed that he was to be brought into the barracks, and ordered him to be examined by flogging, to find out the reason for this outcry against him. <sup>25</sup>But when they had tied him up with thongs, Paul said to the centurion who was standing by, "Is it legal for you to flog a Roman citizen who is uncondemned?" <sup>26</sup>When the centurion heard that, he went to the tribune and said to him, "What are you about to do? This man is a Roman citizen." <sup>27</sup>The tribune came and asked Paul, "Tell me, are you a Roman citizen?" And he said, "Yes." <sup>28</sup>The tribune answered, "It cost me a large sum of money to get my citizenship." Paul said, "But I was born a citizen." <sup>29</sup>Immediately those who were about to examine him drew back from him; and the tribune also was afraid, for he realized that Paul was a Roman citizen and that he had bound him.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 19**

### **The Song of the Redeemed**

#### ***Magna et mirabilia***

Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.  
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the holy One.  
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

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.

## **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 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.

## **The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary) (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.

## **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.*

## **A Collect 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.

## **A Collect for Saturdays**

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; 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 Joy in God's Creation**

O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For the Good Use of Leisure**

O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For the Unemployed**

Heavenly Father, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive just payment for their labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: Blest are the pure in heart**

Blest are the pure in heart,  
For they shall see our God;  
The secret of the Lord is theirs;  
Their soul is Christs abode.

The Lord, Who left the heavens  
Our life and peace to bring,  
To dwell in lowliness with men  
Their Pattern and their King.

Still to the lowly soul  
He doth Himself impart;  
And for His dwelling and His throne  
Chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we Thy presence seek;  
May ours this blessing be;  
Give us a pure and lowly heart,  
A temple meet for Thee.

Singers: Christ's Hospital Schola Cantorum  
Words: John Keble

## **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*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

# 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 of Service for Noonday

### The Opening

*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.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

### The Psalm

#### Psalm 119 *Lucerna pedibus meis*

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.

<sup>106</sup> I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.

<sup>107</sup> I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

<sup>108</sup> Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.

<sup>109</sup> My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.



<sup>110</sup> The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

<sup>111</sup> Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

<sup>112</sup> I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

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 Word**

*Leader*

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. Romans 5:5

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to 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.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"  
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your

coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

[Jump to Noonday](#)

Sunday  
Morning Prayer  
Proper 22

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalms 19:14*

## Hymn: Awake, awake to love and work!

Awake, awake to love and work!  
The lark is in the sky;  
The fields are wet with diamond dew;  
The worlds awake to cry  
Their blessings on the Lord of life,  
As He goes meekly by.

Come, let thy voice be one with theirs,  
Shout with their shout of praise;  
See how the giant sun soars up,  
Great lord of years and days!  
So let the love of Jesus come  
And set thy soul ablaze.

To give and give, and give again,  
What God hath given thee;  
To spend thyself nor count the cost;  
To serve right gloriously  
The God Who gave all worlds that are,  
And all that are to be.

Words: Geoffrey Anketel Studdert Kennedy (1921)  
Tune: *Morning Song*, from Kentucky Harmony, 1816

## 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*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*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.

## **Antiphon**

The Earth is the Lords, for he made it:  
Come let us adore him.

## **Jubilate**

### ***Psalm 100***

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Earth is the Lords, for he made it:  
Come let us adore him.

## The Psalter

### 118 *Confitemini Domino* or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
His mercy endures for ever.

<sup>3</sup> Let the house of Aaron now proclaim, \*  
His mercy endures for ever.

<sup>4</sup> Let those who fear the Lord now proclaim, \*  
His mercy endures for ever.

<sup>5</sup> I called to the Lord in my distress; \*  
the Lord answered by setting me free.

<sup>6</sup> The Lord is at my side, therefore I will not fear; \*  
what can anyone do to me?

<sup>7</sup> The Lord is at my side to help me; \*  
I will triumph over those who hate me.

<sup>8</sup> It is better to rely on the Lord \*  
than to put any trust in flesh.

<sup>9</sup> It is better to rely on the Lord \*  
than to put any trust in rulers.

<sup>10</sup> All the ungodly encompass me; \*  
in the name of the Lord I will repel them.

<sup>11</sup> They hem me in, they hem me in on every side; \*  
in the name of the Lord I will repel them.

<sup>12</sup> They swarm about me like bees;  
they blaze like a fire of thorns; \*  
in the name of the Lord I will repel them.

<sup>13</sup> I was pressed so hard that I almost fell, \*  
but the Lord came to my help.

<sup>14</sup> The Lord is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:

<sup>16</sup> The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \*



the right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!

<sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the Lord.

<sup>18</sup> The Lord has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup> Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the Lord.

<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord; \*  
he who is righteous may enter.

<sup>21</sup> I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup> The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> This is the Lords doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> On this day the Lord has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

<sup>25</sup> Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! \*  
Lord, send us now success.

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; \*  
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

<sup>27</sup> God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; \*  
form a procession with branches  
up to the horns of the altar.

<sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will thank you; \*  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

<sup>29</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.

## **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 Hosea 13:4-14

<sup>4</sup>Yet I have been the Lord your God ever since the land of Egypt; you know no God but me, and besides me there is no

savior.

<sup>5</sup>It was I who fed you in the wilderness, in the land of drought. <sup>6</sup>When I fed them, they were satisfied; they were satisfied, and their heart was proud; therefore they forgot me. <sup>7</sup>So I will become like a lion to them, like a leopard I will lurk beside the way. <sup>8</sup>I will fall upon them like a bear robbed of her cubs, and will tear open the covering of their heart; there I will devour them like a lion, as a wild animal would mangle them.

<sup>9</sup>I will destroy you, O Israel; who can help you? <sup>10</sup>Where now is your king, that he may save you? Where in all your cities are your rulers, of whom you said, "Give me a king and rulers"? <sup>11</sup>I gave you a king in my anger, and I took him away in my wrath. <sup>12</sup>Ephraim's iniquity is bound up; his sin is kept in store. <sup>13</sup>The pangs of childbirth come for him, but he is an unwise son; for at the proper time he does not present himself at the mouth of the womb. <sup>14</sup>Shall I ransom them from the power of Sheol? Shall I redeem them from Death? O Death, where are your plagues? O Sheol, where is your destruction? Compassion is hidden from my eyes.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle M**

### **A Song of Faith**

#### ***1 Peter 1:3-4,18-21***

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, \*  
by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;  
Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, \*  
we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.  
The ransom that was paid to free us \*  
was not paid in silver or gold,  
But in the precious blood of Christ, \*  
the Lamb without spot or stain.  
God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory \*  
so that we might have faith and hope in God.

## **The New Testament Lesson**

*Reader*

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians 2:6-16

<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" <sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one

comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. <sup>13</sup>And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. <sup>14</sup>Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup>Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. <sup>16</sup>"For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **21 You are God *Te Deum laudamus***

You are God: we praise you;  
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;  
You are the eternal Father:  
All creation worships you.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;  
Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you became man to set us free  
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.

## **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 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.

*Everyone*

## **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.

## **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.*

## **A Collect for Sundays**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **A Collect for Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 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 the Church**

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.

## **For Church Musicians and Artists**

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For Families**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who places solitary persons in families: We commend to your continual care the homes in which your people dwell. Put far from them, we beseech you, every root of bitterness, the desire of vainglory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, and godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in marriage, have been made one flesh. Turn the hearts of the parents to the children, and the hearts of the children to the parents; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we may evermore be kindly one to another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: A new commandment**

A new commandment I give to you,  
A new commandment I give to you,  
that you will love each other  
that you will love each other  
even as I have loved you.  
By this all men will know  
By this all men will know  
that you are my disciples,  
that you are my disciples,  
if you have love for each other.

Singers: [St. Michael Orthodox Church Choir](#)  
Directed by: Steve Jacobs

## **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.

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 of Service for Noonday

## The Opening

*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.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

## The Psalm

### Psalm 126 *In convertendo*

<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.

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 Word

*Leader*

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of Hosts.  
Malachi 1:11

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to 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.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"  
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they

may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

[Jump to Noonday](#)

Monday  
Morning Prayer  
Proper 22  
Brigitta (Bridget) of Sweden

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." *Psalm 122:1*

## Hymn: Awake from your slumber!

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!  
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.  
The people in darkness have seen a great light.  
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Let us build the city of God.  
May our tears be turned into dancing!  
For the Lord, our light and our Love,  
has turned the night into day!

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.  
The One who has loved us has brightened our way.  
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be  
a light for his people to set their hearts free.

Let us build the city of God.  
May our tears be turned into dancing!  
For the Lord, our light and our Love,  
has turned the night into day!

(coda) God is light; in him there is no darkness.  
Let us walk in his light, his children one and all.

O comfort my people make gentle your words,  
proclaim to my city the day of her birth.

Let us build the city of God.  
May our tears be turned into dancing!  
For the Lord, our light and our Love,  
has turned the night into day!

Words and Music: Dan Schutte

## 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*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*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.

## **Antiphon**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:  
Come let us adore him.

## **Venite Psalm 95:1-7**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*



let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:  
Come let us adore him.

## The Psalter

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

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.

<sup>2</sup> Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord \*  
or show forth all his praise?

<sup>3</sup> Happy are those who act with justice \*  
and always do what is right!

<sup>4</sup> Remember me, O Lord,  
with the favor you have for your people, \*  
and visit me with your saving help;

<sup>5</sup> That I may see the prosperity of your elect  
and be glad with the gladness of your people, \*  
that I may glory with your inheritance.

<sup>6</sup> We have sinned as our forebears did; \*  
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

<sup>7</sup> In Egypt they did not consider your marvelous works,  
nor remember the abundance of your love; \*  
they defied the Most High at the Red Sea.

<sup>8</sup> But he saved them for his Name's sake, \*  
to make his power known.

<sup>9</sup> He rebuked the Red Sea, and it dried up, \*  
and he led them through the deep as through a desert.

<sup>10</sup> He saved them from the hand of those who hated them \*  
and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

<sup>11</sup> The waters covered their oppressors; \*  
not one of them was left.

<sup>12</sup> Then they believed his words \*  
and sang him songs of praise.

<sup>13</sup> But they soon forgot his deeds \*  
and did not wait for his counsel.

<sup>14</sup> A craving seized them in the wilderness, \*  
and they put God to the test in the desert.

<sup>15</sup> He gave them what they asked, \*  
but sent leanness into their soul.

<sup>16</sup> They envied Moses in the camp, \*  
and Aaron, the holy one of the Lord.

<sup>17</sup> The earth opened and swallowed Dathan \*  
and covered the company of Abiram.

<sup>18</sup> Fire blazed up against their company, \*  
and flames devoured the wicked.

## **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 Hosea 14:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Return, O Israel, to the Lord your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity. <sup>2</sup>Take words with you and return to the Lord; say to him, "Take away all guilt; accept that which is good, and we will offer the fruit of our lips. <sup>3</sup>Assyria shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses; we will say no more, 'Our God,' to the work of our hands. In you the orphan finds mercy."

<sup>4</sup>I will heal their disloyalty; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned from them. <sup>5</sup>I will be like the dew to Israel; he shall blossom like the lily, he shall strike root like the forests of Lebanon. <sup>6</sup>His shoots shall spread out; his beauty shall be like the olive tree, and his fragrance like that of Lebanon. <sup>7</sup>They shall again live beneath my shadow, they shall flourish as a garden; they shall blossom like the vine, their fragrance shall be like the wine of Lebanon.

<sup>8</sup>O Ephraim, what have I to do with idols? It is I who answer and look after you. I am like an evergreen cypress; your faithfulness comes from me. <sup>9</sup>Those who are wise understand these things; those who are discerning know them. For the ways of the Lord are right, and the upright walk in them, but transgressors stumble in them.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 9**

### **The First Song of Isaiah**

#### ***Ecce, Deus***

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of 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 Acts of the Apostles 22:30-23:11

<sup>30</sup>Since he wanted to find out what Paul was being accused of by the Jews, the next day he released him and ordered the chief priests and the entire council to meet. He brought Paul down and had him stand before them.

<sup>1</sup>While Paul was looking intently at the council he said, "Brothers, up to this day I have lived my life with a clear conscience before God." <sup>2</sup>Then the high priest Ananias ordered those standing near him to strike him on the mouth. <sup>3</sup>At this Paul said to him, "God will strike you, you whitewashed wall! Are you sitting there to judge me according to the law, and yet in violation of the law you order me to be struck?" <sup>4</sup>Those standing nearby said, "Do you dare to insult God's high priest?" <sup>5</sup>And Paul said, "I did not realize, brothers, that he was high priest; for it is written, 'You shall not speak evil of a leader of your people.'"

<sup>6</sup>When Paul noticed that some were Sadducees and others were Pharisees, he called out in the council, "Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. I am on trial concerning the hope of the resurrection of the dead." <sup>7</sup>When he said this, a dissension began between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and the assembly was divided. <sup>8</sup>(The Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, or angel, or spirit; but the Pharisees acknowledge all three.) <sup>9</sup>Then a great clamor arose, and

certain scribes of the Pharisees' group stood up and contended, "We find nothing wrong with this man. What if a spirit or an angel has spoken to him?" <sup>10</sup>When the dissension became violent, the tribune, fearing that they would tear Paul to pieces, ordered the soldiers to go down, take him by force, and bring him into the barracks. <sup>11</sup>That night the Lord stood near him and said, "Keep up your courage! For just as you have testified for me in Jerusalem, so you must bear witness also in Rome."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 19**

### **The Song of the Redeemed**

#### ***Magna et mirabilia***

Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.  
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the holy One.  
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

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 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 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.

*Everyone*

# 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.

## Suffrages

*Leader*

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

*Response*

Govern and uphold them, now and always.

*Leader*

Day by day we bless you;

*Response*

We praise your Name for ever.

*Leader*

Lord, keep us from all sin today;

*Response*

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

*Response*

For we put our trust in you.

*Leader*

In you, Lord, is our hope;

*Response*

And we shall never hope in vain.

## **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.*

## **A Collect 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 [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](#).

## **The Commemoration**

Brigitta (Bridget) of Sweden (1303 – 23 July 1373); born as Birgitta Birgersdotter, was a mystic and saint, and founder of the [Bridgettines](#) nuns and monks.

The most celebrated saint of Sweden was married at the age of 14 to Ulf Gudmarsson, to whom she bore eight children. In 1344 Ulf died, after which Birgitta devoted herself wholly to a life of prayer and caring for the poor and the sick.

It was about this time that she developed the idea of establishing the religious community which was to become the Order of the Most Holy Saviour, or the Brigittines. One distinctive feature of the pre-Reformation houses of the Order was that they were double monasteries, with both men and women forming a joint community, though with separate cloisters. They were to live in poor convents and to give all surplus income to the poor. However, they were allowed to have as many books as they pleased.

At the age of ten, Bridget had a vision of Jesus hanging upon the cross. She was so impressed that from that moment the Passion of Christ became the center of her spiritual life. The revelations she had received since childhood became more frequent, and her records of these [Revelationes coelestes](#) ("Celestial revelations") obtained a great vogue during the Middle Ages. These revelations made Bridget something of a celebrity to some and a controversial figure to others.

In 1350, a [Jubilee Year](#), Birgitta braved a plague-stricken Europe to make a pilgrimage to Rome accompanied by her daughter, Catherine, and a small party of priests and disciples.

This was done partly to obtain from the Pope the authorization of the new Order and partly in pursuance of her self-imposed mission to elevate the moral tone of the age.

Birgitta made herself universally beloved in Rome by her kindness and good works. Save for occasional pilgrimages, including one to Jerusalem in 1373, she remained in Rome until her death on 23 July 1373, urging ecclesiastical reform and an end to the [Avignon \(Western\) schism](#).

more from [Wikipedia](#)

## Prayer

O God, who beholds all things and whose judgment is always mercy; by the example of your servant Brigitta of Sweden, give to us in this life the vision of your kingdom where Jesus Christ is all and in all, that we may pattern our earthly lives on things heavenly, where our lives are hidden with Christ in you, who with him and the Holy Spirit live and reign for ever and ever. 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](#)).*

## **A Collect for Peace**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For All Sorts and Conditions**

O God, the creator and preserver of all, we humbly beseech you for all sorts and conditions of people; that you would be pleased to make your ways known unto them, your saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for your holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by your good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to your fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please you to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

## **For the Poor and Neglected**

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For Those Who Live Alone**

Almighty God, whose Son had nowhere to lay his head: Grant that those who live alone may not be lonely in their solitude, but that, following in his steps, they may find fulfillment in loving you and their neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: A voice says 'cry out'**

A voice says 'cry out'  
All men are like grass  
And their time of glory  
Soon shall pass  
But the Word of God  
It will never die  
Surely it will stand  
For eternity

Every ditch and valley shall be raised up  
Every hill and mountain be made low  
Every rugged place will be made flat  
Everybody shall see the glory of the Lord

[Interlude]

You who bring good news

Raise your voice and shout  
Do not be afraid  
To speak the name of God  
The hard days are gone  
The debt has been paid  
And the time has come  
To walk the righteous way

Every ditch and valley shall be raised up  
Every hill and mountain be made low  
Every rugged place will be made flat  
Everybody shall see the glory of the Lord

[Interlude]

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Everybody shall see the glory of the Lord

Singers: Ordinary Time  
Words: Peter La Grand

## **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.

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 of Service for Noonday**

# The Opening

*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.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

# The Psalm

## **Psalm 119 *Lucerna pedibus meis***

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.

<sup>106</sup> I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.

<sup>107</sup> I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

<sup>108</sup> Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.

<sup>109</sup> My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.

<sup>110</sup> The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

<sup>111</sup> Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

<sup>112</sup> I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

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 Word

*Leader*

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. *Romans 5:5*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to 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.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"  
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.



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Tuesday  
Morning Prayer  
Proper 22  
William Dwight Porter Bliss and Richard Theodore Ely

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians 15:57*

## Hymn: Awake, my soul

[27 second introduction]

Awake, my soul, and with the sun  
Thy daily stage of duty run  
Shake off dull sloth and joyful rise  
To pay thy morning sacrifice

[Interlude]

Lord, I my vows to Thee renew  
Disperse my sins as morning dew  
Guard my first spring of thought and will  
And with Thyself my spirit fill

[Interlude]

Direct, control, suggest this day  
All I design or do or say  
That all my pow'rs with all their might  
In Thy sole glory may unite

[Interlude]

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God, all creatures here below  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly hosts  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Words: Thomas Ken  
Tune: *Tallis Canon*  
Arrangement: Nancy Raabe

## 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*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*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.

## **Antiphon**

The Earth is the Lords, for he made it:  
Come let us adore him.

## **Jubilate**

### ***Psalm 100***

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*

serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Earth is the Lords, for he made it:  
Come let us adore him.

## The Psalter

### **121 *Levavi oculos*** **or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

<sup>5</sup> The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

<sup>6</sup> So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord shall watch over your going out and  
your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

### **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."

## **123 *Ad te levavi oculos meos***

### **or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> To you I lift up my eyes, \*  
to you enthroned in the heavens.

<sup>2</sup> As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \*  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

<sup>3</sup> So our eyes look to the Lord our God, \*  
until he show us his mercy.

<sup>4</sup> Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, \*  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

<sup>5</sup> Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*  
and of the derision of the proud.

## **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 Micah 1:1-9

<sup>1</sup>The word of the Lord that came to Micah of Moresheth in the days of Kings Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>Hear, you peoples, all of you; listen, O earth, and all that is in it; and let the Lord God be a witness against you, the Lord from his holy temple. <sup>3</sup>For lo, the Lord is coming out of his place, and will come down and tread upon the high places of the earth. <sup>4</sup>Then the mountains will melt under him and the valleys will burst open, like wax near the fire, like waters poured down a steep place. <sup>5</sup>All this is for the transgression of Jacob and for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the transgression of Jacob? Is it not Samaria? And what is the high place of Judah? Is it not Jerusalem? <sup>6</sup>Therefore I will make Samaria a heap in the open country, a place for planting vineyards. I will pour down her stones into the valley, and uncover her foundations. <sup>7</sup>All her images shall be beaten to pieces, all her wages shall be burned with fire, and all her idols I will lay waste; for as the wages of a prostitute she gathered them, and as the wages of a prostitute they shall again be used.

<sup>8</sup>For this I will lament and wail; I will go barefoot and naked; I will make lamentation like the jackals, and mourning like the ostriches. <sup>9</sup>For her wound is incurable. It has come to Judah; it has reached to the gate of my people, to Jerusalem.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 13**

### **A Song of Praise**

#### ***Benedictus es, Domine***

Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.  
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you 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 New Testament Lesson**

*Reader*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 23:12-24

<sup>12</sup>In the morning the Jews joined in a conspiracy and bound themselves by an oath neither to eat nor drink until they had killed Paul. <sup>13</sup>There were more than forty who joined in this conspiracy. <sup>14</sup>They went to the chief priests and elders and said, "We have strictly bound ourselves by an oath to taste no food until we have killed Paul. <sup>15</sup>Now then, you and the council must notify the tribune to bring him down to you, on the pretext that you want to make a more thorough examination of his case. And we are ready to do away with him before he arrives." <sup>16</sup>Now the son of Paul's sister heard about the ambush; so he went and gained entrance to the barracks and told Paul. <sup>17</sup>Paul called one of the centurions and said, "Take this young man to the tribune, for he has something to report to him." <sup>18</sup>So he took him, brought him to the tribune, and said, "The prisoner Paul called me and asked me to bring this young man to you; he has something to tell you." <sup>19</sup>The tribune took him by the hand, drew him aside privately, and asked, "What is it that you have to report to me?" <sup>20</sup>He answered, "The Jews have agreed to ask you to bring Paul down to the council tomorrow, as though they were going to inquire more thoroughly into his case. <sup>21</sup>But do not be persuaded by them, for more than forty of their men are lying in ambush for him. They have bound themselves by an oath neither to eat nor drink until they kill him. They are ready now and are waiting for your consent." <sup>22</sup>So the tribune dismissed the young man, ordering him, "Tell no one that you have informed me of this." <sup>23</sup>Then he summoned two of the centurions and said, "Get ready to leave by nine o'clock tonight for Caesarea with two hundred soldiers, seventy horsemen, and two hundred spearmen. <sup>24</sup>Also provide mounts for Paul to ride, and take him safely to Felix the governor."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 18**

### **A Song to the Lamb**

#### ***Dignus es***

Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
for ever and for evermore.

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.

## **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, <sup>5</sup>for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us." <sup>6</sup>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 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.

*Everyone*

### The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary) (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.

## **Suffrages**

*Leader*

Help us, O God our Savior;

*Response*

Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

*Leader*

Look upon your congregation;

*Response*

Give to your people the blessing of peace.

*Leader*

Declare your glory among the nations;

*Response*

And your wonders among all peoples.

*Leader*

Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

*Response*

Never forget the lives of your poor.

*Leader*

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

*Response*

And your favor to those who are true of heart.

*Leader*

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

*Response*

So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

# 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.*

## A Collect 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.

## A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you 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.

## 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](#).

## The Commemorations

**William Dwight Porter Bliss** (20 August 1856-8 October 1926) was a U.S. Christian Socialist.

Bliss was son of U.S. missionaries in Turkey and was born in Constantinople. He was educated at Phillips Academy, Andover and the Hartford Theological Seminary in Hartford, Connecticut.

He acted as pastor following his graduation in 1882. He first served Congregationalist communities and then Episcopalian churches.

In the 1880s, Bliss became interested in Christian Socialism. This movement sought to apply the teachings of Christ to modern social difficulties, caused, they believed, by industrialization and urbanisation.

In 1889, Bliss organised the first Christian Socialist Society in the USA. He was also the editor of *The Dawn*, its magazine. He lectured extensively on labor and social reform. He edited and compiled many publications, including the [Encyclopædia of Social Reform](#) in 1897.

In 1887 Bliss, running on the Labor Party ticket, attempted to become the Lieutenant-Governor of Massachusetts but lost the election. He served as an investigator for the Bureau of Labor.

In World War I, he did educational work among French and Belgian soldiers interned in Switzerland. After the War, he returned to the United States and preached in New York City until his death in that city.

*from Wikipedia*

**Richard Theodore Ely** (April 13, 1854-October, 1943) was an American economist and leader of the Progressive Movement who called for more government intervention in order to reform the injustices of capitalism, especially regarding factory conditions, compulsory education, child labor and labor unions.

He opposed the individualism he found troubling in capitalism, calling for an evolution to a higher stage of social conscience. He helped inspire and lead the Social Gospel movement.

Ely was born in Ripley, New York. He was the eldest of three children of Ezra Sterling and Harriet Gardner (Mason) Ely. His parents were Presbyterian but he never had a religious conversion experience and became an Episcopalian in college.

Ely received his undergraduate degree from Columbia, later receiving his doctorate in economics from the University of Heidelberg, where he studied under Karl Knies.

He was a product of the German historical school with an emphasis on evolution to new forms, and never accepted the marginalist revolution that was transforming economic theory in Britain and the United States. He held the professorship of economics at Johns Hopkins University from 1881 to 1892, and later professor of economics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

In 1894, an unsuccessful attempt was made to depose him from his chair at Wisconsin for teaching socialistic doctrines: an effort met by the state Board of Regents with a ringing proclamation of the necessity for freely "sifting and winnowing" among claims of truth.

Ely was in fact opposed to socialism. "I condemn alike," he declared, "that individualism that would allow the state no room for industrial activity, and that socialism which would absorb in the state the functions of the individual." He argued that socialism was not needed, and "the alternative of socialism is our complex socio-economic order, which is based, in the main, upon private property." He warned that the proper "balance between private and public enterprise" is "menaced by socialism, on the one hand, and by plutocracy, on the other."

Ely was strongly influenced by [Herbert Spencer](#) and strongly favored competition over monopoly or state ownership, with regulation to "secure its benefits" and "mitigate its evils." What was needed was "to raise its moral and ethical level."

Ely did support labor unions and opposed child labor, as did many leaders of the Progressive Movement, including such conservatives as Mark Hanna.

He was close to the Social Gospel movement, emphasizing that the Gospel of Christ was social, not merely individualistic; he worked hard to get churches to realize their responsibility to reform capitalism so that workers got fair treatment. Ely strongly influenced his friend [Walter Rauschenbusch](#), a leading spokesman for the Social Gospel.

Professor Ely took an active part in the formation of the American Economic Association, serving as its secretary from 1885 to 1892 and its president from 1899 to 1901.

He also edited *Macmillan's Citizen's Library of Economics, Politics, and Sociology*. Throughout his teaching career he was a frequent contributor to periodical literature, both scientific and popular. He died in Old Lyme, Connecticut.

Among his writings:

- [French and German Socialism](#) (1883)
- [Labor Movement in America](#) (1886)

- [\*Taxation in American States and Cities\*](#) (1888)
- [\*Introduction to Political Economy\*](#) (1889)
- [\*Outlines of Economics\*](#) (1893)
- [\*The Labor Movement in America\*](#) (1883)
- [\*Problems of To-day\*](#) (1888)
- [\*Social Aspects of Christianity\*](#) (1889)
- [\*Socialism and Social Reform\*](#) (1894)
- [\*The Strength and Weakness of Socialism\*](#) (1899)
- [\*Monopolies and Trusts\*](#) (1900; new edition, 1912)
- [\*The Coming City\*](#) (1902)
- [\*Studies in the Evolution of Industrial Society\*](#) (1903; new edition, 1913)
- [\*Property and Contract in their Relation to the Distribution of Wealth\*](#) (1914)

*from Wikipedia*

## Prayer

Blessed God, whose Son Jesus came as servant to all: We thank you for William Bliss and Richard Ely, whose dedication to the commonweal through economic justice led them to be bold reformers of the world and the Church; and we pray that we, with them, may find our true happiness through self-sacrifice in service of your reign, where all the hungry are fed and the downtrodden are raised up through Jesus Christ our Liberator; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. 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 Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## For Prisons and Correctional Institutions

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 the Victims of Addiction**

Blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. Amen.

## **Hymn: Beauty for brokenness**

Beauty for brokenness  
Hope for despair  
Lord, in your suffering world  
This is our prayer  
Bread for the children  
Justice, joy, peace  
Sunrise to sunset  
Your kingdom increase!

God of the poor  
Friend of the weak  
Give us compassion we pray  
Melt our cold hearts  
Let tears fall like rain  
Come, change our love  
From a spark to a flame

Lighten our darkness  
Breathe on this flame  
Until your justice burns  
Brightly again  
Until the nations  
Learn of your ways  
Seek your salvation  
And bring you their praise

God of the poor  
Friend of the weak  
Give us compassion we pray  
Melt our cold hearts  
Let tears fall like rain  
Come, change our love  
From a spark to a flame

Words and music: Graham Kendrick

## **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.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

## **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 of Service for Noonday**

## **The Opening**

*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.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

## **The Psalm**

### **Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos***

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

<sup>5</sup> The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

<sup>6</sup> So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord shall watch over your going out and  
your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

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 Word**

*Leader*

If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. *2 Corinthians 5:17-18*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to 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.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"  
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person,

we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

[Jump to Noonday](#)

Wednesday  
Morning Prayer  
Proper 22  
Robert Grosseteste

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.  
*Colossians 3:1*

## Hymn: Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve

Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve,  
And press with vigor on;  
A heavenly race demands thy zeal,  
And an immortal crown.

'Tis God's all animating voice,  
That calls thee from on high;  
'Tis his own hand presents the prize  
To thine aspiring eye.

A cloud of witnesses around,  
Hold thee in full survey;  
Forget the steps already trod,  
And onward urge thy way.

Blessed Savior, introduced by thee,  
Our race have we begun;  
And crown'd with victory, at thy feet  
We lay our trophies down.

Strand Seventh Day Adventist Church on the 31 March 2012. Cape Town, South Africa

## 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*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*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.

## **Antiphon**

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

Come let us adore him.

## **Psalm 63:1-8 *Deus, Deus meus***

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.  
Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.  
For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.  
So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.  
My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.  
For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.  
My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:  
Come let us adore him.

## The Psalter

### 119:145-176 or [Coverdale](#)

**Qoph** *Clamavi in toto corde meo*

<sup>145</sup> I call with my whole heart; \*  
answer me, O Lord, that I may keep your statutes.  
<sup>146</sup> I call to you;  
oh, that you would save me! \*  
I will keep your decrees.  
<sup>147</sup> Early in the morning I cry out to you, \*  
for in your word is my trust.  
<sup>148</sup> My eyes are open in the night watches, \*  
that I may meditate upon your promise.  
<sup>149</sup> Hear my voice, O Lord, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
according to your judgments, give me life.  
<sup>150</sup> They draw near who in malice persecute me; \*  
they are very far from your law.  
<sup>151</sup> You, O Lord, are near at hand, \*  
and all your commandments are true.  
<sup>152</sup> Long have I known from your decrees \*  
that you have established them for ever.

**Resh** *Vide humilitatem*

<sup>153</sup> Behold my affliction and deliver me, \*  
for I do not forget your law.  
<sup>154</sup> Plead my cause and redeem me; \*  
according to your promise, give me life.  
<sup>155</sup> Deliverance is far from the wicked, \*  
for they do not study your statutes.  
<sup>156</sup> Great is your compassion, O Lord; \*  
preserve my life, according to your judgments.  
<sup>157</sup> There are many who persecute and oppress me, \*  
yet I have not swerved from your decrees.  
<sup>158</sup> I look with loathing at the faithless, \*

for they have not kept your word.

<sup>159</sup> See how I love your commandments! \*

O Lord, in your mercy, preserve me.

<sup>160</sup> The heart of your word is truth; \*

all your righteous judgments endure for evermore.

### **Shin** *Principes persecuti sunt*

<sup>161</sup> Rulers have persecuted me without a cause, \*  
but my heart stands in awe of your word.

<sup>162</sup> I am as glad because of your promise \*  
as one who finds great spoils.

<sup>163</sup> As for lies, I hate and abhor them, \*  
but your law is my love.

<sup>164</sup> Seven times a day do I praise you, \*  
because of your righteous judgments.

<sup>165</sup> Great peace have they who love your law; \*  
for them there is no stumbling block.

<sup>166</sup> I have hoped for your salvation, O Lord, \*  
and I have fulfilled your commandments.

<sup>167</sup> I have kept your decrees \*  
and I have loved them deeply.

<sup>168</sup> I have kept your commandments and decrees, \*  
for all my ways are before you.

### **Taw** *Appropinquet deprecatio*

<sup>169</sup> Let my cry come before you, O Lord; \*  
give me understanding, according to your word.

<sup>170</sup> Let my supplication come before you; \*  
deliver me, according to your promise.

<sup>171</sup> My lips shall pour forth your praise, \*  
when you teach me your statutes.

<sup>172</sup> My tongue shall sing of your promise, \*  
for all your commandments are righteous.

<sup>173</sup> Let your hand be ready to help me, \*  
for I have chosen your commandments.

<sup>174</sup> I long for your salvation, O Lord, \*  
and your law is my delight.

<sup>175</sup> Let me live, and I will praise you, \*  
and let your judgments help me.

<sup>176</sup> I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost; \*  
search for your servant,  
for I do not forget your commandments.

## **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 Micah 2:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Alas for those who devise wickedness and evil deeds on their beds! When the morning dawns, they perform it, because it is in their power. <sup>2</sup>They covet fields, and seize them; houses, and take them away; they oppress householder and house, people and their inheritance. <sup>3</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord: Now, I am devising against this family an evil from which you cannot remove your necks; and you shall not walk haughtily, for it will be an evil time. <sup>4</sup>On that day they shall take up a taunt song against you, and wail with bitter lamentation, and say, "We are utterly ruined; the Lord alters the inheritance of my people; how he removes it from me! Among our captors he parcels out our fields." <sup>5</sup>Therefore you will have no one to cast the line by lot in the assembly of the Lord.

<sup>6</sup>"Do not preach" thus they preach "one should not preach of such things; disgrace will not overtake us." <sup>7</sup>Should this be said, O house of Jacob? Is the Lord's patience exhausted? Are these his doings? Do not my words do good to one who walks uprightly? <sup>8</sup>But you rise up against my people as an enemy; you strip the robe from the peaceful, from those who pass by trustingly with no thought of war. <sup>9</sup>The women of my people you drive out from their pleasant houses; from their young children you take away my glory forever. <sup>10</sup>Arise and go; for this is no place to rest, because of uncleanness that destroys with a grievous destruction. <sup>11</sup>If someone were to go about uttering empty falsehoods, saying, "I will preach to you of wine and strong drink," such a one would be the preacher for this people!

<sup>12</sup>I will surely gather all of you, O Jacob, I will gather the survivors of Israel; I will set them together like sheep in a fold, like a flock in its pasture; it will resound with people. <sup>13</sup>The one who breaks out will go up before them; they will break through and pass the gate, going out by it. Their king will pass on before them, the Lord at their head.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

### Canticle 11 The Third Song of Isaiah

**Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19**

*Surge, illuminare*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

For behold, darkness covers the land; \*

deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
and his glory will appear upon you.

Nations will stream to your light, \*  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

Your gates will always be open; \*  
by day or night they will never be shut.

They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.

You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
and all your portals, Praise.

The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
and your God will be your glory.

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 Acts of the Apostles 23:23-35

<sup>23</sup>Then he summoned two of the centurions and said, "Get ready to leave by nine o'clock tonight for Caesarea with two hundred soldiers, seventy horsemen, and two hundred spearmen. <sup>24</sup>Also provide mounts for Paul to ride, and take him safely to Felix the governor." <sup>25</sup>He wrote a letter to this effect: <sup>26</sup>"Claudius Lysias to his Excellency the governor Felix, greetings. <sup>27</sup>This man was seized by the Jews and was about to be killed by them, but when I had learned that he was a Roman citizen, I came with the guard and rescued him. <sup>28</sup>Since I wanted to know the charge for which they accused him, I had him brought to their council. <sup>29</sup>I found that he was accused concerning questions of their law, but was charged with nothing deserving death or imprisonment. <sup>30</sup>When I was informed that there would be a plot against the man, I sent him to you at once, ordering his accusers also to state before you what they have against him." <sup>31</sup>So the soldiers, according to their instructions, took Paul and brought him during the night to Antipatris. <sup>32</sup>The next day they let the horsemen go on with him, while they returned to the barracks. <sup>33</sup>When they came to Caesarea and delivered the letter to the governor, they presented Paul also before him. <sup>34</sup>On reading the letter, he asked what province he belonged to, and when he learned that he was from Cilicia, <sup>35</sup>he said, "I will give you a hearing when your accusers arrive." Then he ordered that he be kept under guard in Herod's headquarters.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle J**

### **A Song of Judith**

#### ***Judith 16:13-16***

I will sing a new song to my God, \*  
for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.  
Let the whole creation serve you, \*  
for you spoke and all things came into being.  
You sent your breath and it formed them, \*  
no one is able to resist your voice.  
Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, \*  
rocks melt like wax at your presence.  
But to those who fear you, \*  
you continue to show mercy.  
No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, \*  
but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight 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.

## **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 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.

*Everyone*

## **The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary)**

## **(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.

## **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.*

## **A Collect for Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## A Collect for Peace

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. 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](#).

## The Commemoration

Robert Grosseteste. Had the leaders of the 13th century heeded this preacher, many of the disasters of the following three centuries might have been avoided. Robert was a peasant lad from Suffolk, born about 1175. He distinguished himself at Oxford in law, medicine, languages, natural sciences, and theology. He became what is now called Chancellor of Oxford University.

In 1235, he was elected Bishop of Lincoln, in area the largest diocese in England. He promptly visited all the churches in the diocese and quickly removed many of the prominent clergy because they were neglecting their pastoral duties. He vigorously opposed the practice by which the Pope appointed Italians as absentee clergy for English churches (collecting salaries from said churches without ever setting foot in the country). He insisted that his priests spend their time in the service of their people, in prayer, and in study. He went on a pilgrimage to Rome, where he spoke out boldly against ecclesiastical abuses. Back in England, he spoke against unlawful usurpations of power by the monarch, and was one of those present at the signing of the Magna Carta.

Grosseteste's scholarly writings embraced many fields of learning. He translated into Latin the Ethics of Aristotle and the theological works of John of Damascus and of the fifth-century writer known as Dionysius the Areopagite. He was skilled in poetry, music, architecture, mathematics, astronomy, optics, and physics (one of his pupils was Roger Bacon). His writings on the first chapter of Genesis include an interesting anticipation of modern cosmological ideas. (He read that the first thing created was light, and said that the universe began with pure energy exploding from a point source.) He knew Hebrew and Greek, and his Biblical studies were a notable contribution to the scholarship of the day.

written by James Kiefer

## Prayer

O God, our heavenly Father, who raised up your faithful servant Robert Grosseteste to be a bishop and pastor in your church and to feed your flock: Give abundantly to all pastors the gifts of your Holy Spirit, that they may minister in your household as true servants of Christ and stewards of your divine mysteries; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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 Nation**

Lord God Almighty, who has made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **For the President of the United States and all in Civil Authority**

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to your merciful care, that, being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to the President of the United States, the Governor of this State (or, Commonwealth), and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in your fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

## **Hymn: Be still, for the presence of the Lord**

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
The Holy One is here.  
Come, bow before Him now,  
With reverence and fear.  
In Him no sin is found,  
We stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
The Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord,  
Is shining all around.  
He burns with holy fire,  
With splendour He is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight,  
Our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord,  
Is shining all around.



Be still, for the power of the Lord,  
Is moving in this place.  
He comes to cleanse and heal,  
To minister His grace.  
No work too hard for Him,  
In faith receive from Him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord,  
Is moving in this place.

Choir: Beverley Minster

## **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 of Service for Noonday**

### **The Opening**

*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.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

### **The Psalm**

## **Psalm 126 *In convertendo***

<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.

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 Word**

*Leader*

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of Hosts.

*Malachi 1:11*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to 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.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

[Jump to Noonday](#)

Thursday  
Morning Prayer  
Proper 22  
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# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. *John 4:23*

## Hymn: Lord God of morning and of night

Lord God of morning and of night,  
We thank Thee for Thy gift of light;  
As in the dawn the shadows fly,  
We seem to find Thee now more nigh.

Yet, whilst Thy will we would persue  
Oft what we would we cannot do.  
The sun may stand in zenith skies  
But on the soul thick midnight lies.

O Lord of lights, tis Thou alone  
Canst make our darkened hearts Thine own;  
O then be with us, Lord, that we  
In Thy great day may wake to Thee.

Praise God our Maker and our Friend;  
Praise Him through time, till time shall end;  
Till psalm and song His name adore  
Through heavens great day of evermore.

Singers: Harvard University Choir  
Text: Francis Turner Palgrave  
Music: M. Lee Suitor

## 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*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*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.

## **Antiphon**

God is the Rock of our salvation:  
O come let us worship.

## **Venite Psalm 95:1-7**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

God is the Rock of our salvation:  
O come let us worship.

## The Psalter

### **131 *Domine, non est*** **or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, I am not proud; \*  
I have no haughty looks.  
<sup>2</sup> I do not occupy myself with great matters, \*  
or with things that are too hard for me.  
<sup>3</sup> But I still my soul and make it quiet,  
like a child upon its mother's breast; \*  
my soul is quieted within me.  
<sup>4</sup> O Israel, wait upon the Lord, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

### **132 *Memento, Domine*** **or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> Lord, remember David, \*  
and all the hardships he endured;  
<sup>2</sup> How he swore an oath to the Lord \*  
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:  
<sup>3</sup> "I will not come under the roof of my house, \*  
nor climb up into my bed;  
<sup>4</sup> I will not allow my eyes to sleep, \*  
nor let my eyelids slumber;  
<sup>5</sup> Until I find a place for the Lord, \*  
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."  
<sup>6</sup> "The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; \*  
we found it in the fields of Jearim.  
<sup>7</sup> Let us go to God's dwelling place; \*  
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."  
<sup>8</sup> Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place, \*  
you and the ark of your strength.  
<sup>9</sup> Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; \*

let your faithful people sing with joy.

<sup>10</sup> For your servant David's sake, \*  
do not turn away the face of your Anointed.

<sup>11</sup> The Lord has sworn an oath to David; \*  
in truth, he will not break it:

<sup>12</sup> "A son, the fruit of your body \*  
will I set upon your throne.

<sup>13</sup> If your children keep my covenant  
and my testimonies that I shall teach them, \*  
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."

<sup>14</sup> For the Lord has chosen Zion; \*  
he has desired her for his habitation:

<sup>15</sup> "This shall be my resting-place for ever; \*  
here will I dwell, for I delight in her.

<sup>16</sup> I will surely bless her provisions, \*  
and satisfy her poor with bread.

<sup>17</sup> I will clothe her priests with salvation, \*  
and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.

<sup>18</sup> There will I make the horn of David flourish; \*  
I have prepared a lamp for my Anointed.

<sup>19</sup> As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame; \*  
but as for him, his crown will shine."

## **133 *Ecce, quam bonum!***

### **or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live together in unity!

<sup>2</sup> It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
that runs down upon the beard,

<sup>3</sup> Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

<sup>4</sup> It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

<sup>5</sup> For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

## **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 Micah 3:1-8

<sup>1</sup>And I said: Listen, you heads of Jacob and rulers of the house of Israel! Should you not know justice? <sup>2</sup>you who hate the good and love the evil, who tear the skin off my people, and the flesh off their bones; <sup>3</sup>who eat the flesh of my people, flay their skin off them, break their bones in pieces, and chop them up like meat in a kettle, like flesh in a caldron. <sup>4</sup>Then they will cry to the Lord, but he will not answer them; he will hide his face from them at that time, because they have acted wickedly. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord concerning the prophets who lead my people astray, who cry "Peace" when they have something to eat, but declare war against those who put nothing into their mouths. <sup>6</sup>Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision, and darkness to you, without revelation. The sun shall go down upon the prophets, and the day shall be black over them; <sup>7</sup>the seers shall be disgraced, and the diviners put to shame; they shall all cover their lips, for there is no answer from God.

<sup>8</sup>But as for me, I am filled with power, with the spirit of the Lord, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 9** **The First Song of Isaiah** ***Ecce, Deus***

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of 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 Acts of the Apostles 24:1-23

<sup>1</sup>Five days later the high priest Ananias came down with some elders and an attorney, a certain Tertullus, and they reported their case against Paul to the governor. <sup>2</sup>When Paul had been summoned, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying: "Your Excellency, because of you we have long enjoyed peace, and reforms have been made for this people because of your foresight. <sup>3</sup>We welcome this in every way and everywhere with utmost gratitude. <sup>4</sup>But, to detain you no further, I beg you to hear us briefly with your customary graciousness. <sup>5</sup>We have, in fact, found this man a pestilent fellow, an agitator among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes. <sup>6</sup>He even tried to profane the temple, and so we seized him. <sup>8</sup>By examining him yourself you will be able to learn from him concerning everything of which we accuse him." <sup>9</sup>The Jews also joined in the charge by asserting that all this was true.

<sup>10</sup>When the governor motioned to him to speak, Paul replied: "I cheerfully make my defense, knowing that for many years you have been a judge over this nation. <sup>11</sup>As you can find out, it is not more than twelve days since I went up to worship in Jerusalem. <sup>12</sup>They did not find me disputing with anyone in the temple or stirring up a crowd either in the synagogues or throughout the city. <sup>13</sup>Neither can they prove to you the charge that they now bring against me. <sup>14</sup>But this I admit to you, that according to the Way, which they call a sect, I worship the God of our ancestors, believing everything laid down according to the law or written in the prophets. <sup>15</sup>I have a hope in God a hope that they themselves also accept that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous. <sup>16</sup>Therefore I do my best always to have a clear conscience toward God and all people. <sup>17</sup>Now after some years I came to bring alms to my nation and to offer sacrifices. <sup>18</sup>While I was doing this, they found me in the temple, completing the rite of purification, without any crowd or disturbance. <sup>19</sup>But there were some Jews from Asia they ought to be here before you to make an accusation, if they have anything against me. <sup>20</sup>Or let these men here tell what crime they had found when I stood before the council, <sup>21</sup>unless it was this one sentence that I called out while standing before them, 'It is about the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial before you today.'"

<sup>22</sup>But Felix, who was rather well informed about the Way, adjourned the hearing with the comment, "When Lysias the tribune comes down, I will decide your case." <sup>23</sup>Then he ordered the centurion to keep him in custody, but to let him have some liberty and not to prevent any of his friends from taking care of his needs.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## Canticle 19

### The Song of the Redeemed

#### *Magna et mirabilia*

Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,

great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.  
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the holy One.  
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

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.

## 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 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.

*Everyone*

## The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary) (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.

## Suffrages

*Leader*

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

*Response*

Govern and uphold them, now and always.

*Leader*

Day by day we bless you;

*Response*

We praise your Name for ever.

*Leader*

Lord, keep us from all sin today;

*Response*

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

*Response*

For we put our trust in you.

*Leader*

In you, Lord, is our hope;



*Response*

And we shall never hope in vain.

## **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.*

### **A Collect for Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **A Collect for the Renewal of Life**

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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](#).

## **The Commemoration**

Vida Dutton Scudder (December 15, 1861-October 9, 1954), educator, activist and founder of the Episcopal Church Socialist League was born to Congregationalist missionaries in India.

In the 1870s, Vida and her mother were confirmed as Episcopalians by [Phillips Brooks](#).

After studying English literature at Smith College and Oxford University, Scudder began teaching at Wellesley College. Her love of scholarship was matched by her social conscience and deep spirituality.

As a young woman, Scudder began the College Settlements Association, joined the Society of Christian Socialists, and began her life-long association with the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross in 1889.

In 1893, Scudder took a leave of absence from Wellesley to work with Helena Stuart Dudley to found Denison House in Boston.

Scudder experienced a breakdown in 1901 due to the stress of teaching and activism. After two years of recuperation in Italy, she returned renewed and became more active in church and socialist groups; she started a group for Italian immigrants at Denison House and took an active part in organizing the Women's Trade Union League.

In 1911, Scudder founded the Episcopal Church Socialist League, and formally joined the Socialist party. Her support of striking textile workers in the Lawrence, Massachusetts strike in 1912 drew a great deal of criticism and threatened her teaching position.

Though she initially supported World War I, she joined the Fellowship of Reconciliation in 1923, and by the 1930s she was a pacifist.

Throughout her life Scudder's primary relationships and support network were women; her closest companion was Florence Converse, who shared in her religious faith and political ideals.

After retirement, Scudder authored sixteen [books on religious and political subjects](#), combining her intense activism with an equally vibrant spirituality. She was the first woman published in the Anglican Theological Review.

from the [Episcopal Women's History Project](#)

See also an article in [Wikipedia](#)

## Prayer

Most gracious God, you sent your beloved Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Raise up in your church witnesses who, after the example of your servant Vida Dutton Scudder, stand firm in proclaiming the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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 Peace Among Nations

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among

them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **For Those in the Armed Forces of Our Country**

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For the Conservation of Natural Resources**

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: Be still, my soul**

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on thy side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to thy God to order and provide;  
In every change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul; thy best, thy heavenly, Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul; the Lord doth undertake  
To guide the future as He did the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul; the hour is hastening on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord.  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Words: Catharina von Schlegel  
Translated by Jane Borthwick  
Music: Jean Sibelius  
Singers: Congregation of Salisbury Cathedral Close

## **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*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

# 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 of Service for Noonday

### The Opening

*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.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

### The Psalm

#### Psalm 119 *Lucerna pedibus meis*

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.

<sup>106</sup> I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.

<sup>107</sup> I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

<sup>108</sup> Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.

<sup>109</sup> My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.

<sup>110</sup> The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

<sup>111</sup> Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

<sup>112</sup> I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

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 Word**

*Leader*

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. *Romans 5:5*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to 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.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"  
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your

coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*



Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

[Jump to Noonday](#)

Friday  
Morning Prayer  
Proper 22  
Philip the Deacon

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the Earth keep silence before him. *Habakkuk 2:20*

## Hymn: Lord God, we thank you, now the night is over

Lord God, we thank you, now the night is over,  
active and watchful, stand we here before you;  
singing we offer prayer and meditation:  
thus we adore you.

Monarch of all things, fit us for your mansions;  
banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending;  
bring us to heaven, where your saints united  
joy without ending.

Singers: Donna Seda (soprano), Laurel Helgren (alto), Gaye Gay (tenor), Bob Mangels (bass)

Words: attributed to Gregory the Great, sixth century;  
trans. Percy Dearmer, 1906

Tune: *Christe sanctorum*

Recorded for The Mission of St. Clare

## 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*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*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.

## **Antiphon**

The Holy One is in our midst:  
O come let us worship.

## **Jubilate**

### ***Psalm 100***

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Holy One is in our midst:

O come let us worship.

# The Psalter

## 140 *Eripe me, Domine* or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Deliver me, O Lord, from evildoers;\*  
protect me from the violent,

<sup>2</sup> Who devise evil in their hearts\*  
and stir up strife all day long.

<sup>3</sup> They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent;\*  
adders poison is under their lips.

<sup>4</sup> Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked;\*  
protect me from the violent,  
who are determined to trip me up.

<sup>5</sup> The proud have hidden a snare for me  
and stretched out a net of cords;\*  
they have set traps for me along the path.

<sup>6</sup> I have said to the Lord, You are my God;\*  
listen, O Lord, to my supplication.

<sup>7</sup> O Lord God, the strength of my salvation,\*  
you have covered my head in the day of battle.

<sup>8</sup> Do not grant the desires of the wicked, O Lord,\*  
Nor let their evil plans prosper.

<sup>9</sup> Let not those who surround me lift up their heads;\*  
let the evil of their lips overwhelm them.

<sup>10</sup> Let hot burning coals fall upon them,\*  
let them be cast into the mire, never to rise up again.

<sup>11</sup> A slanderer shall not be established on the earth,\*  
and evil shall hunt down the lawless.

<sup>12</sup> I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the poor\*  
and render justice to the needy.

<sup>13</sup> Surely, the righteous will give thanks to your Name,\*  
and the upright shall continue in your sight.

## 142 *Voce mea ad Dominum* or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> I cry to the Lord with my voice;\*  
to the Lord I make loud supplication.

<sup>2</sup> I pour out my complaint before him\*  
and tell him all my trouble.

<sup>3</sup> When my spirit languishes within me, you know my path;\*  
in the way wherein I walk they have hidden a trap for me.

<sup>4</sup> I look to my right hand and find no one who knows me;\*

I have no place to flee to, and no one cares for me.

<sup>5</sup> I cry out to you, O Lord;\*

I say, You are my refuge,  
my portion in the land of the living.

<sup>6</sup> Listen to my cry for help, for I have been brought very low;\*  
save me from those who pursue me,  
for they are too strong for me.

<sup>7</sup> Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your Name;\*  
when you have dealt bountifully with me,  
the righteous will gather around me.

## **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 Micah 3:9-4:5

<sup>9</sup>Hear this, you rulers of the house of Jacob and chiefs of the house of Israel, who abhor justice and pervert all equity,  
<sup>10</sup>who build Zion with blood and Jerusalem with wrong! <sup>11</sup>Its rulers give judgment for a bribe, its priests teach for a price, its prophets give oracles for money; yet they lean upon the Lord and say, "Surely the Lord is with us! No harm shall come upon us." <sup>12</sup>Therefore because of you Zion shall be plowed as a field; Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins, and the mountain of the house a wooded height.

<sup>1</sup>In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, <sup>2</sup>and many nations shall come and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; <sup>4</sup>but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken. <sup>5</sup>For all the peoples walk, each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle Q**

### **A Song of Christ's Goodness**

#### **Anselm of Canterbury**

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you; \*  
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.  
Often you weep over our sins and our pride, \*  
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.  
You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, \*  
in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.  
Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life; \*  
by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.  
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; \*  
through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.  
Your warmth gives life to the dead, \*  
your touch makes sinners righteous.  
Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us; \*  
in your love and tenderness, remake us.  
In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness, \*  
for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.

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 Acts of the Apostles 24:24-25:12

<sup>24</sup>Some days later when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, he sent for Paul and heard him speak concerning faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup>And as he discussed justice, self-control, and the coming judgment, Felix became frightened and said, "Go away for the present; when I have an opportunity, I will send for you." <sup>26</sup>At the same time he hoped that money would be given him by Paul, and for that reason he used to send for him very often and converse with him. <sup>27</sup>After two years had passed, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus; and since he wanted to grant the Jews a favor, Felix left Paul in prison.

<sup>1</sup>Three days after Festus had arrived in the province, he went up from Caesarea to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup>where the chief priests and the leaders of the Jews gave him a report against Paul. They appealed to him <sup>3</sup>and requested, as a favor to them against Paul, to have him transferred to Jerusalem. They were, in fact, planning an ambush to kill him along the way. <sup>4</sup>Festus replied that Paul was being kept at Caesarea, and that he himself intended to go there shortly. <sup>5</sup>"So," he said, "let those of you who have the authority come down with me, and if there is anything wrong about the man, let them accuse him." <sup>6</sup>After he had stayed among them not more than eight or ten days, he went down to Caesarea; the next day he took his seat on the tribunal and ordered Paul to be brought. <sup>7</sup>When he arrived, the Jews who had gone down from Jerusalem surrounded him, bringing many serious charges against him, which they could not prove. <sup>8</sup>Paul said in his defense, "I have in no way committed an offense against the law of the Jews, or against the temple, or against the emperor." <sup>9</sup>But Festus, wishing to do the Jews a favor, asked Paul, "Do you wish to go up to Jerusalem and be tried there before me on

these charges?" <sup>10</sup>Paul said, "I am appealing to the emperor's tribunal; this is where I should be tried. I have done no wrong to the Jews, as you very well know. <sup>11</sup>Now if I am in the wrong and have committed something for which I deserve to die, I am not trying to escape death; but if there is nothing to their charges against me, no one can turn me over to them. I appeal to the emperor." <sup>12</sup>Then Festus, after he had conferred with his council, replied, "You have appealed to the emperor; to the emperor you will go."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 18**

### **A Song to the Lamb**

#### ***Dignus es***

Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
for ever and for evermore.

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.

## **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 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.

*Everyone*

## **The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary) (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.

## **Suffrages**

*Leader*

Help us, O God our Savior;

*Response*

Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

*Leader*

Look upon your congregation;

*Response*

Give to your people the blessing of peace.

*Leader*

Declare your glory among the nations;

*Response*

And your wonders among all peoples.

*Leader*

Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

*Response*

Never forget the lives of your poor.

*Leader*

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

*Response*

And your favor to those who are true of heart.

*Leader*

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

*Response*

So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

## **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.*

### **A Collect 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.

## **A Collect for Fridays**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son 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](#).

## **The Commemoration**

In the sixth chapter of Acts, we read that the Apostles commissioned seven men in the congregation at Jerusalem to supervise the church's ministry to the needs of its widows and other poor. (This is generally considered to be the beginning of the office of Deacon in the Church, although the Scriptures do not use this term in referring to the original seven men.)

Two of these have gained lasting fame. One was Stephen, who became the Church's first martyr. The other was Philip, whose story we find in Acts 8:5-40; 21:8-9.

After the death of Stephen, there was a general persecution of the Church at Jerusalem, and many Christians fled to escape it. Philip fled to Samaria, where he preached the Gospel to the Samaritans, a group who had split off from the Jewish people about six centuries earlier, had intermarried with other peoples, and were considered outsiders by most Jews. They received the message with eagerness, and soon Peter and John came to Samaria to bless the new converts.

After this, Philip was sent by God to walk along the road from Jerusalem southwest to Gaza, where he met a eunuch (a term meaning literally a castrated man, but also used to mean simply an official of a royal court) of the Queen of Ethiopia (probably meaning Nubia—what we now call the Sudan), returning home after worshipping in Jerusalem.

The man was reading from Isaiah 53 ("He was wounded for our transgressions"), and Philip told him about Jesus, and persuaded him that the words were a prophecy of the saving work of Jesus.

The man was baptized, and went on his way rejoicing, while Philip went north to Caesarea, the major seaport of Israel, and its secular capital.

When Paul (accompanied by Luke) was going up to Jerusalem for the last time, he paused at Caesarea and spent several days with Philip. (This may be the source of some of the information Luke used in writing the early chapters of Acts.)

We are told that Philip had four daughters who prophesied. (This is relevant to discussions of the role of women in the Church.)

Was Philip the Deacon the same person as Philip the Apostle (see 1 May)?

No, they were different.

There were Twelve Apostles, and they said, "Our work is to preach the Gospel, not to administer the budget. Choose seven men to administer the budget." Obviously they meant seven men other than themselves.

Moreover, when Philip went to Samaria, and preached and made converts, he baptized them, but none of them received the Holy Spirit. It was not until Peter and John came from Jerusalem and laid hands on them that they received the Spirit. Surely this means that Philip was not an Apostle—not one of the Twelve.

Yes, they were the same person.

We have ancient testimony identifying them. Papias of Hierapolis, a second-century writer who had spoken with some of the apostles, speaks of the Philip of Acts 21 as one of the Apostles.

Polycrates, a second-century bishop of Ephesus, says that Philip, "one of the Twelve", was buried at Hierapolis along with two aged virgin daughters of his, and that a third daughter, a prophetess, was buried at Ephesus.

It seems unlikely that two Philips would both have unmarried daughters of whom at least one was known as a prophetess.

If eleven of the Twelve Apostles refused the work of administering the church's welfare program, but one, for special reasons, accepted it, it is not clear that Luke would have felt bound to point this out. The Jerusalem community may have thought it desirable to have one man serve both as one of the Twelve and one of the Seven, so as to provide a link, a liason, between the two groups.

Philip, who specifically named in John's account of the feeding of the Five Thousand (John 6:5), is likely to have had special abilities in organizing the feeding of the hungry, and related matters.

Moreover, the Seven were originally appointed because the Greek-speaking Jews complained that their widows were being neglected. Philip had a Greek name ("lover of horses"), which at least suggests some kind of Hellenistic element in his background.

Even more to the point, we note that earlier, when a group of Greek-speaking Jews wanted a chance to speak with Jesus, they went first to Philip (Jn 12:20f). Clearly Philip was a good choice for dealing with Hellenists.

As for the objection that Philip's Samaritan converts receive the laying on of hands, not from Philip, but from Peter and John, it must be noted that Peter and John were there specifically as representatives of the Apostles gathered at Jerusalem. It may very well be that Philip wanted to make sure that the receiving of a group of Samaritans into the Church, a gesture certain to stir up violent emotions in some Christians, had the official support of the College of Apostles.

essay by James Kiefer

## **Prayer**

O God, who has made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that we, following the example of your servant Philip, may bring your Word to those who seek you for the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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 Our Enemies**

O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For Social Justice**

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For Young Persons**

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: Be Thou my Vision**

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight;  
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;  
Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tower:  
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,

High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Words: Irish (8thC) versified by Mary Elizabeth Byrne  
Tune: *Slane* Irish ballad

## **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*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

## **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 of Service for Noonday**

## **The Opening**

*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.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

## **Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos***



<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

<sup>5</sup> The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

<sup>6</sup> So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord shall watch over your going out and  
your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

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 Word**

*Leader*

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of Hosts.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to 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.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching out your loving arms: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your tender mercies sake.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"  
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

[Jump to Noonday](#)

Saturday  
Morning Prayer  
Proper 22  
Edith Louisa Cavell

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite. *Isaiah 57:15*

## Hymn: Morning glory, starlit sky

Morning glory, starlit sky,  
Soaring music, scholar's truth,  
Flight of swallows, autumn leaves,  
Memory's treasure, grace of youth:

Open are the gifts of God,  
Gifts of love to mind and sense;  
Hidden is love's agony,  
Love's endeavour, love's expense.

Love that gives, gives evermore,  
Gives with zeal, with eager hands,  
Spares not, keeps not, all outpours,  
Ventures all, its all expends.

Drained is love in making full,  
Bound in setting others free,  
Poor in making many rich,  
Weak in giving power to be.

Therefore he who shows us God  
Helpless hangs upon the tree;  
And the nails and crown of thorns  
Tell of what God's love must be.

Here is God, no monarch he,  
Throned in easy state to reign;  
Here is God, whose arms of love,  
Aching, spent, the world sustain.

Singers: The choir of All Saints' Church, Wokingham, United Kingdom  
Soloist: Chloe Price  
Music: Barry Rose

# 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*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*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.

# Antiphon

The Earth is the Lords, for he made it:  
Come let us adore him.

# Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Earth is the Lords, for he made it:  
Come let us adore him.

## The Psalter

### **137** *Super flumina* or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup>By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, \*  
when we remembered you, O Zion.

<sup>2</sup>As for our harps, we hung them up \*  
on the trees in the midst of that land.

<sup>3</sup>For those who led us away captive asked us for a song,  
and our oppressors called for mirth: \*  
"Sing us one of the songs of Zion."

<sup>4</sup>How shall we sing the Lord's song \*  
upon an alien soil?

<sup>5</sup>If I forget you, O Jerusalem, \*  
let my right hand forget its skill.

<sup>6</sup>Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth  
if I do not remember you, \*  
if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

<sup>7</sup>Remember the day of Jerusalem, O Lord,  
against the people of Edom, \*  
who said, "Down with it! down with it!  
even to the ground!"

<sup>8</sup>O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, \*  
happy the one who pays you back  
for what you have done to us!

<sup>9</sup>Happy shall he be who takes your little ones, \*



and dashes them against the rock!

## **144 *Benedictus Dominus*** **or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup>Blessed be the Lord my rock! \*  
who trains my hands to fight and my fingers to battle;  
<sup>2</sup>My help and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, \*  
my shield in whom I trust,  
who subdues the peoples under me.  
<sup>3</sup>O Lord, what are we that you should care for us? \*  
mere mortals that you should think of us?  
<sup>4</sup>We are like a puff of wind; \*  
our days are like a passing shadow.  
<sup>5</sup>Bow your heavens, O Lord, and come down; \*  
touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.  
<sup>6</sup>Hurl the lightning and scatter them; \*  
shoot out your arrows and rout them.  
<sup>7</sup>Stretch out your hand from on high; \*  
rescue me and deliver me from the great waters,  
from the hand of foreign peoples,  
<sup>8</sup>Whose mouths speak deceitfully \*  
and whose right hand is raised in falsehood.  
<sup>9</sup>O God, I will sing to you a new song; \*  
I will play to you on a ten-stringed lyre.  
<sup>10</sup>You give victory to kings \*  
and have rescued David your servant.  
<sup>11</sup>Rescue me from the hurtful sword \*  
and deliver me from the hand of foreign peoples,  
<sup>12</sup>Whose mouths speak deceitfully \*  
and whose right hand is raised in falsehood.  
<sup>13</sup>May our sons be like plants well nurtured from their youth, \*  
and our daughters like sculptured corners of a palace.  
<sup>14</sup>May our barns be filled to overflowing with all manner  
of crops; \*  
may the flocks in our pastures increase by thousands  
and tens of thousands;  
may our cattle be fat and sleek.  
<sup>15</sup>May there be no breaching of the walls, no going into exile, -  
no wailing in the public squares.  
<sup>16</sup>Happy are the people of whom this is so! \*  
happy are the people whose God is the Lord!

## **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 Micah 5:1-4, 10-15

<sup>1</sup>Now you are walled around with a wall; siege is laid against us; with a rod they strike the ruler of Israel upon the cheek. <sup>2</sup>But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. <sup>3</sup>Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. <sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; <sup>10</sup>In that day, says the Lord, I will cut off your horses from among you and will destroy your chariots; <sup>11</sup>and I will cut off the cities of your land and throw down all your strongholds; <sup>12</sup>and I will cut off sorceries from your hand, and you shall have no more soothsayers; <sup>13</sup>and I will cut off your images and your pillars from among you, and you shall bow down no more to the work of your hands; <sup>14</sup>and I will uproot your sacred poles from among you and destroy your towns. <sup>15</sup>And in anger and wrath I will execute vengeance on the nations that did not obey.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## Canticle S A Song of Our True Nature Julian of Norwich

Christ revealed our frailty and our falling, \*  
our trespasses and our humiliations.  
Christ also revealed his blessed power, \*  
his blessed wisdom and love.  
He protects us as tenderly and as sweetly when we are in greatest need; \*  
he raises us in spirit  
and turns everything to glory and joy without ending.  
God is the ground and the substance, the very essence of nature; \*  
God is the true father and mother of natures.  
We are all bound to God by nature, \*  
and we are all bound to God by grace.  
And this grace is for all the world, \*  
because it is our precious mother, Christ.

For this fair nature was prepared by Christ  
for the honor and nobility of all, \*  
and for the joy and bliss of salvation

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 Acts of the Apostles 25:13-27

<sup>13</sup>After several days had passed, King Agrippa and Bernice arrived at Caesarea to welcome Festus. <sup>14</sup>Since they were staying there several days, Festus laid Paul's case before the king, saying, "There is a man here who was left in prison by Felix. <sup>15</sup>When I was in Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed me about him and asked for a sentence against him. <sup>16</sup>I told them that it was not the custom of the Romans to hand over anyone before the accused had met the accusers face to face and had been given an opportunity to make a defense against the charge. <sup>17</sup>So when they met here, I lost no time, but on the next day took my seat on the tribunal and ordered the man to be brought. <sup>18</sup>When the accusers stood up, they did not charge him with any of the crimes that I was expecting. <sup>19</sup>Instead they had certain points of disagreement with him about their own religion and about a certain Jesus, who had died, but whom Paul asserted to be alive. <sup>20</sup>Since I was at a loss how to investigate these questions, I asked whether he wished to go to Jerusalem and be tried there on these charges. <sup>21</sup>But when Paul had appealed to be kept in custody for the decision of his Imperial Majesty, I ordered him to be held until I could send him to the emperor." <sup>22</sup>Agrippa said to Festus, "I would like to hear the man myself." "Tomorrow," he said, "you will hear him." <sup>23</sup>So on the next day Agrippa and Bernice came with great pomp, and they entered the audience hall with the military tribunes and the prominent men of the city. Then Festus gave the order and Paul was brought in. <sup>24</sup>And Festus said, "King Agrippa and all here present with us, you see this man about whom the whole Jewish community petitioned me, both in Jerusalem and here, shouting that he ought not to live any longer. <sup>25</sup>But I found that he had done nothing deserving death; and when he appealed to his Imperial Majesty, I decided to send him. <sup>26</sup>But I have nothing definite to write to our sovereign about him. Therefore I have brought him before all of you, and especially before you, King Agrippa, so that, after we have examined him, I may have something to write <sup>27</sup>for it seems to me unreasonable to send a prisoner without indicating the charges against him."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 19**

### **The Song of the Redeemed**

#### ***Magna et mirabilia***

Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,

great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.  
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the holy One.  
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

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.

## Gospel

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 8:16-25

<sup>16</sup>"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 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.

### The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary) (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.

## **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.*

### **A Collect 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.

### **A Collect for Saturdays**

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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](#).

## **The Commemoration**

Edith Louisa Cavell (December 1865–12 October 1915) was a British nurse.

She is celebrated for saving the lives of soldiers from both sides without discrimination and in helping some 200 Allied soldiers escape from German-occupied Belgium during the First World War, for which she was arrested.

She was accused of treason, found guilty by a court-martial and sentenced to death. Despite international pressure for mercy, she was shot by a German firing squad. Her execution received worldwide condemnation and extensive press coverage.

The night before her execution, she said, "Patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone." These words were later inscribed on a memorial to her near Trafalgar Square.

Her strong Anglican beliefs propelled her to help all those who needed it, both German and Allied soldiers. She was quoted as saying, "I can't stop while there are lives to be saved."

Cavell, who was 49 at the time of her execution, was already notable as a pioneer of modern nursing in Belgium.

Cavell was born in Swardeston, a village near Norwich. She was the eldest of the four children of the Reverend Frederick Cavell, vicar of Swardeston, and his wife Louisa Sophia Warming.

After a period as a governess, including for a family in Brussels from 1890 to 1895, she returned home to care for her father during a serious illness. The experience led her to become a nurse after her father's recovery.

In 1907, Cavell was recruited by Dr. Antoine Depage to be matron of a newly established nursing school, L'École Belge d'Infirmières Diplômées (or the Berkendael Medical Institute) in Brussels.

In November 1914, after the German occupation of Brussels, Cavell began sheltering British and French soldiers as well as Belgian and French civilians of military age, and funnelling them out of occupied Belgium to the neutral Netherlands.

This placed Cavell in violation of German military law. German authorities became increasingly suspicious of the nurse's actions, which were further fuelled by her outspokenness.

She was arrested on 3 August 1915 and charged with harbouring Allied soldiers. She was held in Saint-Gilles prison for ten weeks, the last two of which were spent in solitary confinement.

She made three depositions to the German police (on 8, 18 and 22 August), admitting that she had been instrumental in conveying about 60 British and 15 French soldiers, as well as about 100 French and Belgian civilians of military age, to the frontier and had sheltered most of them in her house.

At her court-martial, she was prosecuted for aiding British and French soldiers, in addition to young Belgian men, to cross the Dutch border and eventually enter Britain. She admitted her guilt when she signed a statement the day before the trial.

In spite of diplomatic pressure placed by the United States and other neutral countries, she was executed by firing squad in Brussels on 12 October 1915.

More at [Wikipedia](#)

## Prayer

Living God, the source of all healing and wholeness: we bless you for the compassionate witness of your servant Edith Cavell. Inspire us to be agents of peace and reconciliation in a world beset by injustice, poverty, and war. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, to the ages of ages. 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 Joy in God's Creation**

O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For the Good Use of Leisure**

O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For the Unemployed**

Heavenly Father, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive just payment for their labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: Blest are the pure in heart**

Blest are the pure in heart,  
For they shall see our God;  
The secret of the Lord is theirs;  
Their soul is Christs abode.

The Lord, Who left the heavens  
Our life and peace to bring,  
To dwell in lowliness with men  
Their Pattern and their King.

Still to the lowly soul  
He doth Himself impart;

And for His dwelling and His throne  
Chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we Thy presence seek;  
May ours this blessing be;  
Give us a pure and lowly heart,  
A temple meet for Thee.

Singers: Christ's Hospital Schola Cantorum

Words: John Keble

## **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*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

## **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 of Service for Noonday**

### **The Opening**

*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.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

## **The Psalm**

### **Psalm 119 *Lucerna pedibus meis***

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.

<sup>106</sup> I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.

<sup>107</sup> I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

<sup>108</sup> Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.

<sup>109</sup> My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.

<sup>110</sup> The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

<sup>111</sup> Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

<sup>112</sup> I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

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 Word**

*Leader*

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. Romans 5:5

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to 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.

## The Collect

*Leader*

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## Intercessions

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"  
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.



[Jump to Noonday](#)

Sunday  
Morning Prayer  
Proper 23

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalms 19:14*

## Hymn: Awake, awake to love and work!

Awake, awake to love and work!  
The lark is in the sky;  
The fields are wet with diamond dew;  
The worlds awake to cry  
Their blessings on the Lord of life,  
As He goes meekly by.

Come, let thy voice be one with theirs,  
Shout with their shout of praise;  
See how the giant sun soars up,  
Great lord of years and days!  
So let the love of Jesus come  
And set thy soul ablaze.

To give and give, and give again,  
What God hath given thee;  
To spend thyself nor count the cost;  
To serve right gloriously  
The God Who gave all worlds that are,  
And all that are to be.

Words: Geoffrey Anketel Studdert Kennedy (1921)  
Tune: *Morning Song*, from Kentucky Harmony, 1816

## 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*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*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.

## **Antiphon**

The Earth is the Lords, for he made it:  
Come let us adore him.

## **Jubilate**

### ***Psalm 100***

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Earth is the Lords, for he made it:  
Come let us adore him.

## The Psalter

### 146 *Lauda, anima mea* or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!  
Praise the Lord, O my soul! \*  
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.  
<sup>2</sup> Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of Earth, \*  
for there is no help in them.  
<sup>3</sup> When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*  
and in that day their thoughts perish.  
<sup>4</sup> Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;  
<sup>5</sup> Who made heaven and Earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
who keeps his promise for ever;  
<sup>6</sup> Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
and food to those who hunger.  
<sup>7</sup> The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
<sup>8</sup> The Lord loves the righteous;  
the Lord cares for the stranger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.  
<sup>9</sup> The Lord shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!

### 147 *Laudate Dominum* or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!  
How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!  
<sup>2</sup> The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; \*

he gathers the exiles of Israel.

<sup>3</sup> He heals the brokenhearted \*  
and binds up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup> He counts the number of the stars \*  
and calls them all by their names.

<sup>5</sup> Great is our Lord and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.

<sup>6</sup> The Lord lifts up the lowly, \*  
but casts the wicked to the ground.

<sup>7</sup> Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.

<sup>8</sup> He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
and prepares rain for the Earth;

<sup>9</sup> He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.

<sup>10</sup> He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they cry.

<sup>11</sup> He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

<sup>12</sup> But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious favor.

<sup>13</sup> Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;

<sup>14</sup> For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.

<sup>15</sup> He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

<sup>16</sup> He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.

<sup>17</sup> He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

<sup>18</sup> He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his cold?

<sup>19</sup> He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

<sup>20</sup> He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

<sup>21</sup> He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
Hallelujah!

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## **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 Micah 6:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. <sup>3</sup>"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! <sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. <sup>5</sup>O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."

<sup>6</sup>"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup>Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" <sup>8</sup>He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## Canticle M

### A Song of Faith

#### *1 Peter 1:3-4,18-21*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, \*  
by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;  
Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, \*  
we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.  
The ransom that was paid to free us \*  
was not paid in silver or gold,  
But in the precious blood of Christ, \*  
the Lamb without spot or stain.  
God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory \*  
so that we might have faith and hope in God.

## The New Testament Lesson

*Reader*

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16

<sup>9</sup>For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. <sup>10</sup>We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. <sup>11</sup>To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, <sup>12</sup>and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; <sup>13</sup>when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day.

<sup>14</sup>I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. <sup>15</sup>For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. <sup>16</sup>I appeal to you, then, be imitators of me.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **21 You are God *Te Deum laudamus***

You are God: we praise you;  
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;  
You are the eternal Father:  
All creation worships you.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;  
Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you became man to set us free  
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.

# 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 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.

*Everyone*

## **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.

## **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.*

## **A Collect for Sundays**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **A Collect for Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 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 the Church**

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.

## **For Church Musicians and Artists**

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For Families**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who places solitary persons in families: We commend to your continual care the homes in which your people dwell. Put far from them, we beseech you, every root of bitterness, the desire of vainglory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, and godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in marriage, have been made one flesh. Turn the hearts of the parents to the children, and the hearts of the children to the parents; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we may evermore be kindly one to another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: A new commandment**

A new commandment I give to you,  
A new commandment I give to you,  
that you will love each other  
that you will love each other  
even as I have loved you.  
By this all men will know  
By this all men will know  
that you are my disciples,  
that you are my disciples,  
if you have love for each other.

Singers: [St. Michael Orthodox Church Choir](#)  
Directed by: Steve Jacobs

## **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.

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 of Service for Noonday

## The Opening

*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.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

## The Psalm

### Psalm 126 *In convertendo*

<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.

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 Word

*Leader*

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of Hosts.  
Malachi 1:11

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to 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.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"  
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*



For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

[Jump to Noonday](#)

Monday  
Morning Prayer  
Proper 23  
Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." *Psalm 122:1*

## Hymn: Awake from your slumber!

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!  
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.  
The people in darkness have seen a great light.  
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Let us build the city of God.  
May our tears be turned into dancing!  
For the Lord, our light and our Love,  
has turned the night into day!

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.  
The One who has loved us has brightened our way.  
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be  
a light for his people to set their hearts free.

Let us build the city of God.  
May our tears be turned into dancing!  
For the Lord, our light and our Love,  
has turned the night into day!

(coda) God is light; in him there is no darkness.  
Let us walk in his light, his children one and all.

O comfort my people make gentle your words,  
proclaim to my city the day of her birth.

Let us build the city of God.  
May our tears be turned into dancing!  
For the Lord, our light and our Love,  
has turned the night into day!

Words and Music: Dan Schutte

## 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*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*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.

## **Antiphon**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:  
Come let us adore him.

## **Venite Psalm 95:1-7**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:  
Come let us adore him.

## The Psalter

### 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit* or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of  
the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!  
<sup>2</sup> Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.  
<sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.  
<sup>4</sup> It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.  
<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when  
judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.  
<sup>6</sup> For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

### 2 *Quare fremuerunt gentes?* or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Why are the nations in an uproar? \*  
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?  
<sup>2</sup> Why do the kings of the Earth rise up in revolt,

and the princes plot together, \*  
against the Lord and against his Anointed?

<sup>3</sup> "Let us break their yoke," they say; \*  
"let us cast off their bonds from us."

<sup>4</sup> He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; \*  
the Lord has them in derision.

<sup>5</sup> Then he speaks to them in his wrath, \*  
and his rage fills them with terror.

<sup>6</sup> "I myself have set my king \*  
upon my holy hill of Zion."

<sup>7</sup> Let me announce the decree of the Lord: \*  
he said to me, "You are my Son;  
this day have I begotten you.

<sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for  
your inheritance \*  
and the ends of the earth for your possession.

<sup>9</sup> You shall crush them with an iron rod \*  
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

<sup>10</sup> And now, you kings, be wise; \*  
be warned, you rulers of the Earth.

<sup>11</sup> Submit to the Lord with fear, \*  
and with trembling bow before him;

<sup>12</sup> Lest he be angry and you perish; \*  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

<sup>13</sup> Happy are they all \*  
who take refuge in him!

### ***3 Domine, quid multiplicati*** **or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> Lord, how many adversaries I have! \*  
how many there are who rise up against me!

<sup>2</sup> How many there are who say of me, \*  
"There is no help for him in his God."

<sup>3</sup> But you, O Lord, are a shield about me; \*  
you are my glory, the one who lifts up my head.

<sup>4</sup> I call aloud upon the Lord, \*  
and he answers me from his holy hill;

<sup>5</sup> I lie down and go to sleep; \*  
I wake again, because the Lord sustains me.

<sup>6</sup> I do not fear the multitudes of people \*  
who set themselves against me all around.

<sup>7</sup> Rise up, O Lord; set me free, O my God; \*  
surely, you will strike all my enemies across the face,  
you will break the teeth of the wicked.

<sup>8</sup> Deliverance belongs to the Lord. \*  
Your blessing be upon your people!

# **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 Micah 7:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Woe is me! For I have become like one who, after the summer fruit has been gathered, after the vintage has been gleaned, finds no cluster to eat; there is no first-ripe fig for which I hunger. <sup>2</sup>The faithful have disappeared from the land, and there is no one left who is upright; they all lie in wait for blood, and they hunt each other with nets. <sup>3</sup>Their hands are skilled to do evil; the official and the judge ask for a bribe, and the powerful dictate what they desire; thus they pervert justice. <sup>4</sup>The best of them is like a brier, the most upright of them a thorn hedge. The day of their sentinels, of their punishment, has come; now their confusion is at hand. <sup>5</sup>Put no trust in a friend, have no confidence in a loved one; guard the doors of your mouth from her who lies in your embrace; <sup>6</sup>for the son treats the father with contempt, the daughter rises up against her mother, the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; your enemies are members of your own household.

<sup>7</sup>But as for me, I will look to the Lord, I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 9**

### **The First Song of Isaiah**

#### ***Ecce, Deus***

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, \*

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of 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 Acts of the Apostles 26:1-23

<sup>1</sup>Agrippa said to Paul, "You have permission to speak for yourself." Then Paul stretched out his hand and began to defend himself: <sup>2</sup>"I consider myself fortunate that it is before you, King Agrippa, I am to make my defense today against all the accusations of the Jews, <sup>3</sup>because you are especially familiar with all the customs and controversies of the Jews; therefore I beg of you to listen to me patiently. <sup>4</sup>"All the Jews know my way of life from my youth, a life spent from the beginning among my own people and in Jerusalem. <sup>5</sup>They have known for a long time, if they are willing to testify, that I have belonged to the strictest sect of our religion and lived as a Pharisee. <sup>6</sup>And now I stand here on trial on account of my hope in the promise made by God to our ancestors, <sup>7</sup>a promise that our twelve tribes hope to attain, as they earnestly worship day and night. It is for this hope, your Excellency, that I am accused by Jews! <sup>8</sup>Why is it thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead? <sup>9</sup>"Indeed, I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things against the name of Jesus of Nazareth. <sup>10</sup>And that is what I did in Jerusalem; with authority received from the chief priests, I not only locked up many of the saints in prison, but I also cast my vote against them when they were being condemned to death. <sup>11</sup>By punishing them often in all the synagogues I tried to force them to blaspheme; and since I was so furiously enraged at them, I pursued them even to foreign cities.

<sup>12</sup>"With this in mind, I was traveling to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests, <sup>13</sup>when at midday along the road, your Excellency, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and my companions. <sup>14</sup>When we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It hurts you to kick against the goads.' <sup>15</sup>I asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The Lord answered, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. <sup>16</sup>But get up and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and testify to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you. <sup>17</sup>I will rescue you from your people and from the Gentilesto whom I am sending you <sup>18</sup>to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.' <sup>19</sup>"After that, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, <sup>20</sup>but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout the countryside of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and do deeds consistent with repentance. <sup>21</sup>For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me. <sup>22</sup>To this day I have had help from God, and so I stand here, testifying to both small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would take place: <sup>23</sup>that the Messiah must suffer, and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 19**

### **The Song of the Redeemed**

#### ***Magna et mirabilia***

Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.  
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the holy One.  
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

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 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 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.

*Everyone*

## **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.

## **Suffrages**

*Leader*

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

*Response*

Govern and uphold them, now and always.

*Leader*

Day by day we bless you;

*Response*

We praise your Name for ever.

*Leader*

Lord, keep us from all sin today;

*Response*

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

*Response*

For we put our trust in you.

*Leader*

In you, Lord, is our hope;

*Response*

And we shall never hope in vain.

## **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.*

## **A Collect 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 [Marshall Islands](#).

## **The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [The First African Church Mission](#).

## **The Commemoration**

**Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky** was born in Lithuania in 1831, went to Germany to study for the rabbinate, there became a Christian, emigrated to America, trained for the priesthood, and in 1859 was sent by the Episcopal Church to China, where he devoted himself from 1862 to 1875 to translating the Bible into Mandarin Chinese.

In 1877 he was elected Bishop of Shanghai, where he founded St. John's University, and began his translation of the Bible into Wenli (the classical Chinese style of writing).

He developed Parkinson's disease, was largely paralyzed, resigned his position as Bishop of Shanghai, and spent the rest of his life completing his Wenli Bible, the last 2000 pages of which he typed with the one finger that he could still move.

Four years before his death in 1906, he said: "I have sat in this chair for over twenty years. It seemed very hard at first. But God knew best. He kept me for the work for which I am best fitted."

Largely because of the quote above, Bishop Schereschewsky has been chosen 'patron saint' of the Anglican internet mailing list, sometimes known as the "cyberparish of St. Sam's". You can find out more about him at their [website](#).

**Channing Moore Williams** was born in Richmond, Virginia, in 1829, and ordained deacon in 1855.

The Episcopal Church sent him to China, where he was ordained priest in 1857.

In 1859 he was sent to Nagasaki, Japan, and in 1866 was consecrated Bishop of China and Japan.

In 1868 Japan was opened to far greater contact with the West than before, and he determined that he could achieve best results by concentrating his efforts on Japan.

In 1874 (or is that 1877?), Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewski was consecrated for China, and Williams went to Tokyo (then called Edo or Yedo), where he founded what is now St Paul's University.

In 1878 he helped unite several mission efforts in the formation of the Nippon Sei Ko Kai, the Holy Catholic Church in Japan.

In 1889 his health began to fail, and he asked to be relieved.

In 1893 a successor was appointed, and Williams stayed on, living in Kyoto and helping to open new mission stations.

He returned to America in 1908 and died 2 December 1910.

written by James Kiefer

## Prayer

O God, who in your providence called oseph Schereschewsky and Channing Moore Williams to the ministry of this church and gave them the gifts and the perseverance to preach the Gospel in new lands: Inspire us, by their example and prayers, to commit our talents to your service, confident that you uphold those whom you call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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](#)).*

## **A Collect for Peace**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For All Sorts and Conditions**

O God, the creator and preserver of all, we humbly beseech you for all sorts and conditions of people; that you would be pleased to make your ways known unto them, your saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for your holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by your good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to your fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please you to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

## **For the Poor and Neglected**

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For Those Who Live Alone**

Almighty God, whose Son had nowhere to lay his head: Grant that those who live alone may not be lonely in their solitude, but that, following in his steps, they may find fulfillment in loving you and their neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: A voice says 'cry out'**

A voice says 'cry out'  
All men are like grass  
And their time of glory  
Soon shall pass  
But the Word of God  
It will never die  
Surely it will stand  
For eternity

Every ditch and valley shall be raised up  
Every hill and mountain be made low  
Every rugged place will be made flat  
Everybody shall see the glory of the Lord

[Interlude]

You who bring good news  
Raise your voice and shout  
Do not be afraid  
To speak the name of God  
The hard days are gone  
The debt has been paid  
And the time has come  
To walk the righteous way

Every ditch and valley shall be raised up  
Every hill and mountain be made low  
Every rugged place will be made flat  
Everybody shall see the glory of the Lord

[Interlude]

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Everybody shall see the glory of the Lord  
Everybody shall see the glory of the Lord

Singers: Ordinary Time  
Words: Peter La Grand

## **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.

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 of Service for Noonday

## The Opening

*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.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

## The Psalm

### **Psalm 119 *Lucerna pedibus meis***

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.

<sup>106</sup> I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.

<sup>107</sup> I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

<sup>108</sup> Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.

<sup>109</sup> My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.

<sup>110</sup> The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

<sup>111</sup> Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

<sup>112</sup> I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

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 Word

*Leader*



The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. *Romans 5:5*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to 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.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"  
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

[Jump to Noonday](#)

Tuesday  
Morning Prayer  
Proper 23  
Teresa of Avila

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians 15:57*

## Hymn: Awake, awake: fling off the night!

Awake, awake: fling off the night!  
For God has sent a glorious light;  
and we who live in Christ's new day  
must works of darkness put away.

Let in the light; all sin expose  
to Christ, whose life no darkness knows.  
Before the cross expectant kneel;  
That Christ may judge, and judging heal.

Awake, and rise up from the dead,  
and Christ his light on you will shed.  
Its power will wrong desires destroy,  
and your whole nature fill with joy.

Then sing for joy, and use each day;  
give thanks for everything alway.  
Lift up your hearts; with one accord  
praise God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Words: [J.R. Peacey](#)

Tune: *Deus tuorum militum*

## 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*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*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.

## **Antiphon**

The Earth is the Lords, for he made it:  
Come let us adore him.

## **Jubilate**

### ***Psalm 100***

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Earth is the Lords, for he made it:  
Come let us adore him.

## The Psalter

### 5 *Verba mea auribus* or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup>Give ear to my words, O Lord; \*  
consider my meditation.

<sup>2</sup>Hearken to my cry for help, my King and my God, \*  
for I make my prayer to you.

<sup>3</sup>In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; \*  
early in the morning I make my appeal and watch for you.

<sup>4</sup>For you are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, \*  
and evil cannot dwell with you.

<sup>5</sup>Braggarts cannot stand in your sight; \*  
you hate all those who work wickedness.

<sup>6</sup>You destroy those who speak lies; \*  
the bloodthirsty and deceitful, O Lord, you abhor.

<sup>7</sup>But as for me, through the greatness of your mercy I will  
go into your house; \*  
I will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of you.

<sup>8</sup>Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness,  
because of those who lie in wait for me; \*  
make your way straight before me.

<sup>9</sup>For there is no truth in their mouth; \*  
there is destruction in their heart;

<sup>10</sup>Their throat is an open grave; \*  
they flatter with their tongue.

<sup>11</sup>Declare them guilty, O God; \*  
let them fall, because of their schemes.

<sup>12</sup>Because of their many transgressions cast them out, \*  
for they have rebelled against you.

<sup>13</sup>But all who take refuge in you will be glad; \*  
they will sing out their joy for ever.

<sup>14</sup>You will shelter them, \*  
so that those who love your Name may exult in you.

<sup>15</sup>For you, O Lord, will bless the righteous; \*  
you will defend them with your favor as with a shield.

## ***6 Domine, ne in furore*** **or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup>Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger; \*  
do not punish me in your wrath.  
<sup>2</sup>Have pity on me, Lord, for I am weak; \*  
heal me, Lord, for my bones are racked.  
<sup>3</sup>My spirit shakes with terror; \*  
how long, O Lord, how long?  
<sup>4</sup>Turn, O Lord, and deliver me; \*  
save me for your mercys sake.  
<sup>5</sup>For in death no one remembers you; \*  
and who will give you thanks in the grave?  
<sup>6</sup>I grow weary because of my groaning; \*  
every night I drench my bed  
and flood my couch with tears.  
<sup>7</sup>My eyes are wasted with grief \*  
and worn away because of all my enemies.  
<sup>8</sup>Depart from me, all evildoers, \*  
for the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping.  
<sup>9</sup>The Lord has heard my supplication; \*  
the Lord accepts my prayer.  
<sup>10</sup>All my enemies shall be confounded  
and quake with fear; \*  
they shall turn back and suddenly be put to shame.

## **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 Jonah 1:1-17

<sup>1</sup>Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me." <sup>3</sup>But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.



But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. <sup>5</sup>Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down, and was fast asleep. <sup>6</sup>The captain came and said to him, "What are you doing sound asleep? Get up, call on your god! Perhaps the god will spare us a thought so that we do not perish." <sup>7</sup>The sailors said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. <sup>8</sup>Then they said to him, "Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?" <sup>9</sup>"I am a Hebrew," he replied. "I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." <sup>10</sup>Then the men were even more afraid, and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them so.

<sup>11</sup>Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. <sup>12</sup>He said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you." <sup>13</sup>Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. <sup>14</sup>Then they cried out to the Lord, "Please, O Lord, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man's life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood; for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you." <sup>15</sup>So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. <sup>16</sup>Then the men feared the Lord even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows. <sup>17</sup>But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 13**

### **A Song of Praise**

#### ***Benedictus es, Domine***

Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.  
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you 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 New Testament Lesson

*Reader*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 26:24-27:8

<sup>24</sup>While he was making this defense, Festus exclaimed, "You are out of your mind, Paul! Too much learning is driving you insane!" <sup>25</sup>But Paul said, "I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking the sober truth.

<sup>26</sup>Indeed the king knows about these things, and to him I speak freely; for I am certain that none of these things has escaped his notice, for this was not done in a corner. <sup>27</sup>King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe." <sup>28</sup>Agrippa said to Paul, "Are you so quickly persuading me to become a Christian?" <sup>29</sup>Paul replied, "Whether quickly or not, I pray to God that not only you but also all who are listening to me today might become such as I am except for these chains." <sup>30</sup>Then the king got up, and with him the governor and Bernice and those who had been seated with them; <sup>31</sup>and as they were leaving, they said to one another, "This man is doing nothing to deserve death or imprisonment." <sup>32</sup>Agrippa said to Festus, "This man could have been set free if he had not appealed to the emperor."

<sup>1</sup>When it was decided that we were to sail for Italy, they transferred Paul and some other prisoners to a centurion of the Augustan Cohort, named Julius. <sup>2</sup>Embarking on a ship of Adramyttium that was about to set sail to the ports along the coast of Asia, we put to sea, accompanied by Aristarchus, a Macedonian from Thessalonica. <sup>3</sup>The next day we put in at Sidon; and Julius treated Paul kindly, and allowed him to go to his friends to be cared for. <sup>4</sup>Putting out to sea from there, we sailed under the lee of Cyprus, because the winds were against us. <sup>5</sup>After we had sailed across the sea that is off Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra in Lycia. <sup>6</sup>There the centurion found an Alexandrian ship bound for Italy and put us on board. <sup>7</sup>We sailed slowly for a number of days and arrived with difficulty off Cnidus, and as the wind was against us, we sailed under the lee of Crete off Salmone. <sup>8</sup>Sailing past it with difficulty, we came to a place called Fair Havens, near the city of Lasea.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## Canticle 18

### A Song to the Lamb

#### *Dignus es*

Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
for ever and for evermore.

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.

## 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 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.

*Everyone*

### The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary) (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.

## **Suffrages**

*Leader*

Help us, O God our Savior;

*Response*

Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

*Leader*

Look upon your congregation;

*Response*

Give to your people the blessing of peace.

*Leader*

Declare your glory among the nations;

*Response*

And your wonders among all peoples.

*Leader*

Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

*Response*

Never forget the lives of your poor.

*Leader*

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

*Response*

And your favor to those who are true of heart.

*Leader*

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

*Response*

So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

## **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.*

### **A Collect 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.

### **A Collect for Guidance**

Heavenly Father, in you 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.

## **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](#).

## **The Commemoration**

Teresa de Cepeda y Ahumada (later known as Teresa de Jesus) was born in Avila, Spain, 28 March 1515, one of ten children whose mother died when she was fifteen. Her family was of partly Jewish ancestry.

Teresa, having read the letters of Jerome, decided to become a nun, and when she was 20, she entered the Carmelite convent in Avila. There she fell seriously ill, was in a coma for a while, and partially paralyzed for three years.

In her early years as a nun, she was, by her account, assiduous in prayer while sick but lax and lukewarm in her prayers and devotions when the sickness had passed. However, her prayer life eventually deepened, she began to have visions and a vivid sense of the presence of God, and was converted to a life of extreme devotion.

In 1560 she resolved to reform the monastery that had, she thought, departed from the order's original intention and

become insufficiently austere.

Her proposed reforms included strict enclosure (the nuns were not to go to parties and social gatherings in town, or to have social visitors at the convent, but to stay in the convent and pray and study most of their waking hours) and discalcing (literally, taking off one's shoes, a symbol of poverty, humility, and the simple life, uncluttered by luxuries and other distractions).

In 1562 she opened a new monastery in Avila, over much opposition in the town and from the older monastery.

At length, Teresa was given permission to proceed with her reforms, and she travelled throughout Spain establishing seventeen houses of Carmelites of the Strict (or Reformed) Observance (the others are called Carmelites of the Ancient Observance).

The reformed houses were small, poor, disciplined, and strictly enclosed.

Teresa died 4 October 1582.

Teresa is reported to have been very attractive in person, witty, candid, and affectionate.

She is remembered both for her practical achievements and organizing skill and for her life of contemplative prayer.

Her books are read as aids to the spiritual life by many Christians of all denominations.

[Life](#) is her autobiography to 1562

[The Way of Perfection](#) is a treatise on the Christian walk, written primarily for her sisters but of help to others as well

[The Book of Foundations](#) deals with establishing, organizing and overseeing the daily functioning of religious communities

[The Interior Castle](#) (or The Castle of the Soul) deals with the life of Christ in the heart of the believer.

Her complete works are available at the [Internet Archive](#).

Her feast day in the Roman Catholic Church is 15 October. The Lutheran Church (ELCA) commemorates her on December 14 together with St. John of the Cross.

Christ has no body now but yours  
No hands, no feet on Earth but yours  
Yours are the eyes through which He looks  
compassion on this world  
Christ has no body now on Earth but yours.

written by James Kiefer

## Prayer

O God, by your Holy Spirit you moved Teresa of Avila to manifest to your Church the way of perfection: Grant us, we pray, to be nourished by her teaching, and enkindle within us a keen and unquenchable longing for true holiness; through Jesus Christ, the joy of loving hearts, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. 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 Human Family**

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For Prisons and Correctional Institutions**

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 the Victims of Addiction**

Blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. Amen.

## **Hymn: Come, gracious Spirit**

Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
with light and comfort from above;  
be thou our guardian, thou our guide  
o'er every thought and step preside.  
O'er every thought and step preside.

The light of truth to us display,  
and make us know and choose thy way;  
plant holy fear in every heart,



that we from God may ne'er depart.  
That we from God may ne'er depart.

Lead us to holiness, the road  
which we must take to dwell with God.  
Lead us to Christ, the living way  
nor let us from His pastures stray.  
Nor let us from His pastures stray.

Lead us to God our final rest  
to be with Him forever blest.  
Lead us to heaven, its bliss to share  
fulness of joy forever there.  
Fulless of joy forever there.

## **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.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

## **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 of Service for Noonday**

## **The Opening**

*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.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

## **The Psalm**

### **Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos***

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

<sup>5</sup> The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

<sup>6</sup> So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord shall watch over your going out and  
your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

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 Word**

*Leader*

If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. *2 Corinthians 5:17-18*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to 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.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"  
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

[Jump to Noonday](#)

Wednesday  
Morning Prayer  
Proper 23  
Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley, and Thomas Cranmer

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.  
*Colossians 3:1*

## Hymn: Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve

Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve,  
And press with vigor on;  
A heavenly race demands thy zeal,  
And an immortal crown.

'Tis God's all animating voice,  
That calls thee from on high;  
'Tis his own hand presents the prize  
To thine aspiring eye.

A cloud of witnesses around,  
Hold thee in full survey;  
Forget the steps already trod,  
And onward urge thy way.

Blessed Savior, introduced by thee,  
Our race have we begun;  
And crown'd with victory, at thy feet  
We lay our trophies down.

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## 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*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*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.

## **Antiphon**

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

Come let us adore him.

## **Psalm 63:1-8 *Deus, Deus meus***

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.  
Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.  
For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.  
So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.  
My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.  
For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.  
My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:  
Come let us adore him.

## The Psalter

119:1-24

or [Coverdale](#)

**Aleph** *Beati immaculati*

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose way is blameless, \*  
who walk in the law of the Lord!  
<sup>2</sup> Happy are they who observe his decrees \*  
and seek him with all their hearts!  
<sup>3</sup> Who never do any wrong, \*  
but always walk in his ways.  
<sup>4</sup> You laid down your commandments, \*  
that we should fully keep them.  
<sup>5</sup> Oh, that my ways were made so direct \*  
that I might keep your statutes!  
<sup>6</sup> Then I should not be put to shame, \*  
when I regard all your commandments.  
<sup>7</sup> I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, \*  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.  
<sup>8</sup> I will keep your statutes; \*  
do not utterly forsake me.

**Beth** *In quo corrigit?*

<sup>9</sup> How shall a young man cleanse his way? \*  
By keeping to your words.  
<sup>10</sup> With my whole heart I seek you; \*  
let me not stray from your commandments.  
<sup>11</sup> I treasure your promise in my heart, \*  
that I may not sin against you.  
<sup>12</sup> Blessed are you, O Lord; \*  
instruct me in your statutes.  
<sup>13</sup> With my lips will I recite \*  
all the judgments of your mouth.  
<sup>14</sup> I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees \*  
than in all manner of riches.

<sup>15</sup> I will meditate on your commandments \*  
and give attention to your ways.

<sup>16</sup> My delight is in your statutes; \*  
I will not forget your word.

**Gimel** *Retribuere servo tuo*

<sup>17</sup> Deal bountifully with your servant, \*  
that I may live and keep your word.

<sup>18</sup> Open my eyes, that I may see \*  
the wonders of your law.

<sup>19</sup> I am a stranger here on earth; \*  
do not hide your commandments from me.

<sup>20</sup> My soul is consumed at all times \*  
with longing for your judgments.

<sup>21</sup> You have rebuked the insolent; \*  
cursed are they who stray from your commandments!

<sup>22</sup> Turn from me shame and rebuke, \*  
for I have kept your decrees.

<sup>23</sup> Even though rulers sit and plot against me, \*  
I will meditate on your statutes.

<sup>24</sup> For your decrees are my delight, \*  
and they are my counselors.

## **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 Jonah 1:17-2:10

<sup>17</sup>But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

<sup>1</sup>Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, <sup>2</sup>saying, "I called to the Lord out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice. <sup>3</sup>You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me. <sup>4</sup>Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight; how shall I look again upon your holy temple?' <sup>5</sup>The waters closed in over me; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped around my head <sup>6</sup>at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed

upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the Pit, O Lord my God. <sup>7</sup>As my life was ebbing away, I remembered the Lord; and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. <sup>8</sup>Those who worship vain idols forsake their true loyalty. <sup>9</sup>But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Deliverance belongs to the Lord!"

<sup>10</sup>Then the Lord spoke to the fish, and it spewed Jonah out upon the dry land.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 11 The Third Song of Isaiah**

### **Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19**

#### ***Surge, illuminare***

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
and his glory will appear upon you.

Nations will stream to your light, \*  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

Your gates will always be open; \*  
by day or night they will never be shut.

They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.

You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
and all your portals, Praise.

The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
and your God will be your glory.

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 Acts of the Apostles 27:9-26

<sup>9</sup>Since much time had been lost and sailing was now dangerous, because even the Fast had already gone by, Paul advised them, <sup>10</sup>saying, "Sirs, I can see that the voyage will be with danger and much heavy loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives." <sup>11</sup>But the centurion paid more attention to the pilot and to the owner of the ship than to what Paul said.

<sup>12</sup>Since the harbor was not suitable for spending the winter, the majority was in favor of putting to sea from there, on the chance that somehow they could reach Phoenix, where they could spend the winter. It was a harbor of Crete, facing southwest and northwest. <sup>13</sup>When a moderate south wind began to blow, they thought they could achieve their purpose; so they weighed anchor and began to sail past Crete, close to the shore. <sup>14</sup>But soon a violent wind, called the northeaster, rushed down from Crete. <sup>15</sup>Since the ship was caught and could not be turned head-on into the wind, we gave way to it and were driven. <sup>16</sup>By running under the lee of a small island called Cauda we were scarcely able to get the ship's boat under control. <sup>17</sup>After hoisting it up they took measures to undergird the ship; then, fearing that they would run on the Syrtis, they lowered the sea anchor and so were driven. <sup>18</sup>We were being pounded by the storm so violently that on the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard, <sup>19</sup>and on the third day with their own hands they threw the ship's tackle overboard. <sup>20</sup>When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest raged, all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned.

<sup>21</sup>Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul then stood up among them and said, "Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and thereby avoided this damage and loss. <sup>22</sup>I urge you now to keep up your courage, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. <sup>23</sup>For last night there stood by me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, <sup>24</sup>and he said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before the emperor; and indeed, God has granted safety to all those who are sailing with you.' <sup>25</sup>So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. <sup>26</sup>But we will have to run aground on some island."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## Canticle J

### A Song of Judith

#### *Judith 16:13-16*

I will sing a new song to my God, \*  
for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.  
Let the whole creation serve you, \*  
for you spoke and all things came into being.  
You sent your breath and it formed them, \*  
no one is able to resist your voice.

Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, \*  
rocks melt like wax at your presence.  
But to those who fear you, \*  
you continue to show mercy.  
No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, \*  
but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight 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.

## **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.

<sup>10</sup>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 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.

*Everyone*

## The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary) (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.

## 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.*

### **A Collect for Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **A Collect for Peace**

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. 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](#).

## **The Commemoration**

When Henry the Eighth of England died, he left three heirs: his son Edward and his two daughters, Mary and Elizabeth.

Edward succeeded to the throne and was a staunch Protestant (or at least his advisors were). Under his rule, the church services, previously in Latin, were translated into English, and other changes were made.

When Edward died, the throne passed to his sister Mary, who was firmly Roman Catholic in her beliefs. She determined to return England to union with the Pope. With more diplomacy, she might have succeeded. But she was headstrong and would take no advice.

Her mother had been Spanish, and she determined to marry the heir to the throne of Spain, not realizing how much her people (of all religious persuasions) feared that this would make England a province of the Spanish Empire.

She insisted that the best way to deal with heresy was to burn as many heretics as possible. (It is worth noting that her husband was opposed to this.) In the course of a five-year reign, she lost all the English holdings on the continent of Europe, she lost the affection of her people, and she lost any chance of a peaceful religious settlement in England. Of the nearly three hundred persons burned by her orders, the most famous are the Oxford Martyrs, commemorated today.

**Hugh Latimer** was famous as a preacher. He was Bishop of Worcester (pronounced WOOS-ter) in the time of King Henry, but resigned in protest against the King's refusal to allow the Protestant reforms that Latimer desired.

Latimer's sermons speak little of doctrine; he preferred to urge men to upright living and devoutness in prayer.

But when Mary came to the throne, he was arrested, tried for heresy, and burned together with his friend Nicholas Ridley.

His last words at the stake are well known: "Be of good cheer, Master Ridley, and play the man, for we shall this day light such a candle in England as I trust by God's grace shall never be put out."

**Nicholas Ridley** became an adherent of the Protestant cause while a student at Cambridge. He was a friend of Archbishop Cranmer and became private chaplain first to Cranmer and then to King Henry. Under the reign of Edward, he became bishop of Rochester, and was part of the committee that drew up the first English Book of Common Prayer.

When Mary came to the throne, he was arrested, tried, and burned with Latimer at Oxford on 16 October 1555.

**Thomas Cranmer** was Archbishop of Canterbury in the days of Henry, and defended the position that Henry's marriage to Katharine of Aragon (Spain) was null and void.

When Edward came to the throne, Cranmer was foremost in [translating the worship of the Church into English](#) (his friends and enemies agree that he was an extraordinarily gifted translator) and securing the use of the new forms of worship.

When Mary came to the throne, Cranmer was in a quandary. He had believed, with a fervor that many people today will find hard to understand, that it is the duty of every Christian to obey the monarch, and that "the powers that be are ordained of God" (Romans 13). As long as the monarch was ordering things that Cranmer thought good, it was easy for Cranmer to believe that the king was sent by God's providence to guide the people in the path of true religion, and that disobedience to the king was disobedience to God.

Now Mary was Queen, and commanding him to return to the Roman obedience. Cranmer five times wrote a letter of submission to the Pope and to Roman Catholic doctrines, and four times he tore it up. In the end, he submitted.

However, Mary was unwilling to believe that the submission was sincere, and he was ordered to be burned at Oxford on 21 March 1556.

At the very end, he repudiated his final letter of submission, and announced that he died a Protestant. He said, "I have sinned, in that I signed with my hand what I did not believe with my heart. When the flames are lit, this hand shall be

the first to burn." And when the fire was lit around his feet, he leaned forward and held his right hand in the fire until it was charred to a stump. Aside from this, he did not speak or move, except that once he raised his left hand to wipe the sweat from his forehead.

written by James Kiefer

## **Prayer**

Keep us, O Lord, constant in faith and zealous in witness, that, like your servants Hugh Latimer, Nicholas Ridley, and Thomas Cranmer we may live in your fear, die in your favor, and rest in your peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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 Nation**

Lord God Almighty, who has made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **For the President of the United States and all in Civil Authority**

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to your merciful care, that, being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to the President of the United States, the Governor of this State (or, Commonwealth), and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in your fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

## **Hymn: Be still, for the presence of the Lord**

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
The Holy One is here.  
Come, bow before Him now,  
With reverence and fear.  
In Him no sin is found,  
We stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
The Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord,  
Is shining all around.  
He burns with holy fire,  
With splendour He is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight,  
Our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord,  
Is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord,  
Is moving in this place.  
He comes to cleanse and heal,  
To minister His grace.  
No work too hard for Him,  
In faith receive from Him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord,  
Is moving in this place.

Choir: Beverley Minster

## **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 of Service for Noonday**

# The Opening

*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.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

# The Psalm

## Psalm 126 *In convertendo*

<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.

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 Word

*Leader*

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of Hosts.

*Malachi 1:11*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to 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.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"  
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*



For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

[Jump to Noonday](#)

Thursday  
Morning Prayer  
Proper 23  
Ignatius

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. *John 4:23*

## Hymn: Awake from your slumber!

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!  
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.  
The people in darkness have seen a great light.  
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Let us build the city of God.  
May our tears be turned into dancing!  
For the Lord, our light and our Love,  
has turned the night into day!

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.  
The One who has loved us has brightened our way.

Let us build the city of God.  
May our tears be turned into dancing!  
For the Lord, our Light and our Love,  
has turned the night into day!

(coda) God is Light; in him there is no darkness.  
Let us walk in his Light, his children one and all.

O comfort my people make gentle your words,  
proclaim to my city the day of her birth.

Let us build the city of God.  
May our tears be turned into dancing!  
For the Lord, our light and our Love,  
has turned the night into day!

Words and Music: Dan Schutte

## 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*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*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.

## **Antiphon**

God is the Rock of our salvation:  
O come let us worship.

## **Venite Psalm 95:1-7**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

God is the Rock of our salvation:  
O come let us worship.

## The Psalter

### 18 Part 1 *Diligam te, Domine* or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> I love you, O Lord my strength, \*  
O Lord my stronghold, my crag, and my haven.  
<sup>2</sup> My God, my rock in whom I put my trust, \*  
my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge;  
you are worthy of praise.  
<sup>3</sup> I will call upon the Lord, \*  
and so shall I be saved from my enemies.  
<sup>4</sup> The breakers of death rolled over me, \*  
and the torrents of oblivion made me afraid.  
<sup>5</sup> The cords of hell entangled me, \*  
and the snares of death were set for me.  
<sup>6</sup> I called upon the Lord in my distress \*  
and cried out to my God for help.  
<sup>7</sup> He heard my voice from his heavenly dwelling; \*  
my cry of anguish came to his ears.  
<sup>8</sup> The earth reeled and rocked; \*  
the roots of the mountains shook;  
they reeled because of his anger.  
<sup>9</sup> Smoke rose from his nostrils  
and a consuming fire out of his mouth; \*  
hot burning coals blazed forth from him.  
<sup>10</sup> He parted the heavens and came down \*  
with a storm cloud under his feet.  
<sup>11</sup> He mounted on cherubim and flew; \*  
he swooped on the wings of the wind.  
<sup>12</sup> He wrapped darkness about him; \*

he made dark waters and thick clouds his pavilion.

<sup>13</sup> From the brightness of his presence, through the clouds, \*  
burst hailstones and coals of fire.

<sup>14</sup> The Lord thundered out of heaven; \*  
the Most High uttered his voice.

<sup>15</sup> He loosed his arrows and scattered them; \*  
he hurled thunderbolts and routed them.

<sup>16</sup> The beds of the seas were uncovered,  
and the foundations of the world laid bare, \*  
at your battle cry, O Lord,  
at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.

<sup>17</sup> He reached down from on high and grasped me; \*  
he drew me out of great waters.

<sup>18</sup> He delivered me from my strong enemies  
and from those who hated me; \*  
for they were too mighty for me.

<sup>19</sup> They confronted me in the day of my disaster; \*  
but the Lord was my support.

<sup>20</sup> He brought me out into an open place; \*  
he rescued me because he delighted in me.

## **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 Jonah 3:1-4:11

<sup>3</sup>The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

<sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>6</sup>When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. <sup>7</sup>Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water.

<sup>8</sup>Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. <sup>9</sup>Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may

turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish." <sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

<sup>1</sup>But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." <sup>4</sup>And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

<sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. <sup>6</sup>The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." <sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." <sup>10</sup>Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 9**

### **The First Song of Isaiah**

#### ***Ecce, Deus***

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of 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 Acts of the Apostles 27:27-44

<sup>27</sup>When the fourteenth night had come, as we were drifting across the sea of Adria, about midnight the sailors suspected that they were nearing land. <sup>28</sup>So they took soundings and found twenty fathoms; a little farther on they took soundings again and found fifteen fathoms. <sup>29</sup>Fearing that we might run on the rocks, they let down four anchors from the stern and prayed for day to come. <sup>30</sup>But when the sailors tried to escape from the ship and had lowered the boat into the sea, on the pretext of putting out anchors from the bow, <sup>31</sup>Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, "Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved." <sup>32</sup>Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the boat and set it adrift. <sup>33</sup>Just before daybreak, Paul urged all of them to take some food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day that you have been in suspense and remaining without food, having eaten nothing. <sup>34</sup>Therefore I urge you to take some food, for it will help you survive; for none of you will lose a hair from your heads." <sup>35</sup>After he had said this, he took bread; and giving thanks to God in the presence of all, he broke it and began to eat. <sup>36</sup>Then all of them were encouraged and took food for themselves. <sup>37</sup>(We were in all two hundred seventy-six persons in the ship.) <sup>38</sup>After they had satisfied their hunger, they lightened the ship by throwing the wheat into the sea. <sup>39</sup>In the morning they did not recognize the land, but they noticed a bay with a beach, on which they planned to run the ship ashore, if they could. <sup>40</sup>So they cast off the anchors and left them in the sea. At the same time they loosened the ropes that tied the steering-oars; then hoisting the foresail to the wind, they made for the beach. <sup>41</sup>But striking a reef, they ran the ship aground; the bow stuck and remained immovable, but the stern was being broken up by the force of the waves. <sup>42</sup>The soldiers' plan was to kill the prisoners, so that none might swim away and escape; <sup>43</sup>but the centurion, wishing to save Paul, kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and make for the land, <sup>44</sup>and the rest to follow, some on planks and others on pieces of the ship. And so it was that all were brought safely to land.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 19**

### **The Song of the Redeemed**

#### ***Magna et mirabilia***

Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.  
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,



and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the holy One.  
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

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.

## **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 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.

*Everyone*

## The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary) (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.

## **Suffrages**

*Leader*

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

*Response*

Govern and uphold them, now and always.

*Leader*

Day by day we bless you;

*Response*

We praise your Name for ever.

*Leader*

Lord, keep us from all sin today;

*Response*

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

*Response*

For we put our trust in you.

*Leader*

In you, Lord, is our hope;

*Response*

And we shall never hope in vain.

## **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.*

## **A Collect for Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **A Collect for the Renewal of Life**

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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](#).

## **The Commemoration**

After the Apostles, Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria. His predecessor, of whom little is known, was named Euodius.

Whether he knew any of the Apostles directly is uncertain. Little is known of his life except for the very end of it.

Early in the second century (perhaps around 107 AD, during the reign of the Emperor Trajan), he was arrested by the Imperial authorities, condemned to death, and transported to Rome to die in the arena.

By thus dealing with a leader, the rulers hoped to terrify the rank and file. Instead, Ignatius took the opportunity to encourage them, speaking to groups of Christians at every town along the way. When the prison escort reached the west coast of Asia Minor, it halted before taking ship, and delegations from several Asian churches were able to visit Ignatius, to speak with him at length, to assist him with items for his journey, and to bid him an affectionate farewell and commend him to the grace of God.

In response he wrote seven letters that have been preserved: five to congregations that had greeted him, en masse or by delegates (Ephesians, Magnesians, Trallians, Philadelphians, and Smyrnaeans), one to the congregation that would greet him at his destination (Romans), and one to Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna and disciple of the Apostle John.

His letters are available in several modern translations. Perhaps the most accessible is the Penguin Paperback, *Early Christian Writings*, translated by Maxwell Staniforth.

The themes with which he is chiefly concerned are

(1) the importance of maintaining Christian unity in love and sound doctrine (with warnings against factionalism and against the heresy of Docetism--the belief that Christ was not fully human and did not have a material body or really suffer and die),

- (2) the role of the clergy as a focus of Christian unity,
- (3) Christian martyrdom as a glorious privilege, eagerly to be grasped.

He writes:

I am God's wheat, ground fine by the lion's teeth to be made purest bread for Christ.

No early pleasures, no kingdoms of this world can benefit me in any way. I prefer death in Christ Jesus to power over the farthest limits of the earth. He who died in place of us is the one object of my quest. He who rose for our sakes is my one desire. The time for my birth is close at hand. Forgive me, my brothers. Do not stand in the way of my birth to real life; do not wish me stillborn. My desire is to belong to God. Do not, then, hand me back to the world. do not try to tempt me with material things. Let me attain pure light. Only on my arrival there can I be fully a human being. Give me the privilege of imitating the passion of my God.

essay by James Kiefer

Ignatius' writings are also available online in an [older translation](#).

## Prayer

Almighty God, we praise your Name for your bishop and martyr Ignatius of Antioch, who offered himself as grain to be ground by the teeth of wild beasts that he might present to you the pure bread of sacrifice. Accept, we pray, the willing tribute of our lives and give us a share in the pure and spotless offering of your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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 Peace Among Nations

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## For Those in the Armed Forces of Our Country

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For the Conservation of Natural Resources**

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: Come! live in the light!**

Come! live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

We are called to act with justice.  
We are called to love tenderly.  
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,  
so all hatred and blindness will be no more!

We are called to act with justice.  
We are called to love tenderly.  
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Sing! Sing a new song!  
Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love!

We are called to act with justice.  
We are called to love tenderly.  
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Words and Music: David Hass

## **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*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

## 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 of Service for Noonday

## The Opening

*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.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

## The Psalm

### Psalm 119 *Lucerna pedibus meis*

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.

<sup>106</sup> I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.

<sup>107</sup> I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

<sup>108</sup> Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.

<sup>109</sup> My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.

<sup>110</sup> The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.



Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

<sup>112</sup> I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

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 Word**

*Leader*

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. *Romans 5:5*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to 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.

## The Collect

*Leader*

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## Intercessions

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"  
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

[Jump to Noonday](#)

Friday  
Morning Prayer  
Saint Luke

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world. Psalm 19:4

## Hymn: Awake, my soul

[27 second introduction]

Awake, my soul, and with the sun  
Thy daily stage of duty run  
Shake off dull sloth and joyful rise  
To pay thy morning sacrifice

[Interlude]

Lord, I my vows to Thee renew  
Disperse my sins as morning dew  
Guard my first spring of thought and will  
And with Thyself my spirit fill

[Interlude]

Direct, control, suggest this day  
All I design or do or say  
That all my pow'rs with all their might  
In Thy sole glory may unite

[Interlude]

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God, all creatures here below  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly hosts  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Words: Thomas Ken  
Tune: *Tallis Canon*  
Arrangement: Nancy Raabe

## 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*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*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.

## **Antiphon**

The Lord is glorious in his saints:  
Come let us adore him.

## **Jubilate**

### ***Psalm 100***

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Lord is glorious in his saints:  
Come let us adore him.

## 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.



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.

<sup>22</sup> Bless the Lord, all you works of his,  
in all places of his dominion; \*  
bless the Lord, O my soul.

## **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 Ezekiel 47:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Then he brought me back to the entrance of the temple; there, water was flowing from below the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east); and the water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. <sup>2</sup>Then he brought me out by way of the north gate, and led me around on the outside to the outer gate that faces toward the east; and the water was coming out on the south side. <sup>3</sup>Going on eastward with a cord in his hand, the man measured one thousand cubits, and then led me through the water; and it was ankle-deep. <sup>4</sup>Again he measured one thousand, and led me through the water; and it was knee-deep. Again he measured one thousand, and led me through the water; and it was up to the waist. <sup>5</sup>Again he measured one thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross, for the water had risen; it was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be crossed. <sup>6</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, have you seen this?" Then he led me back along the bank of the river. <sup>7</sup>As I came back, I saw on the bank of the river a great many trees on the one side and on the other. <sup>8</sup>He said to me, "This water flows toward the

eastern region and goes down into the Arabah; and when it enters the sea, the sea of stagnant waters, the water will become fresh. <sup>9</sup>Wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish, once these waters reach there. It will become fresh; and everything will live where the river goes. <sup>10</sup>People will stand fishing beside the sea from En-gedi to En-eglain; it will be a place for the spreading of nets; its fish will be of a great many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea. <sup>11</sup>But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they are to be left for salt. <sup>12</sup>On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle Q**

### **A Song of Christ's Goodness**

### **Anselm of Canterbury**

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you; \*  
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.  
Often you weep over our sins and our pride, \*  
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.  
You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, \*  
in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.  
Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life; \*  
by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.  
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; \*  
through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.  
Your warmth gives life to the dead, \*  
your touch makes sinners righteous.  
Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us; \*  
in your love and tenderness, remake us.  
In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness, \*  
for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.

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 Luke 1:1-4

<sup>1</sup>Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, <sup>2</sup>just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, <sup>3</sup>I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent

Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 18**

### **A Song to the Lamb**

#### ***Dignus es***

Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
for ever and for evermore.

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.

*Everyone*

### **The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary)** **(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.

## **Suffrages**

*Leader*

Help us, O God our Savior;

*Response*

Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

*Leader*

Look upon your congregation;

*Response*

Give to your people the blessing of peace.

*Leader*

Declare your glory among the nations;

*Response*

And your wonders among all peoples.

*Leader*

Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

*Response*

Never forget the lives of your poor.

*Leader*

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

*Response*

And your favor to those who are true of heart.

*Leader*

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

*Response*

So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

## **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.*

## **A Collect 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.

## **A Collect for Fridays**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son 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](#).

## **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 Our Enemies**

O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For Social Justice**

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For Young Persons**

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: Come to us, creative Spirit**

Come to us, creative Spirit,  
in our Father's house,  
every human talent hallow,  
hidden skills arouse,  
that, within our earthly temple,  
wise and simple  
may rejoice.

Poet, painter, music maker,  
all your treasures bring;  
craftsman, actor, graceful dancer,  
make your offering:  
join your hands in celebration!  
let creation  
shout and sing!

Word from God eternal springing,  
fill our minds, we pray,  
and in all artistic vision  
give integrity.  
May the flame within us burning  
kindle yearning  
day by day.

In all places and forever,  
glory be expressed  
to the Son, with God the Father  
and the Spirit blessed.  
In our worship and our living  
keep us striving  
for the best.

Lyrics: David Mowbray

Music: Edwin G. Monk

## **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*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

## **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 of Service for Noonday**

## **The Opening**

*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.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

## **Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos***

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

<sup>5</sup> The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

<sup>6</sup> So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord shall watch over your going out and  
your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

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 Word**

*Leader*

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of Hosts.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to 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.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching out your loving arms: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your tender mercies sake.

*Everyone*

Amen.

# Intercessions

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

[Jump to Noonday](#)

Saturday  
Morning Prayer  
Proper 23  
Henry Martyn

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite. *Isaiah 57:15*

## Hymn: Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve

Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve,  
And press with vigor on;  
A heavenly race demands thy zeal,  
And an immortal crown.

'Tis God's all animating voice,  
That calls thee from on high;  
'Tis his own hand presents the prize  
To thine aspiring eye.

A cloud of witnesses around,  
Hold thee in full survey;  
Forget the steps already trod,  
And onward urge thy way.

Blessed Savior, introduced by thee,  
Our race have we begun;  
And crown'd with victory, at thy feet  
We lay our trophies down.

Strand Seventh Day Adventist Church on the 31 March 2012. Cape Town, South Africa

## 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*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*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.

## **Antiphon**

The Earth is the Lords, for he made it:  
Come let us adore him.

## **Venite *Psalm 95:1-7***

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*



and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Earth is the Lords, for he made it:  
Come let us adore him.

## The Psalter

### **20 *Exaudiat te Dominus*** or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble, \*  
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;  
<sup>2</sup> Send you help from his holy place \*  
and strengthen you out of Zion;  
<sup>3</sup> Remember all your offerings \*  
and accept your burnt sacrifice;  
<sup>4</sup> Grant you your hearts desire \*  
and prosper all your plans.  
<sup>5</sup> We will shout for joy at your victory  
and triumph in the Name of our God; \*  
may the Lord grant all your requests.  
<sup>6</sup> Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed; \*  
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,  
with the victorious strength of his right hand.  
<sup>7</sup> Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, \*  
but we will call upon the Name of the Lord our God.  
<sup>8</sup> They collapse and fall down, \*  
but we will arise and stand upright.  
<sup>9</sup> O Lord, give victory to the king \*  
and answer us when we call.

### **21:1-7 *Domine, in virtute tua*** or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> The king rejoices in your strength, O Lord; \*  
how greatly he exults in your victory!  
<sup>2</sup> You have given him his hearts desire; \*  
you have not denied him the request of his lips.  
<sup>3</sup> For you meet him with blessings of prosperity, \*  
and set a crown of fine gold upon his head.  
<sup>4</sup> He asked you for life, and you gave it to him: \*

length of days, for ever and ever.

<sup>5</sup> His honor is great, because of your victory; \*  
splendor and majesty have you bestowed upon him.

<sup>6</sup> For you will give him everlasting felicity \*  
and will make him glad with the joy of your presence.

<sup>7</sup> For the king puts his trust in the Lord; \*  
because of the loving-kindness of the Most High, he  
will not fall.

## **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 Sirach 3:17-31

<sup>17</sup> My child, perform your tasks with humility;  
then you will be loved by those whom God accepts.

<sup>18</sup> The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself;  
so you will find favour in the sight of the Lord.

<sup>20</sup> For great is the might of the Lord;  
but by the humble he is glorified.

<sup>21</sup> Neither seek what is too difficult for you,  
nor investigate what is beyond your power.

<sup>22</sup> Reflect upon what you have been commanded,  
for what is hidden is not your concern.

<sup>23</sup> Do not meddle in matters that are beyond you,  
for more than you can understand has been shown to you.

<sup>24</sup> For their conceit has led many astray,  
and wrong opinion has impaired their judgement.

<sup>25</sup> Without eyes there is no light;  
without knowledge there is no wisdom.

<sup>26</sup> A stubborn mind will fare badly at the end,  
and whoever loves danger will perish in it.

<sup>27</sup> A stubborn mind will be burdened by troubles,  
and the sinner adds sin to sins.

<sup>28</sup> When calamity befalls the proud, there is no healing,  
for an evil plant has taken root in him.

<sup>29</sup> The mind of the intelligent appreciates proverbs,  
and an attentive ear is the desire of the wise.

<sup>30</sup> As water extinguishes a blazing fire,  
so almsgiving atones for sin.

<sup>31</sup> Those who repay favours give thought to the future;  
when they fall they will find support.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle S**

### **A Song of Our True Nature**

#### **Julian of Norwich**

Christ revealed our frailty and our falling, \*  
our trespasses and our humiliations.

Christ also revealed his blessed power, \*  
his blessed wisdom and love.

He protects us as tenderly and as sweetly when we are in greatest need; \*  
he raises us in spirit

and turns everything to glory and joy without ending.

God is the ground and the substance, the very essence of nature; \*

God is the true father and mother of natures.

We are all bound to God by nature, \*

and we are all bound to God by grace.

And this grace is for all the world, \*

because it is our precious mother, Christ.

For this fair nature was prepared by Christ

for the honor and nobility of all, \*

and for the joy and bliss of salvation

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 Acts of the Apostles 28:17-31

<sup>17</sup>Three days later he called together the local leaders of the Jews. When they had assembled, he said to them, "Brothers, though I had done nothing against our people or the customs of our ancestors, yet I was arrested in Jerusalem and handed over to the Romans. <sup>18</sup>When they had examined me, the Romans wanted to release me, because there was no reason for the death penalty in my case. <sup>19</sup>But when the Jews objected, I was compelled to appeal to the emperor even though I had no charge to bring against my nation. <sup>20</sup>For this reason therefore I have asked to see you and speak with

you, since it is for the sake of the hope of Israel that I am bound with this chain." <sup>21</sup>They replied, "We have received no letters from Judea about you, and none of the brothers coming here has reported or spoken anything evil about you. <sup>22</sup>But we would like to hear from you what you think, for with regard to this sect we know that everywhere it is spoken against."

<sup>23</sup>After they had set a day to meet with him, they came to him at his lodgings in great numbers. From morning until evening he explained the matter to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the law of Moses and from the prophets. <sup>24</sup>Some were convinced by what he had said, while others refused to believe. <sup>25</sup>So they disagreed with each other; and as they were leaving, Paul made one further statement: "The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your ancestors through the prophet Isaiah, <sup>26</sup>'Go to this people and say, You will indeed listen, but never understand, and you will indeed look, but never perceive. <sup>27</sup>For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; so that they might not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn and I would heal them.' <sup>28</sup>Let it be known to you then that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen."

<sup>30</sup>He lived there two whole years at his own expense and welcomed all who came to him, <sup>31</sup>proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 19**

### **The Song of the Redeemed**

#### ***Magna et mirabilia***

Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.  
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the holy One.  
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

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.

## **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 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.

## **The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary) (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.

## **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.*

## A Collect 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.

## A Collect for Saturdays

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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](#).

## The Commemoration

Henry Martyn was born in 1781, studied at Cambridge, and became Senior Wrangler. (That is, he won the Cambridge University annual mathematics problem-solving competition, and was accordingly recognized as the University's best undergraduate mathematician. "Wrangling" is a British University expression for solving mathematical problems.)

He had, moreover, a considerable facility in languages.

Under the encouragement of Charles Simeon, he abandoned his intention of going into law and instead went to India as a chaplain in 1806.

In the six remaining years of his life, he translated the New Testament into Hindi and Persian, revised an Arabic translation of the New Testament, and translated the Psalter into Persian and the Prayer Book into Hindi.

In 1811 he left India for Persia, hoping to do further translations and to improve his existing ones, there and in Arabia.

But travel in those days was not a healthy occupation, and he fell ill and eventually died at Tokat on October 16, 1812. He was buried by the Armenian church there, with the honors ordinarily reserved for one of their own bishops.

His [journals](#) have been called "one of the most precious treasures of Anglican devotion."



written by James Kiefer

## Prayer

O God of the nations, who gave to your servant Henry Martyn a longing to share your Gospel with all peoples; Inspire the church in our own day with that said desire, that we may be eager to commit both life and talents to you who gave them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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 Joy in God's Creation

O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## For the Good Use of Leisure

O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## For the Unemployed

Heavenly Father, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive just payment for their labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Hymn: Come we that love the Lord

Come, we that love the Lord,  
And let our joys be known;

Join in a song with sweet accord,  
Join in a song with sweet accord,  
And thus surround the throne,  
And thus surround the throne.

Let those refuse to sing  
Who never knew our God;  
But children of the heavenly King,  
But children of the heavenly King  
May speak their joys abroad,  
May speak their joys abroad.

The hill of Zion yields  
A thousand sacred sweets  
Before we reach the heav'nly fields,  
Before we reach the heav'nly fields  
Or walk the golden streets,  
Or walk the golden streets.

Then let our songs abound,  
And ev'ry tear be dry;  
We're marching through Immanuel's ground,  
We're marching through Immanuel's ground  
To fairer worlds on high,  
To fairer worlds on high.

'Cause we're marching on to Zion,  
Beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
We're marching upward to Zion,  
The beautiful city of God.

The beautiful city of God.

The beautiful city.

Yes, we're marching on to Zion,  
Beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
We're marching upward to Zion,  
The beautiful city of God.

Yes, we're marching on to Zion,  
Beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
We're marching upward to Zion,  
The beautiful city of God.

Choir: Sharon Mennonite Bible Institute Singers  
Words: Issac Watts  
Music: Robert Lowry  
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*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

## **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 of Service for Noonday**

### **The Opening**

*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.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

### **The Psalm**

#### **Psalm 119 *Lucerna pedibus meis***

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.

<sup>106</sup> I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.

<sup>107</sup> I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

<sup>108</sup> Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.

<sup>109</sup> My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.

<sup>110</sup> The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

<sup>111</sup> Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

<sup>112</sup> I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

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 Word**

*Leader*

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. Romans 5:5

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to 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.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.



*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

[Jump to Noonday](#)

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# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalm 19:14*

## Hymn: Lord God of morning and of night

Lord God of morning and of night,  
We thank Thee for Thy gift of light;  
As in the dawn the shadows fly,  
We seem to find Thee now more nigh.

Yet, whilst Thy will we would pursue  
Oft what we would we cannot do.  
The sun may stand in zenith skies  
But on the soul thick midnight lies.

O Lord of lights, tis Thou alone  
Canst make our darkened hearts Thine own;  
O then be with us, Lord, that we  
In Thy great day may wake to Thee.

Praise God our Maker and our Friend;  
Praise Him through time, till time shall end;  
Till psalm and song His name adore  
Through heavens great day of evermore.

Singers: Harvard University Choir  
Text: Francis Turner Palgrave  
Music: M. Lee Suitor

## 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*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*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.

## **Antiphon**

The Earth is the Lords, for he made it:  
Come let us adore him.

## **Jubilate**

### ***Psalm 100***

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Earth is the Lords, for he made it:  
Come let us adore him.

## The Psalter

### 148 *Laudate Dominum* or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.

<sup>2</sup> Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.

<sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.

<sup>4</sup> Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the Name of the Lord; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.

<sup>6</sup> He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

<sup>7</sup> Praise the Lord from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

<sup>8</sup> Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

<sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;

<sup>10</sup> Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and wingd birds;

<sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;

<sup>12</sup> Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \*  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup> He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Hallelujah!

## **149 *Cantate Domino***

### **Coverdale**

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

Sing to the Lord a new song; \*  
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; \*  
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

<sup>3</sup> Let them praise his Name in the dance; \*  
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

<sup>4</sup> For the Lord takes pleasure in his people \*  
and adorns the poor with victory.

<sup>5</sup> Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; \*  
let them be joyful on their beds.

<sup>6</sup> Let the praises of God be in their throat \*  
and a two-edged sword in their hand;

<sup>7</sup> To wreak vengeance on the nations \*  
and punishment on the peoples;

<sup>8</sup> To bind their kings in chains \*  
and their nobles with links of iron;

<sup>9</sup> To inflict on them the judgment decreed; \*  
this is glory for all his faithful people.  
Hallelujah!

## **150 *Laudate Dominum***

### **or Coverdale**

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

Praise God in his holy temple; \*  
praise him in the firmament of his power.

<sup>2</sup> Praise him for his mighty acts; \*  
praise him for his excellent greatness.

<sup>3</sup> Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; \*  
praise him with lyre and harp.

<sup>4</sup> Praise him with timbrel and dance; \*  
praise him with strings and pipe.

<sup>5</sup> Praise him with resounding cymbals; \*  
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

<sup>6</sup> Let everything that has breath \*  
praise the Lord.  
Hallelujah!

## **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 Wisdom of Sirach 4:1-10

<sup>1</sup> My child, do not cheat the poor of their living,  
and do not keep needy eyes waiting.

<sup>2</sup> Do not grieve the hungry,  
or anger one in need.

<sup>3</sup> Do not add to the troubles of the desperate,  
or delay giving to the needy.

<sup>4</sup> Do not reject a suppliant in distress,  
or turn your face away from the poor.

<sup>5</sup> Do not avert your eye from the needy,  
and give no one reason to curse you;

<sup>6</sup> for if in bitterness of soul some should curse you,  
their Creator will hear their prayer.

<sup>7</sup> Endear yourself to the congregation;  
bow your head low to the great.

<sup>8</sup> Give a hearing to the poor,  
and return their greeting politely.

<sup>9</sup> Rescue the oppressed from the oppressor;  
and do not be hesitant in giving a verdict.

<sup>10</sup> Be a father to orphans,  
and be like a husband to their mother;  
you will then be like a son of the Most High,  
and he will love you more than does your mother.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## Canticle M

### A Song of Faith

#### *1 Peter 1:3-4,18-21*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, \*

by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;  
Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, \*  
we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.  
The ransom that was paid to free us \*  
was not paid in silver or gold,  
But in the precious blood of Christ, \*  
the Lamb without spot or stain.  
God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory \*  
so that we might have faith and hope in God.

## **The New Testament Lesson**

*Reader*

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians 10:1-13

<sup>10</sup>I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup>These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup>So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup>No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **21 You are God *Te Deum laudamus***

You are God: we praise you;  
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;  
You are the eternal Father:  
All creation worships you.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;  
Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you became man to set us free  
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.

## 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 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.

*Everyone*

## 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.

## **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.*

## **A Collect for Sundays**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **A Collect for Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 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 the Church**

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.

## **For Church Musicians and Artists**

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For Families**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who places solitary persons in families: We commend to your continual care the homes in which your people dwell. Put far from them, we beseech you, every root of bitterness, the desire of vainglory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, and godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in marriage, have been made one flesh. Turn the hearts of the parents to the children, and the hearts of the children to the parents; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we may evermore be kindly one to another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: Dear Lord and Father of mankind**

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways;  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,  
In purer lives Thy service find,  
In deeper reverence, praise.  
In deeper reverence, praise.

With that deep hush subduing all  
Our words and works that drown  
The tender whisper of Thy call,  
As noiseless let Thy blessing fall  
As fell Thy manna down.  
As fell Thy manna down.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,

And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of Thy peace.  
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and Thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm.  
O still, small voice of calm.

## **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.

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 of Service for Noonday

## The Opening

*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.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

# The Psalm

## Psalm 126 *In convertendo*

<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.

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 Word

*Leader*

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of Hosts.

Malachi 1:11

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

# The Prayers

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to 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.



# The Collect

*Leader*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

# Intercessions

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"  
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

[Jump to Noonday](#)

Monday  
Morning Prayer  
Proper 24

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

I was glad when they said to me, Let us go to the house of the Lord. *Psalm 122:1*

## Hymn: Lord God, we thank you, now the night is over

Lord God, we thank you, now the night is over,  
active and watchful, stand we here before you;  
singing we offer prayer and meditation:  
thus we adore you.

Monarch of all things, fit us for your mansions;  
banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending;  
bring us to heaven, where your saints united  
joy without ending.

Singers: Donna Seda (soprano), Laurel Helgren (alto), Gaye Gay (tenor), Bob Mangels (bass)  
Words: attributed to Gregory the Great, sixth century;  
trans. Percy Dearmer, 1906  
Tune: *Christe sanctorum*  
Recorded for The Mission of St. Clare

## 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*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*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.

## **Antiphon**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:  
Come let us adore him.

## **Venite *Psalm 95:1-7***

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

Come let us adore him.

# The Psalter

## ***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.

## **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 Wisdom of Sirach 4:20-5:7

<sup>20</sup> Watch for the opportune time, and beware of evil,  
and do not be ashamed to be yourself.

<sup>21</sup> For there is a shame that leads to sin,  
and there is a shame that is glory and favour.

<sup>22</sup> Do not show partiality, to your own harm,  
or deference, to your downfall.

<sup>23</sup> Do not refrain from speaking at the proper moment,  
and do not hide your wisdom.

<sup>24</sup> For wisdom becomes known through speech,  
and education through the words of the tongue.

<sup>25</sup> Never speak against the truth,  
but be ashamed of your ignorance.

<sup>26</sup> Do not be ashamed to confess your sins,  
and do not try to stop the current of a river.

<sup>27</sup> Do not subject yourself to a fool,  
or show partiality to a ruler.

<sup>28</sup> Fight to the death for truth,  
and the Lord God will fight for you.

<sup>29</sup> Do not be reckless in your speech,  
or sluggish and remiss in your deeds.

<sup>30</sup> Do not be like a lion in your home,  
or suspicious of your servants.

<sup>31</sup> Do not let your hand be stretched out to receive

and closed when it is time to give.

<sup>1</sup>Do not rely on your wealth,  
or say, 'I have enough.'

<sup>2</sup>Do not follow your inclination and strength  
in pursuing the desires of your heart.

<sup>3</sup>Do not say, 'Who can have power over me?'  
for the Lord will surely punish you.

<sup>4</sup>Do not say, 'I sinned, yet what has happened to me?'  
for the Lord is slow to anger.

<sup>5</sup>Do not be so confident of forgiveness  
that you add sin to sin.

<sup>6</sup>Do not say, 'His mercy is great,  
he will forgive the multitude of my sins',  
for both mercy and wrath are with him,  
and his anger will rest on sinners.

<sup>7</sup>Do not delay to turn back to the Lord,  
and do not postpone it from day to day;  
for suddenly the wrath of the Lord will come upon you,  
and at the time of punishment you will perish.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 9**

### **The First Song of Isaiah**

#### ***Ecce, Deus***

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of 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 Revelation to John 7:1-8

<sup>7</sup>After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth so that no wind could blow on earth or sea or against any tree. <sup>2</sup>I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to damage earth and sea, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Do not damage the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have marked the servants of our God with a seal on their foreheads." <sup>4</sup>And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the people of Israel: <sup>5</sup>From the tribe of Judah twelve thousand sealed, from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, from the tribe of Gad twelve thousand, <sup>6</sup>from the tribe of Asher twelve thousand, from the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, from the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand, <sup>7</sup>from the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand, from the tribe of Levi twelve thousand, from the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand, <sup>8</sup>from the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, from the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand, from the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand sealed.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 19**

### **The Song of the Redeemed**

#### ***Magna et mirabilia***

Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.  
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the holy One.  
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

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 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 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.

*Everyone*

## **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.

## **Suffrages**

*Leader*

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

*Response*

Govern and uphold them, now and always.

*Leader*

Day by day we bless you;

*Response*

We praise your Name for ever.

*Leader*

Lord, keep us from all sin today;

*Response*

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

*Response*

For we put our trust in you.

*Leader*

In you, Lord, is our hope;

*Response*

And we shall never hope in vain.

## **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.*

## **A Collect 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 [Venezuela](#).

## **The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [United Church in Papua New Guinea](#).

## **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](#)).*

## **A Collect for Peace**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For All Sorts and Conditions**

O God, the creator and preserver of all, we humbly beseech you for all sorts and conditions of people; that you would be pleased to make your ways known unto them, your saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for your holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by your good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to your fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please you to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

## **For the Poor and Neglected**

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For Those Who Live Alone**

Almighty God, whose Son had nowhere to lay his head: Grant that those who live alone may not be lonely in their solitude, but that, following in his steps, they may find fulfillment in loving you and their neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Hymn: Each step I take**

Each step I take my Savior goes before me,  
And with His loving hand He leads the way.  
And with each breath I whisper, I adore Thee;  
O what joy to walk with Him each day.  
Each step I take, I know that He will guide me;  
To higher ground He ever leads me on.  
Until someday the last step will be taken,  
Each step I take just leads me closer Home.

At times I feel my faith begin to waver  
When up ahead I see a chasm wide.  
It's then I turn and look up to my Savior;  
I am strong when He is by my side.  
Each step I take, I know that He will guide me;  
To higher ground He ever leads me on.  
Until someday the last step will be taken,  
Each step I take just leads me closer Home.

I trust in God, no matter come what may,  
For life eternal is in His hand.  
He holds the key that opens up the way  
That will lead me to the promised land.  
Each step I take, I know that He will guide me;  
To higher ground He ever leads me on.  
Until someday the last step will be taken,  
Each step I take just leads me closer Home.

Singers: Adoration Ensemble  
Words: W. Elmo Mercer

### **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.

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 of Service for Noonday

## The Opening

*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.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

## The Psalm

### **Psalm 119 *Lucerna pedibus meis***

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.

<sup>106</sup> I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.

<sup>107</sup> I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

<sup>108</sup> Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.

<sup>109</sup> My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.

<sup>110</sup> The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

<sup>111</sup> Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

<sup>112</sup> I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

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 Word**

*Leader*

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. *Romans 5:5*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to 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.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"  
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

[Jump to Noonday](#)

Tuesday  
Morning Prayer  
Proper 24

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians 15:57*

## Hymn: Lord, the Light of Your Love is shining

Lord, the Light of Your Love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness shining,  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,  
Shine on me. Shine on me.

Shine, Jesus shine,  
Fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit blaze,  
Set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river flow,  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth Your word,  
Lord and let there be light.

Lord I come to Your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into Your radiance.  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me. Shine on me.

Shine, Jesus shine,  
Fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit blaze,  
Set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river flow,  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth Your word,  
Lord and let there be light.

As we gaze on Your kindly brightness.  
So our faces display Your likeness.  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.  
Shine on me. Shine on me.

Shine, Jesus shine,

Fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit blaze,  
Set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river flow,  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth Your word,  
Lord and let there be light.

Shine, Jesus shine,  
Fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit blaze,  
Set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river flow,  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth Your word,  
Lord and let there be light.

Let there be light.

## **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*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*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.

## **Antiphon**

The Earth is the Lords, for he made it:  
Come let us adore him.

## **Jubilate**

### ***Psalm 100***

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Earth is the Lords, for he made it:  
Come let us adore him.

## **The Psalter**

### ***26 Judica me, Domine*** **or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> Give judgment for me, O Lord,  
for I have lived with integrity; \*  
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

<sup>2</sup> Test me, O Lord, and try me; \*  
examine my heart and my mind.

<sup>3</sup>

For your love is before my eyes; \*  
I have walked faithfully with you.  
<sup>4</sup> I have not sat with the worthless, \*  
nor do I consort with the deceitful.  
<sup>5</sup> I have hated the company of evildoers; \*  
I will not sit down with the wicked.  
<sup>6</sup> I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, \*  
that I may go in procession round your altar,  
<sup>7</sup> Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving \*  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.  
<sup>8</sup> Lord, I love the house in which you dwell \*  
and the place where your glory abides.  
<sup>9</sup> Do not sweep me away with sinners, \*  
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,  
<sup>10</sup> Whose hands are full of evil plots, \*  
and their right hand full of bribes.  
<sup>11</sup> As for me, I will live with integrity; \*  
redeem me, O Lord, and have pity on me.  
<sup>12</sup> My foot stands on level ground; \*  
in the full assembly I will bless the Lord.

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

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, I call to you;  
my Rock, do not be deaf to my cry; \*  
lest, if you do not hear me,  
I become like those who go down to the Pit.  
<sup>2</sup> Hear the voice of my prayer when I cry out to you, \*  
when I lift up my hands to your holy of holies.  
<sup>3</sup> Do not snatch me away with the wicked or with the  
evildoers, \*  
who speak peaceably with their neighbors,  
while strife is in their hearts.  
<sup>4</sup> Repay them according to their deeds, \*  
and according to the wickedness of their actions.  
<sup>5</sup> According to the work of their hands repay them, \*  
and give them their just deserts.  
<sup>6</sup> They have no understanding of the Lords doings,  
nor of the works of his hands; \*  
therefore he will break them down and not  
build them up.  
<sup>7</sup> Blessed is the Lord! \*  
for he has heard the voice of my prayer.  
<sup>8</sup> The Lord is my strength and my shield; \*  
my heart trusts in him, and I have been helped;  
<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart dances for joy, \*  
and in my song will I praise him.  
<sup>10</sup>



The Lord is the strength of his people, \*  
a safe refuge for his anointed.

<sup>11</sup> Save your people and bless your inheritance; \*  
shepherd them and carry them for ever.

## **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 Wisdom of Sirach 6:5-17

<sup>5</sup> Pleasant speech multiplies friends,  
and a gracious tongue multiplies courtesies.

<sup>6</sup> Let those who are friendly with you be many,  
but let your advisers be one in a thousand.

<sup>7</sup> When you gain friends, gain them through testing,  
and do not trust them hastily.

<sup>8</sup> For there are friends who are such when it suits them,  
but they will not stand by you in time of trouble.

<sup>9</sup> And there are friends who change into enemies,  
and tell of the quarrel to your disgrace.

<sup>10</sup> And there are friends who sit at your table,  
but they will not stand by you in time of trouble.

<sup>11</sup> When you are prosperous, they become your second self,  
and lord it over your servants;

<sup>12</sup> but if you are brought low, they turn against you,  
and hide themselves from you.

<sup>13</sup> Keep away from your enemies,  
and be on guard with your friends.

<sup>14</sup> Faithful friends are a sturdy shelter:  
whoever finds one has found a treasure.

<sup>15</sup> Faithful friends are beyond price;  
no amount can balance their worth.

<sup>16</sup> Faithful friends are life-saving medicine;  
and those who fear the Lord will find them.

<sup>17</sup> Those who fear the Lord direct their friendship aright,  
for as they are, so are their neighbours also.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 13**

### **A Song of Praise**

#### ***Benedictus es, Domine***

Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.  
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you 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 New Testament Lesson**

*Reader*

A reading from the Revelation to John 7:9-17

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 18**

### **A Song to the Lamb**

#### ***Dignus es***

Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
for ever and for evermore.

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.

## **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. <sup>16</sup>"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 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.

*Everyone*

## **The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary)**

## **(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.

## **Suffrages**

*Leader*

Help us, O God our Savior;

*Response*

Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

*Leader*

Look upon your congregation;

*Response*

Give to your people the blessing of peace.

*Leader*

Declare your glory among the nations;

*Response*

And your wonders among all peoples.

*Leader*

Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

*Response*

Never forget the lives of your poor.

*Leader*

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

*Response*

And your favor to those who are true of heart.

*Leader*

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

*Response*

So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

## **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.*

### **A Collect 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.

### **A Collect for Guidance**

Heavenly Father, in you 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.

## **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](#).

## **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 Human Family**

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For Prisons and Correctional Institutions**

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 the Victims of Addiction**

Blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. Amen.

## **Hymn: Emmanuel**

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
His name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us,  
His name is called Emmanuel.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
His name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us,  
His name is called Emmanuel.

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His name is called Emmanuel.

## **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.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

## **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 of Service for Noonday**

## **The Opening**

*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.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

## **The Psalm**

### **Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos***

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

<sup>5</sup> The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

<sup>6</sup> So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord shall watch over your going out and  
your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

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 Word**

*Leader*

If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. *2 Corinthians 5:17-18*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to 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.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"  
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

[Jump to Noonday](#)

Wednesday  
Morning Prayer  
James of Jerusalem

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world. Psalm 19:4

## Hymn: Morning glory, starlit sky

Morning glory, starlit sky,  
Soaring music, scholar's truth,  
Flight of swallows, autumn leaves,  
Memory's treasure, grace of youth:

Open are the gifts of God,  
Gifts of love to mind and sense;  
Hidden is love's agony,  
Love's endeavour, love's expense.

Love that gives, gives evermore,  
Gives with zeal, with eager hands,  
Spares not, keeps not, all outpours,  
Ventures all, its all expends.

Drained is love in making full,  
Bound in setting others free,  
Poor in making many rich,  
Weak in giving power to be.

Therefore he who shows us God  
Helpless hangs upon the tree;  
And the nails and crown of thorns  
Tell of what God's love must be.

Here is God, no monarch he,  
Throned in easy state to reign;  
Here is God, whose arms of love,  
Aching, spent, the world sustain.

Singers: The choir of All Saints' Church, Wokingham, United Kingdom  
Soloist: Chloe Price  
Music: Barry Rose

## 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*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*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.

## **Antiphon**

The Lord is glorious in his saints:  
Come let us adore him.

## **Psalm 63:1-8 *Deus, Deus meus***

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*



my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.  
Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.  
For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.  
So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.  
My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,  
When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.  
For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.  
My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:  
Come let us adore him.

## The Psalter

**119:145-176**

or [Coverdale](#)

**Qoph** *Clamavi in toto corde meo*

<sup>145</sup> I call with my whole heart; \*  
answer me, O Lord, that I may keep your statutes.  
<sup>146</sup> I call to you;  
oh, that you would save me! \*  
I will keep your decrees.  
<sup>147</sup> Early in the morning I cry out to you, \*  
for in your word is my trust.  
<sup>148</sup> My eyes are open in the night watches, \*  
that I may meditate upon your promise.  
<sup>149</sup> Hear my voice, O Lord, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
according to your judgments, give me life.  
<sup>150</sup> They draw near who in malice persecute me; \*  
they are very far from your law.  
<sup>151</sup> You, O Lord, are near at hand, \*  
and all your commandments are true.  
<sup>152</sup> Long have I known from your decrees \*  
that you have established them for ever.

**Resh** *Vide humilitatem*

<sup>153</sup> Behold my affliction and deliver me, \*  
for I do not forget your law.

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Plead my cause and redeem me; \*  
according to your promise, give me life.  
155 Deliverance is far from the wicked, \*  
for they do not study your statutes.  
156 Great is your compassion, O Lord; \*  
preserve my life, according to your judgments.  
157 There are many who persecute and oppress me, \*  
yet I have not swerved from your decrees.  
158 I look with loathing at the faithless, \*  
for they have not kept your word.  
159 See how I love your commandments! \*  
O Lord, in your mercy, preserve me.  
160 The heart of your word is truth; \*  
all your righteous judgments endure for evermore.

**Shin** *Principes persecuti sunt*

161 Rulers have persecuted me without a cause, \*  
but my heart stands in awe of your word.  
162 I am as glad because of your promise \*  
as one who finds great spoils.  
163 As for lies, I hate and abhor them, \*  
but your law is my love.  
164 Seven times a day do I praise you, \*  
because of your righteous judgments.  
165 Great peace have they who love your law; \*  
for them there is no stumbling block.  
166 I have hoped for your salvation, O Lord, \*  
and I have fulfilled your commandments.  
167 I have kept your decrees \*  
and I have loved them deeply.  
168 I have kept your commandments and decrees, \*  
for all my ways are before you.

**Taw** *Appropinquet deprecatio*

169 Let my cry come before you, O Lord; \*  
give me understanding, according to your word.  
170 Let my supplication come before you; \*  
deliver me, according to your promise.  
171 My lips shall pour forth your praise, \*  
when you teach me your statutes.  
172 My tongue shall sing of your promise, \*  
for all your commandments are righteous.  
173 Let your hand be ready to help me, \*  
for I have chosen your commandments.  
174 I long for your salvation, O Lord, \*  
and your law is my delight.  
175 Let me live, and I will praise you, \*

and let your judgments help me.

<sup>176</sup> I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost; \*  
search for your servant,  
for I do not forget your commandments.

## **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 Jeremiah 11:18-23

<sup>18</sup>It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. <sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" <sup>20</sup>But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. <sup>21</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord concerning the people of Anathoth, who seek your life, and say, "You shall not prophesy in the name of the Lord, or you will die by our hand" <sup>22</sup>therefore thus says the Lord of hosts: I am going to punish them; the young men shall die by the sword; their sons and their daughters shall die by famine; <sup>23</sup>and not even a remnant shall be left of them. For I will bring disaster upon the people of Anathoth, the year of their punishment.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

### **Canticle 11 The Third Song of Isaiah**

**Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19**

***Surge, illuminare***

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
and his glory will appear upon you.

Nations will stream to your light, \*  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

Your gates will always be open; \*  
by day or night they will never be shut.

They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.

You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
and all your portals, Praise.

The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
and your God will be your glory.

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 Matthew 10:16-22

<sup>16</sup>"See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

<sup>17</sup>Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; <sup>18</sup>and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup>When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; <sup>20</sup>for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. <sup>21</sup>Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; <sup>22</sup>and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle J**

### **A Song of Judith**

***Judith 16:13-16***

I will sing a new song to my God, \*  
for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.  
Let the whole creation serve you, \*  
for you spoke and all things came into being.  
You sent your breath and it formed them, \*  
no one is able to resist your voice.  
Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, \*  
rocks melt like wax at your presence.  
But to those who fear you, \*  
you continue to show mercy.  
No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, \*  
but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight 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.

*Everyone*

## **The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary) (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.

## **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: James of Jerusalem**

*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.*

## **A Collect for Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **A Collect for Peace**

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. 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](#).

## **The Commemoration**

James of Jerusalem is referred to in the New Testament as the brother of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

He was for many years the leader of the Christian congregation in Jerusalem, and is generally supposed to be the author of the Epistle of James, although the Epistle itself does not state this explicitly.

James is mentioned briefly in connection with Jesus' visit to Nazareth (Matt. 13:55; Mark 6:3).

We are told that Jesus' brothers did not believe in Him (John 7:2-5), and from this, and from references in early Christian writers, it is inferred that James was not a disciple of the Lord until after the Resurrection.

Paul, listing appearances of the Risen Lord (1 Cor. 15:3-8), includes an appearance to James.

Peter, about to leave Jerusalem after escaping from Herod, leaves a message for James and the Apostles (Acts 12:17).

When a council meets at Jerusalem to consider what rules Gentile Christians should be required to keep, James formulates the final consensus (Acts 15:13-21).

Paul speaks of going to Jerusalem three years after his conversion and conferring there with Peter and James (Gal. 1:18-19), and speaks again of a later visit (perhaps the one described in Acts 15) on which Peter, James, and John, "the pillars," placed their stamp of approval on the mission to the Gentiles (Gal. 2:9).

A few verses later (Gal. 2:11-14), Paul says that messengers from James coming to Antioch discouraged Jewish Christians there from eating with Gentile Christians. (If this refers to the same event as Acts 15:1-2, then Paul takes a step back chronologically in his narration at Gal. 2:11, which is not improbable, since he is dictating and mentioning arguments and events that count as evidence for his side as they occur to him.)

On his last recorded visit to Jerusalem, Paul visits James (others are present, but no other names are given) and speaks of his ministry to the Gentiles (Acts 21:18).



Outside the New Testament, James is mentioned by the Jewish historian Josephus, who calls him "the brother of Jesus the so-called Christ," and reports that he was much respected even by the Pharisees for his piety and strict observance of the Law, but that his enemies took advantage of an interval between Roman governors in 62 CE to have him put to death. His death is also reported by the second-century Christian writer Hegesippus.

Numerous references in early Christian documents show the esteem in which he was held in the early Church.

There appear to be at least three persons named James mentioned in the New Testament, and possibly as many as eight. For an attempt to sort them out, see the [essay about Philip and James \(1 May\)](#).

written by James Kiefer

## 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 Nation

Lord God Almighty, who has made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### For the President of the United States and all in Civil Authority

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to your merciful care, that, being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to the President of the United States, the Governor of this State (or, Commonwealth), and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in your fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

### Hymn: Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round

Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round

Of circling planets singing on their way;  
Guide of the nations from the night profound  
Into the glory of the perfect day;  
Rule in our hearts, that we may ever be  
Guided and strengthened and upheld by thee.

We would be one in hatred of all wrong,  
One in our love of all things sweet and fair,  
One with the joy that breaketh into song,  
One with the grief that trembles into prayer,  
One in the power that makes thy children free  
To follow truth, and thus to follow thee.

O clothe us with thy heavenly armour, Lord,  
Thy trusty shield, thy sword of love divine:  
Our inspiration be thy constant Word;  
We ask no victories that are not thine.  
Give or withhold, let pain or pleasure be;  
Enough to know that we are serving thee.

Words: John White Chadwick, plus Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Music: Orlando Gibbons

## **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 of Service for Noonday**

## **The Opening**

*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.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

## **The Psalm**

### **Psalm 126 *In convertendo***

<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.

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 Word**

*Leader*

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of Hosts.

*Malachi 1:11*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

# The Prayers

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## Contemporary Lord's Prayer

[skip to 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.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"  
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.



[Jump to Noonday](#)

Thursday  
Morning Prayer  
Proper 24  
Hiram Hisanori Kano

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. *John 4:23*

## Hymn: Morning has broken

Morning has broken like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass,  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation, of the new day!  
Of the new day!

Singers: [Saint Mary's Cathedral Choristers, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)  
Words: Eleanor Farjeon  
Tune: *Bunessan*, Gaelic melody

## 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*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*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.

## **Antiphon**

God is the Rock of our salvation:  
O come let us worship.

## **Venite Psalm 95:1-7**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

God is the Rock of our salvation:  
O come let us worship.

# The Psalter

## 37 Part I *Noli mulari* or [Coverdale](#)

- <sup>1</sup> Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; \*  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- <sup>2</sup> For they shall soon wither like the grass, \*  
and like the green grass fade away.
- <sup>3</sup> Put your trust in the Lord and do good; \*  
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- <sup>4</sup> Take delight in the Lord, \*  
and he shall give you your hearts desire.
- <sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, \*  
and he will bring it to pass.
- <sup>6</sup> He will make your righteousness as clear as the light \*  
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- <sup>7</sup> Be still before the Lord \*  
and wait patiently for him.
- <sup>8</sup> Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, \*  
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- <sup>9</sup> Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; \*  
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- <sup>10</sup> For evildoers shall be cut off, \*  
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.
- <sup>11</sup> In a little while the wicked shall be no more; \*  
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
- <sup>12</sup> But the lowly shall possess the land; \*  
they will delight in abundance of peace.
- <sup>13</sup> The wicked plot against the righteous \*  
and gnash at them with their teeth.
- <sup>14</sup> The Lord laughs at the wicked, \*  
because he sees that their day will come.
- <sup>15</sup> The wicked draw their sword and bend their bow  
to strike down the poor and needy, \*  
to slaughter those who are upright in their ways.
- <sup>16</sup> Their sword shall go through their own heart, \*  
and their bow shall be broken.
- <sup>17</sup> The little that the righteous has \*

is better than great riches of the wicked.

<sup>18</sup> For the power of the wicked shall be broken, \*  
but the Lord upholds the righteous.

## **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 Wisdom of Sirach 10:1-18

<sup>1</sup> A wise magistrate educates his people,  
and the rule of an intelligent person is well ordered.

<sup>2</sup> As the people's judge is, so are his officials;  
as the ruler of the city is, so are all its inhabitants.

<sup>3</sup> An undisciplined king ruins his people,  
but a city becomes fit to live in through the understanding of its rulers.

<sup>4</sup> The government of the earth is in the hand of the Lord,  
and over it he will raise up the right leader for the time.

<sup>5</sup> Human success is in the hand of the Lord,  
and it is he who confers honour upon the lawgiver.

<sup>6</sup> Do not get angry with your neighbour for every injury,  
and do not resort to acts of insolence.

<sup>7</sup> Arrogance is hateful to the Lord and to mortals,  
and injustice is outrageous to both.

<sup>8</sup> Sovereignty passes from nation to nation  
on account of injustice and insolence and wealth.

<sup>9</sup> How can dust and ashes be proud?  
Even in life the human body decays.

<sup>10</sup> A long illness baffles the physician;  
the king of today will die tomorrow.

<sup>11</sup> For when one is dead  
he inherits maggots and vermin and worms.

<sup>12</sup> The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord;  
the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.

<sup>13</sup> For the beginning of pride is sin,  
and the one who clings to it pours out abominations.  
Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities,

and destroys them completely.

<sup>14</sup> The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers,  
and enthrones the lowly in their place.

<sup>15</sup> The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations,  
and plants the humble in their place.

<sup>16</sup> The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations,  
and destroys them to the foundations of the earth.

<sup>17</sup> He removes some of them and destroys them,  
and erases the memory of them from the earth.

<sup>18</sup> Pride was not created for human beings,  
or violent anger for those born of women.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 9**

### **The First Song of Isaiah**

#### ***Ecce, Deus***

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, \*

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of 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 Revelation to John 9:1-12

<sup>1</sup>And the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given the key to

the shaft of the bottomless pit; <sup>2</sup>he opened the shaft of the bottomless pit, and from the shaft rose smoke like the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened with the smoke from the shaft. <sup>3</sup>Then from the smoke came locusts on the earth, and they were given authority like the authority of scorpions of the earth. <sup>4</sup>They were told not to damage the grass of the earth or any green growth or any tree, but only those people who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>They were allowed to torture them for five months, but not to kill them, and their torture was like the torture of a scorpion when it stings someone. <sup>6</sup>And in those days people will seek death but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will flee from them. <sup>7</sup>In appearance the locusts were like horses equipped for battle. On their heads were what looked like crowns of gold; their faces were like human faces, <sup>8</sup>their hair like women's hair, and their teeth like lions' teeth; <sup>9</sup>they had scales like iron breastplates, and the noise of their wings was like the noise of many chariots with horses rushing into battle. <sup>10</sup>They have tails like scorpions, with stingers, and in their tails is their power to harm people for five months. <sup>11</sup>They have as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek he is called Apollyon. <sup>12</sup>The first woe has passed. There are still two woes to come.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 19**

### **The Song of the Redeemed**

#### ***Magna et mirabilia***

Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.  
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the holy One.  
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

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.

## **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 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.

*Everyone*

## **The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary) (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.

## **Suffrages**

*Leader*

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

*Response*



Govern and uphold them, now and always.

*Leader*

Day by day we bless you;

*Response*

We praise your Name for ever.

*Leader*

Lord, keep us from all sin today;

*Response*

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

*Response*

For we put our trust in you.

*Leader*

In you, Lord, is our hope;

*Response*

And we shall never hope in vain.

## **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.*

### **A Collect for Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **A Collect for the Renewal of Life**

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that,

having done your will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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](#).

## **The Commemoration**

The Rev. Hiram Hisanori Kano (1889-1986), an Episcopal priest known by some as the "Saint of Nebraska and Colorado," was an agricultural missionary among Japanese Americans in western Nebraska and a pastor to American soldiers imprisoned for having been AWOL while he himself was a prisoner during the Japanese internment of WWII. Churches in the Dioceses of Nebraska and Colorado observe a Saints day for Fr. Kano annually.

Fr. Kano, who was from a well-known family in Tokyo, received a Masters degree in agriculture from the University of Nebraska. In the early 1920s, Bishop George Allen Beecher of the Missionary District of Western Nebraska discerned in farmer and educator Kano, the evangelist he was seeking to call Nebraska's Japanese to be God's people. A lay missionary first, Kano would become Deacon Kano in 1928 and Fr. Kano in 1936. By the spring of 1934 there were 250 baptized and 50 confirmed through Fr. Kano's ministry.

On the morning of December 7, 1941, Fr. Kano had just celebrated the Eucharist at Episcopal Church of Our Savior in North Platte, Nebraska, 180 miles from his wife and children at their Scottsbluff home. On that morning he was arrested by the local police and not allowed to notify his family of his detention, but was sent to the district attorney in Omaha. He heard the terrible news of the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the declaration of war on Japan on the police car radio. Because his family in Japan had connections with the Japanese government, and he was so personally influential with the Japanese Americans as both a minister and a teacher of agriculture, he was rated "Class A the most potentially dangerous of Japanese Americans." He was the only Japanese of the 5,000 living in Nebraska, Colorado, and Wyoming to receive this rating and to be interned.

Despite his own defense and pleas from his bishop who knew Fr. Kano to be a dedicated Christian and loyal to his adopted country, he spent the next two years in internment camps. He spent time in four different states, always working to help the other internees and those imprisoned AWOL soldiers. He served as dean of a school for the internees and taught many courses in Agricultural Study and English, and he preached the gospel.

After the war, it was determined that Fr. Kano should not return to his ministry in Nebraska. He had been detained longer than most, and it was feared that folks in Nebraska would be unaware of his loyalty to the U.S. and only remember inflammatory headlines such as, "Alien Pastor Arrested by FBI ... Admits Writing to Tokyo." He was sent to an Episcopal Seminary in Wisconsin where he earned both Bachelors and Masters of Divinity degrees. He returned to Nebraska and his ministry in 1946.

Fr. Kano and Mrs. Kano earned their citizenship soon after the law permitted it in 1952, and then began teaching citizenship classes so that between 1953 and 1955, nearly 100 percent of the Nebraska Japanese became citizens. Forty years after WWII, when the U.S. government acknowledged that Japanese Americans had been wronged by the internments and offered to pay reparations, Fr. Kano told his bishop, "I don't want the money. God just used that as another opportunity for me to preach the gospel."

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# Prayer

Almighty God who has reconciled the world to yourself through Christ: Entrust to your church the ministry of reconciliation as you did to your servant Hiram Hisanori Kano, and raise up ambassadors for Christ to proclaim your love and peace wherever conflict and hatred divide; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. 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 Peace Among Nations

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## For Those in the Armed Forces of Our Country

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## For the Conservation of Natural Resources

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Hymn: Eye has not seen

Eye has not seen,  
ear has not heard  
what God has ready  
for those who love him;

Spirit of love, come,  
give us the mind of Jesus,  
teach us the wisdom of God.

When pain and sorrow weigh us down,  
be near to us, O Lord,  
forgive the weakness of our faith,  
and bear us up within your peaceful word.

Eye has not seen,  
ear has not heard  
what God has ready  
for those who love him;  
Spirit of love, come,  
give us the mind of Jesus,  
teach us the wisdom of God.

Our lives are but a single breath,  
we flower and we fade,  
yet all our days are in your hands,  
so we return in love what love has made.

Eye has not seen,  
ear has not heard  
what God has ready  
for those who love him;  
Spirit of love, come,  
give us the mind of Jesus,  
teach us the wisdom of God.

We sing a mystery from the past  
in halls where saints have trod,  
yet ever new the music rings  
to Jesus, Living Song of God.

Eye has not seen,  
ear has not heard  
what God has ready  
for those who love him;  
Spirit of love, come,  
give us the mind of Jesus,  
teach us the wisdom of God.

Eye has not seen,  
ear has not heard  
what God has ready  
for those who love him.

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.

### **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

## **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 of Service for Noonday**

### **The Opening**

*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.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

### **The Psalm**

#### **Psalm 119 *Lucerna pedibus meis***

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.

<sup>106</sup> I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.

<sup>107</sup> I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

<sup>108</sup> Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.

109 My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

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 Word**

*Leader*

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. *Romans 5:5*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to 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.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

# **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

[Jump to Noonday](#)

Friday  
Morning Prayer  
Proper 24  
Dorcas

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the Earth keep silence before him. *Habakkuk 2:20*

## Hymn: Sun of my soul

Sun of my soul, Thou Saviour dear,  
It is not night if Thou be near;  
Oh may no earth-born cloud arise  
To hide Thee from Thy servant's eyes!

When the soft dews of kindly sleep  
My weary eyelids gently steep,  
Be my last thought how sweet to rest  
Forever on my Saviour's breast!

Abide with me from morn till eve,  
For without Thee I cannot live;  
Abide with me when night is nigh,  
For without Thee I dare not die.

If some poor wandering child of Thine  
Have spurned to-day the voice divine,  
Now, Lord, the gracious work begin;  
Let him no more lie down in sin.

Watch by the sick; enrich the poor  
With blessings from Thy boundless store;  
Be every mourner's sleep to-night,  
Like infant slumbers, pure and light.

Come near and bless us when we wake,  
Ere through the world our way we take,  
Till in the ocean of Thy love  
We lose ourselves in heaven above.

## 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*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*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.

## **Antiphon**

The Holy One is in our midst:  
O come let us worship.

## **Jubilate**

### ***Psalm 100***

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Holy One is in our midst:  
O come let us worship.

## The Psalter

### *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.

## 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 Wisdom of Sirach 11:2-20

<sup>2</sup> Do not praise individuals for their good looks,  
or loathe anyone because of appearance alone.

<sup>3</sup> The bee is small among flying creatures,  
but what it produces is the best of sweet things.

<sup>4</sup> Do not boast about wearing fine clothes,  
and do not exalt yourself when you are honoured;  
for the works of the Lord are wonderful,  
and his works are concealed from humankind.

<sup>5</sup> Many kings have had to sit on the ground,  
but one who was never thought of has worn a crown.

<sup>6</sup> Many rulers have been utterly disgraced,  
and the honoured have been handed over to others.

<sup>7</sup> Do not find fault before you investigate;  
examine first, and then criticize.

<sup>8</sup> Do not answer before you listen,  
and do not interrupt when another is speaking.

<sup>9</sup> Do not argue about a matter that does not concern you,  
and do not sit with sinners when they judge a case.

<sup>10</sup> My child, do not busy yourself with many matters;  
if you multiply activities, you will not be held blameless.  
If you pursue, you will not overtake,  
and by fleeing you will not escape.

<sup>11</sup> There are those who work and struggle and hurry,  
but are so much the more in want.

<sup>12</sup> There are others who are slow and need help,  
who lack strength and abound in poverty;  
but the eyes of the Lord look kindly upon them;  
he lifts them out of their lowly condition

<sup>13</sup> and raises up their heads  
to the amazement of many.

<sup>14</sup> Good things and bad, life and death,  
poverty and wealth, come from the Lord.

<sup>17</sup> The Lord's gift remains with the devout,  
and his favour brings lasting success.

<sup>18</sup> One becomes rich through diligence and self-denial,  
and the reward allotted to him is this:

<sup>19</sup> when he says, 'I have found rest,  
and now I shall feast on my goods!'  
he does not know how long it will be  
until he leaves them to others and dies.

<sup>20</sup> Stand by your agreement and attend to it,  
and grow old in your work.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle Q**

### **A Song of Christ's Goodness**

#### **Anselm of Canterbury**

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you; \*  
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.  
Often you weep over our sins and our pride, \*  
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.  
You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, \*  
in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.  
Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life; \*  
by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.  
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; \*  
through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.  
Your warmth gives life to the dead, \*  
your touch makes sinners righteous.  
Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us; \*  
in your love and tenderness, remake us.  
In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness, \*  
for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.

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 Revelation to John 9:13-21

<sup>13</sup>Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar before God,  
<sup>14</sup>saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."  
<sup>15</sup>So the four angels were released, who had been held ready for the hour, the day, the month, and the year, to kill a third of humankind. <sup>16</sup>The number of the troops of cavalry was two hundred million; I heard their number. <sup>17</sup>And this was how I saw the horses in my vision: the riders wore breastplates the color of fire and of sapphire and of sulfur; the heads of the horses were like lions' heads, and fire and smoke and sulfur came out of their mouths. <sup>18</sup>By these three plagues a third of humankind was killed, by the fire and smoke and sulfur coming out of their mouths. <sup>19</sup>For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails; their tails are like serpents, having heads; and with them they inflict harm.  
<sup>20</sup>The rest of humankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands or give up worshiping demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk.  
<sup>21</sup>And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their fornication or their thefts.

The Word of the Lord.



*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 18**

### **A Song to the Lamb**

#### ***Dignus es***

Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
for ever and for evermore.

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.

## **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 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.

*Everyone*

## **The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary) (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.

## **Suffrages**

*Leader*

Help us, O God our Savior;

*Response*

Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

*Leader*

Look upon your congregation;

*Response*

Give to your people the blessing of peace.

*Leader*

Declare your glory among the nations;

*Response*

And your wonders among all peoples.

*Leader*

Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

*Response*

Never forget the lives of your poor.

*Leader*

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

*Response*

And your favor to those who are true of heart.

*Leader*

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

*Response*

So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

## **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.*

### **A Collect 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.

### **A Collect for Fridays**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son 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](#).

## **The Commemoration**

Dorcas (or Tabitha in Aramaic—both names mean "gazelle") is mentioned in Acts 9:36-42.

She was a member of the early Christian community in Joppa, a seacoast town of Israel, and noted for her acts of charity, in particular for making garments and giving them to needy widows.

When she fell ill and died, Peter came to see her, and raised her to life. His words to her, "Tabitha, kumi," (Tabitha, arise), are reminiscent of the words of Jesus to the daughter of Jairus, "Talitha, kumi," (little girl, arise) as given in Mark 5:41. Whether this is anything more than coincidence is hard to say.

If the Aramaic words of Jesus had been quoted by Luke rather than by Mark, one might suppose that Luke was underscoring a resemblance between the two episodes (the reader is invited to look up both stories, the former in M 9:18-26 = P 5:22-43 = L 41-56 and the latter in A 9:36-42). As it is, I am not sure that Luke (or Peter, presumably Mark's source for his account) intends a connection.

essay by James Kiefer

## Prayer

Most Holy God, who did raise from the dead your servant Tabitha to display your power and confirm that your Son is Lord; Grant unto us your grace, that, aided by her prayers and example, we may be given a new life in you, to do works pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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 Our Enemies

O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## For Social Justice

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## For Young Persons

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Hymn: Father, Lord of all creation

Father, Lord of all creation,  
ground of being, life and love;  
Height and depth beyond description,  
only life in you can prove:  
You are mortal life's dependence;  
thought, speech, sight are ours by grace.  
Yours is every hour's existence,  
sovereign Lord of time and space.

Jesus Christ, the man for others  
we, your people, make our prayer.  
Help us love, as sisters, brothers  
all whose burdens we can share.  
Where your name binds us together  
you, Lord Christ, will surely be.  
Where no selfishness can sever  
there you love the world may see.

Holy Spirit, rushing, bringing  
wind and flame of Pentecost,  
fire our hearts afresh with yearning  
to regain what we have lost.  
May your love unite our action  
nevermore to speak alone.  
God, in us, abolish faction.  
God, through us, your love make known.

Words: Stewart Cross

Music: *Abbot's Leigh*

## 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*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

## 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 of Service for Noonday

## The Opening

*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.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

## Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos*

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

<sup>5</sup> The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

<sup>6</sup> So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord shall watch over your going out and  
your coming in, \*



from this time forth for evermore.

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 Word**

*Leader*

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of Hosts.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to 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.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching out your loving arms: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your tender mercies sake.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"  
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

[Jump to Noonday](#)

Saturday  
Morning Prayer  
Proper 24

Sojourner Truth, Harriet Ross Tubman, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Amelia Jenks Bloomer

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite. *Isaiah 57:15*

## Hymn: Today I awake

Today I awake and God is before me.  
At night, as I dreamt, God summoned the day;  
For God never sleeps but patterns the morning  
with slithers of gold or glory in grey.

Today I arise and Christ is beside me.  
He walked through the dark to scatter new light,  
Yes, Christ is alive, and beckons his people  
to hope and to heal, resist and invite.

Today I affirm the Spirit within me  
at worship and work, in struggle and rest.  
The Spirit inspires all life which is changing  
from fearing to faith, from broken to blest.

Today I enjoy the Trinity round me,  
above and beneath, before and behind;  
The Maker, the Son, the Spirit together  
they called me to life and call me their friend.

Words and Music: John Bell

## 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*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*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.

## **Antiphon**

The Earth is the Lords, for he made it:  
Come let us adore him.

## **Venite *Psalm 95:1-7***

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Earth is the Lords, for he made it:  
Come let us adore him.

## The Psalter

### **30 *Exaltabo te, Domine*** **or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, O Lord,  
because you have lifted me up \*  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.  
<sup>2</sup> O Lord my God, I cried out to you, \*  
and you restored me to health.  
<sup>3</sup> You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; \*  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.  
<sup>4</sup> Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; \*  
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.  
<sup>5</sup> For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, \*  
his favor for a lifetime.  
<sup>6</sup> Weeping may spend the night, \*  
but joy comes in the morning.  
<sup>7</sup> While I felt secure, I said,  
"I shall never be disturbed. \*  
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as  
the mountains."  
<sup>8</sup> Then you hid your face, \*  
and I was filled with fear.  
<sup>9</sup> I cried to you, O Lord; \*  
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,  
<sup>10</sup> "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? \*  
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?  
<sup>11</sup> Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; \*  
O Lord, be my helper."  
<sup>12</sup> You have turned my wailing into dancing; \*  
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.  
<sup>13</sup> Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; \*  
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

### **32 *Beati quorum***



## or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!

<sup>2</sup> Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, \*  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

<sup>3</sup> While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.

<sup>4</sup> For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.

<sup>6</sup> I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." \*  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in  
time of trouble; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

<sup>8</sup> You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

<sup>9</sup> "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you  
should go; \*  
I will guide you with my eye.

<sup>10</sup> Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you."

<sup>11</sup> Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

<sup>12</sup> Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; \*  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

## 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 Wisdom of Sirach 15:9-20

<sup>9</sup> Praise is unseemly on the lips of a sinner,

for it has not been sent from the Lord.

<sup>10</sup> For in wisdom must praise be uttered,  
and the Lord will make it prosper.

<sup>11</sup> Do not say, 'It was the Lord's doing that I fell away';  
for he does not do what he hates.

<sup>12</sup> Do not say, 'It was he who led me astray';  
for he has no need of the sinful.

<sup>13</sup> The Lord hates all abominations;  
such things are not loved by those who fear him.

<sup>14</sup> It was he who created humankind in the beginning,  
and he left them in the power of their own free choice.

<sup>15</sup> If you choose, you can keep the commandments,  
and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice.

<sup>16</sup> He has placed before you fire and water;  
stretch out your hand for whichever you choose.

<sup>17</sup> Before each person are life and death,  
and whichever one chooses will be given.

<sup>18</sup> For great is the wisdom of the Lord;  
he is mighty in power and sees everything;

<sup>19</sup> his eyes are on those who fear him,  
and he knows every human action.

<sup>20</sup> He has not commanded anyone to be wicked,  
and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle S**

### **A Song of Our True Nature**

#### **Julian of Norwich**

Christ revealed our frailty and our falling, \*  
our trespasses and our humiliations.

Christ also revealed his blessed power, \*  
his blessed wisdom and love.

He protects us as tenderly and as sweetly when we are in greatest need; \*  
he raises us in spirit

and turns everything to glory and joy without ending.

God is the ground and the substance, the very essence of nature; \*

God is the true father and mother of natures.

We are all bound to God by nature, \*

and we are all bound to God by grace.

And this grace is for all the world, \*

because it is our precious mother, Christ.

For this fair nature was prepared by Christ  
for the honor and nobility of all, \*  
and for the joy and bliss of salvation

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 Revelation to John 10:1-11

<sup>1</sup>And I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, wrapped in a cloud, with a rainbow over his head; his face was like the sun, and his legs like pillars of fire. <sup>2</sup>He held a little scroll open in his hand. Setting his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, <sup>3</sup>he gave a great shout, like a lion roaring. And when he shouted, the seven thunders sounded. <sup>4</sup>And when the seven thunders had sounded, I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Seal up what the seven thunders have said, and do not write it down." <sup>5</sup>Then the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and the land raised his right hand to heaven <sup>6</sup>and swore by him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it: "There will be no more delay, <sup>7</sup>but in the days when the seventh angel is to blow his trumpet, the mystery of God will be fulfilled, as he announced to his servants the prophets."

<sup>8</sup>Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me again, saying, "Go, take the scroll that is open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land." <sup>9</sup>So I went to the angel and told him to give me the little scroll; and he said to me, "Take it, and eat; it will be bitter to your stomach, but sweet as honey in your mouth." <sup>10</sup>So I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it; it was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter. <sup>11</sup>Then they said to me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples and nations and languages and kings."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 19**

### **The Song of the Redeemed** *Magna et mirabilia*

Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.  
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,

and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the holy One.  
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

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.

## **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 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.

### **The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary)** **(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.

## **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.*

### **A Collect 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.

### **A Collect for Saturdays**

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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](#).

## **The Commemoration**

**Sojourner Truth**, originally known as Isabella, was born a slave in New York in about 1798.

In 1826, she escaped with the aid of Quaker Abolitionists, and became a street-corner evangelist and the founder of a shelter for homeless women.

When she was travelling, and someone asked her name, she said "Sojourner," meaning that she was a citizen of heaven, and a wanderer on earth. She then gave her surname as "Truth," on the grounds that God was her Father, and His name was Truth.

She spoke at numerous church gatherings, both black and white, quoting the Bible extensively from memory, and speaking against slavery and for an improved legal status for women.

The speech for which she is best known is called, "Ain't I a Woman?" (More information about [versions this speech](#).) It was delivered in response to a male speaker who had been arguing that the refusal of votes for women was grounded in a wish to shelter women from the harsh realities of political life. She replied, with great effect, that she was a woman, and that society had not sheltered her.

She became known as "the Miriam of the Latter Exodus."

**Harriet Ross Tubman** was born in 1820 in Maryland.

She was deeply impressed by the Bible narrative of God's deliverance of the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt, and it became the basis of her belief that it was God's will to deliver slaves in America out of their bondage, and that it was her duty to help accomplish this.

In 1844, she escaped to Canada, but returned to help others escape.

Working with other Abolitionists, chiefly white Quakers, she made at least 19 excursions into Maryland in the 1850's, leading more than 300 slaves to freedom.

During the War of 1861-5, she joined the Northern Army as a cook and a nurse and a spy, and on one occasion led a raid that freed over 750 slaves.

After the war, she worked to shelter orphans and elderly poor persons, and to advance the status of women and blacks.

She became known as "the Moses of her People."

**Elizabeth Cady Stanton** was born in 1815 and reared in the Presbyterian Church.

She found the Calvinist doctrine of predestination dismaying, and rebelled against it.

She denounced the clergy of her day for not upholding women's rights, but as she travelled giving speeches on the subject, she found no lack of pulpits available to her.

She undertook to write what she called a Women's Bible. It never got beyond a series of notes on selected Biblical passages. For example, she quotes the passage in Genesis where we are told that Noah's Ark had only one window, and remarks that if a woman had been consulted, the Ark would have been better designed.

Reading Mrs. Stanton's life and works, I have an uncomfortable feeling that she was interested in "religion" only as a potential ally or opponent in her campaign for women's political equality.

I once spent some time in a congregation where the preacher never mentioned God or Christ except when they could be quoted in support of the preacher's political agenda. It was not a good experience.

For me, reading about Mrs Stanton moves me, not to say, "Lord, give me the grace to follow you, as you did to Mrs. Stanton," but rather, "Lord do I do that? Do I think of you as there to carry out my agenda? If so, then help me to recognize it and to stop it."

Meanwhile, if we think that the abolition of slavery and the recognition of women's right to own property are in accordance with justice, and are accordingly good things, then we can thank God for accomplishing good through Mrs Stanton and others.

"It is enough to be sure of the deed. Our courteous Lord will deign to redeem the motive." (Julian of Norwich)



**Amelia Jenks Bloomer** was born in New York in 1818, reared as a Presbyterian.

As a young woman she became an activist for the anti-slavery, anti-alcohol, and women's votes movements.

One of her concerns has made her name a part of the language. In her day, women's fashions encouraged tightly laced waists, involving severe health problems. (The fashions were denounced in 1728 by William Law.)

The fashion also called for skirts trailing the ground, an arrangement that made it difficult to keep the skirts reasonably clean, especially since the streets were full of horses.

Mrs. Bloomer designed a women's costume featuring what are known as Turkish pants—loose baggy trousers gathered into tight bands at the ankles and waist. Over these she wore a mid-calf-length skirt. It seems a thoroughly modest garb, but it excited indignation and ridicule. (At least well into the 1940's, women's underpants, and women's baggy outer pants worn for athletics, were known as "bloomers.")

Mrs. Bloomer and her husband eventually settled in Council Bluffs, Iowa, where she worked to promote churches, schools, libraries, and progressive and reform movements

On one occasion she said:

"The same Power that brought the slave out of bondage will, in His own good time and way, bring about the emancipation of women, and make her the equal in power and dominion that she was in the beginning."

written by James Kiefer

## Prayer

O God, whose Spirit guides us into all truth and makes us free: Strengthen and sustain us as you did your servants Elizabeth, Amelia, Sojourner, and Harriet. Give us vision and courage to stand against oppression and injustice and all that works against the glorious liberty to which you call all your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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 Joy in God's Creation

O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For the Good Use of Leisure**

O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For the Unemployed**

Heavenly Father, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive just payment for their labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: For the beauty of the Earth**

For the beauty of the Earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful of praise.

For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on Earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For each perfect gift of thine  
to our race so freely given,  
graces human and divine,  
flowers of Earth and buds of heaven,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

Singers: [The Center for Church Music](#)

Words: Folliot S. Pierpoint

Music: Conrad Kocher

Tune: *Dix*

## **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*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

## **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 of Service for Noonday**

## **The Opening**

*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.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

## **The Psalm**

**Psalm 119** *Lucerna pedibus meis*

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.

106 I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.

107 I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

108 Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.

109 My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

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 Word**

*Leader*

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. Romans 5:5

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to 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.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*



For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

[Jump to Noonday](#)

Sunday  
Morning Prayer  
Proper 25

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalm 19:14*

## Hymn: When morning gilds the skies

When morning gilds the skies,  
My heart awaking cries:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Alike at work and prayer  
To Jesus I repair:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

To Thee, my God above,  
I cry with glowing love,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
The fairest graces spring  
In hearts that ever sing,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

When sleep her balm denies,  
My silent spirit sighs,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
When evil thoughts molest,  
With this I shield my breast,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

The night becomes as day,  
When from the heart we say,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
The powers of darkness fear,  
When this sweet chant they hear,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine,  
My canticle divine,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this th' eternal song  
Through all the ages long,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Words: From the *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, translated by Edward Caswall

Music: Joseph Barnby  
Tune: *Laudes Domini*

## 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*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*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.

## Antiphon

The Earth is the Lords, for he made it:

Come let us adore him.

## **Jubilate**

### ***Psalm 100***

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Earth is the Lords, for he made it:  
Come let us adore him.

## **The Psalter**

### ***63 Deus, Deus meus***

#### **or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

<sup>2</sup> Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.

<sup>3</sup> For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.

<sup>4</sup> So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.

<sup>5</sup> My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

<sup>6</sup> When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.

<sup>7</sup> For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.  
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.  
let his years extend over many generations.  
Ephraim is my helmet and Judah my scepter.  
not for any offense or fault of mine, O Lord.  
liars go astray from their birth.

God will send forth his love and his faithfulness.

<sup>8</sup> My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.

<sup>9</sup> May those who seek my life to destroy it \*  
go down into the depths of the earth;

<sup>10</sup> Let them fall upon the edge of the sword, \*  
and let them be food for jackals.

<sup>11</sup> But the king will rejoice in God;  
all those who swear by him will be glad; \*  
for the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.

## **98 *Cantate Domino* or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> Sing to the Lord a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.

<sup>2</sup> With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.

<sup>3</sup> The Lord has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he  
openly shown in the sight of the nations.

<sup>4</sup> He remembers his mercy and  
faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the Earth  
have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>5</sup> Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

<sup>6</sup> Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.

<sup>7</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.

<sup>9</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.

<sup>10</sup> In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

## **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 Wisdom of Sirach 18:19-33

- <sup>19</sup> Before you speak, learn;  
and before you fall ill, take care of your health.
- <sup>20</sup> Before judgement comes, examine yourself;  
and at the time of scrutiny you will find forgiveness.
- <sup>21</sup> Before falling ill, humble yourself;  
and when you have sinned, repent.
- <sup>22</sup> Let nothing hinder you from paying a vow promptly,  
and do not wait until death to be released from it.
- <sup>23</sup> Before making a vow, prepare yourself;  
do not be like one who puts the Lord to the test.
- <sup>24</sup> Think of his wrath on the day of death,  
and of the moment of vengeance when he turns away his face.
- <sup>25</sup> In the time of plenty think of the time of hunger;  
in days of wealth think of poverty and need.
- <sup>26</sup> From morning to evening conditions change;  
all things move swiftly before the Lord.
- <sup>27</sup> One who is wise is cautious in everything;  
when sin is all around, one guards against wrongdoing.
- <sup>28</sup> Every intelligent person knows wisdom,  
and praises one who finds her.
- <sup>29</sup> Those who are skilled in words become wise themselves,  
and pour forth apt proverbs. -->
- <sup>30</sup> Do not follow your base desires,  
but restrain your appetites.
- <sup>31</sup> If you allow your soul to take pleasure in base desire,  
it will make you the laughing-stock of your enemies.
- <sup>32</sup> Do not revel in great luxury,  
or you may become impoverished by its expense.
- <sup>33</sup> Do not become a beggar by feasting with borrowed money  
when you have nothing in your purse.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## Canticle M

### A Song of Faith

*1 Peter 1:3-4,18-21*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, \*  
by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;  
Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, \*  
we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.  
The ransom that was paid to free us \*  
was not paid in silver or gold,  
But in the precious blood of Christ, \*  
the Lamb without spot or stain.  
God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory \*  
so that we might have faith and hope in God.

## **The New Testament Lesson**

*Reader*

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians 10:15-24

<sup>15</sup>I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. <sup>16</sup>The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup>Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. <sup>18</sup>Consider the people of Israel; are not those who eat the sacrifices partners in the altar? <sup>19</sup>What do I imply then? That food sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? <sup>20</sup>No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be partners with demons. <sup>21</sup>You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. <sup>22</sup>Or are we provoking the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

<sup>23</sup>"All things are lawful," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful," but not all things build up. <sup>24</sup>Do not seek your own advantage, but that of the other.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **21 You are God *Te Deum laudamus***

You are God: we praise you;  
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;  
You are the eternal Father:  
All creation worships you.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;

Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you became man to set us free  
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.

## 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 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.

*Everyone*

## 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.

## **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.*

### **A Collect for Sundays**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **A Collect for Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 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 the Church**

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.

## **For Church Musicians and Artists**

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For Families**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who places solitary persons in families: We commend to your continual care the homes in which your people dwell. Put far from them, we beseech you, every root of bitterness, the desire of vainglory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, and godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in marriage, have been made one flesh. Turn the hearts of the parents to the children, and the hearts of the children to the parents; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we may evermore be kindly one to another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: For where two or more are gathered**

For where two or more are gathered in my name,  
I am there among you.  
So reach out and know that as you walk with me,  
I am with you always.

Take this promise near and far,  
Bind your lives together in mine.  
Share good news wherever you are,  
And your loving shall be the sign.

For where two or more are gathered in my name,  
I am there among you.  
So reach out and know that as you walk with me,  
I am with you always.

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## **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.

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 of Service for Noonday**

## **The Opening**

*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.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

## **The Psalm**

### **Psalm 126 *In convertendo***

<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.

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 Word**

*Leader*

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of Hosts.  
Malachi 1:11

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to 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.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.



# Intercessions

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

[Jump to Noonday](#)

Monday  
Morning Prayer  
Simon and Jude

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world. Psalm 19:4

## Hymn: With the Lord begin thy task

With the Lord begin thy task;  
Jesus will direct it.  
For His aid and counsel ask;  
Jesus will perfect it.  
Every morn with Jesus rise,  
And when day is ended,  
In His name then close thine eyes;  
Be to Him commended.

Let each day begin with prayer,  
Praise, and adoration.  
On the Lord cast every care;  
He is thy salvation.  
Morning, evening, and at night  
Jesus will be near thee.  
Save thee from the tempter's might,  
With His presence cheer thee.

With the Savior at thy side,  
Foes need not alarm thee.  
In His promises confide,  
And no ill can harm thee.  
All thy trust do thou repose  
In the mighty Master,  
Who in wisdom truly knows  
How to stem disaster.

If thy task be thus begun  
With the Savior's blessing,  
Safely then thy course will run  
Naught thy soul distressing.  
Good will follow everywhere  
While thou here must wander.  
Thou at last the joy will share  
In the mansions yonder.

Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task

Be to Thee commended;  
May Thy will be done, I ask,  
Until life is ended.  
Jesus, in Thy name begun  
Be the day's endeavor.  
Grant that it may well be done  
To Thy praise forever.

Singers: The Lutheran Quartet  
Words: Moren-und Abend-segen  
Music: Peter Frank (1616-1675)

## **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*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*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.

## **Antiphon**

The Lord is glorious in his saints:  
Come let us adore him.

## **Venite Psalm 95:1-7**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Lord is glorious in his saints:  
Come let us adore him.

## **The Psalter**

### **66 *Jubilate Deo* or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> Be joyful in God, all you lands; \*  
sing the glory of his Name;  
sing the glory of his praise.

<sup>2</sup> Say to God, How awesome are your deeds! \*  
because of your great strength  
your enemies cringe before you.

<sup>3</sup> All the Earth bows down before you, \*  
sings to you, sings out your Name.

<sup>4</sup> Come now and see the works of God, \*  
how wonderful he is  
in his doing toward all people.

<sup>5</sup> He turned the sea into dry land,  
so that they went through the water on foot, \*  
and there we rejoiced in him.

<sup>6</sup> In his might he rules for ever;  
his eyes keep watch over the nations; \*  
let no rebel rise up against him.

<sup>7</sup> Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
make the voice of  
his praise to be heard;

<sup>8</sup> Who holds our souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.

<sup>9</sup> For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

<sup>10</sup> You brought us into the snare; \*  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

<sup>11</sup> You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water; \*  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

<sup>12</sup> I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
and will pay you my vows, \*  
which I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

<sup>13</sup> I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the smoke of rams; \*  
I will give you oxen and goats.

<sup>14</sup> Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

<sup>15</sup> I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
and his praise was on my tongue.

<sup>16</sup> If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
the Lord would not have heard me;

<sup>17</sup> But in truth God has heard me; \*  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

<sup>18</sup> Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
nor withheld his love from me.

## **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 28:9-16

<sup>9</sup>"Whom will he teach knowledge, and to whom will he explain the message? Those who are weaned from milk, those taken from the breast? <sup>10</sup>For it is precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little." <sup>11</sup>Truly, with stammering lip and with alien tongue he will speak to this people, <sup>12</sup>to whom he has said, "This is rest; give rest to the weary; and this is repose"; yet they would not hear. <sup>13</sup>Therefore the word of the Lord will be to them, "Precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little;" in order that they may go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore hear the word of the Lord, you scoffers who rule this people in Jerusalem. <sup>15</sup>Because you have said, "We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol we have an agreement; when the overwhelming scourge passes through it will not come to us; for we have made lies our refuge, and in falsehood we have taken shelter"; <sup>16</sup>therefore thus says the Lord God, See, I am laying in Zion a foundation stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation: "One who trusts will not panic."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 9**

### **The First Song of Isaiah**

#### ***Ecce, Deus***

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of 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 Ephesians 4:1-16

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." <sup>9</sup>(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 19**

### **The Song of the Redeemed**

#### ***Magna et mirabilia***

Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.  
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the holy One.  
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

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.

*Everyone*

## 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.

## **Suffrages**

*Leader*

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

*Response*

Govern and uphold them, now and always.

*Leader*

Day by day we bless you;

*Response*

We praise your Name for ever.

*Leader*

Lord, keep us from all sin today;

*Response*

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

*Response*

For we put our trust in you.

*Leader*

In you, Lord, is our hope;

*Response*

And we shall never hope in vain.

## **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.*

## **A Collect 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 [Algeria](#).

## **The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe](#).

## **The Commemoration**

On the various New Testament lists of the Twelve Apostles (Matthew 10:2-4; Mark 3:16-19; Luke 6:14-16; Acts 1:13), the 10th and 11th places are occupied by Simon the Zealot (also called Simon the "Cananean," the Aramaic word meaning "Zealot") and by Judas of James, also called Thaddaeus or Lebbaeus.

"Judas" in New Testament contexts corresponds to "Judah" in Old Testament ones.

Note that masculine names ending in "-ah" when translated from Hebrew directly to English usually end in "-as" when the translation passes through Greek, since in Greek a terminal "-a" is normally feminine, but a terminal "-as" is normally masculine. Thus we have "Elijah" => "Elias," "Jeremiah" => "Jeremias," etc.)

Some ancient Christian writers say that Simon and Jude went together as missionaries to Persia, and were martyred there. If this is true, it explains, to some extent, our lack of historical information on them and also why they are usually

put together.

Simon is not mentioned by name in the New Testament except on these lists. Some modern writers have used his surname as the basis for conjectures associating him, and through him Jesus and all His original followers, with the Zealot movement described by Josephus, a Jewish independence movement devoted to assassination and violent insurrection.

However, there were many movements that were called Zealot, not all alike, and Josephus tells us (Jewish War 4,3,9) that the movement he is describing did not arise until shortly before the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE.

Judas (often called Jude in English, but the Greek has Judas) is variously named, but this is not surprising.

Before the Crucifixion, there would be a need to distinguish him among the apostles from Judas Iscariot, and after the Crucifixion there would be an additional reason for being emphatic about the distinction.

"Thaddaeus" is possibly a variant of "Theudas," which in turn is perhaps used as a Greek equivalent of "Judas" (with the Hebrew Name of God replaced by the Greek "theos"). Since the Aramaic "thad" means "chest," we may suppose either that "Theudas" was re-Semiticized by a folk-etymology or that Judas received the nickname "Thaddeus" directly. I assume that the nickname suggests a brawny lad.

"Lebbaeus," according to Young's Concordance, means "man of heart," and so may be a variant of "Thaddaeus," but there is a lot of linguistic conjecture flying around here. (Note: It is not suggested that the Judas => Theudas => Thaddaeus => Lebbaeus linguistic derivation took place with the Apostle personally, but that the names were considered in his day to be vaguely equivalent, as today in England the names Mary and Polly, or Margaret and Peggy, or Edward, Ed, Ted, and Ned, are considered to be equivalent, or as today many Jewish names are considered in some Jewish circles to have Gentile equivalents (Moishe = Maurice, Yitzak = Isadore, Yaakov = Jack, Label = Larry, Shmuel = Shawn, etc.).

The reader will have noticed mention of "Thomas, surnamed Didymus," and will note that these names are Aramaic and Greek respectively, both meaning "twin."

After the Last Supper it was Jude who asked Our Lord why he chose to reveal Himself only to the disciples. He received the reply: "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." (John 14:22f)

The ninth name on the lists of Apostles is that of James (the son) of Alphaeus. Although most modern translations render "Judas of James" as "Judas the son of James," there has been a tendency to understand it as "Judas the brother of James" and to assume that these two apostles were brothers. This assumption in turn leads to an identification of the two with the "brothers of the Lord" of the same name. The difficulty with this is that the brothers (at least some of them) did not believe in Jesus until after the Resurrection, and therefore could not have been part of the Twelve.

The New Testament *Epistle of Jude* was written by "Judas the brother of James," which could refer to either Jude.

In any case, we commemorate on this day (1) Simon the Zealot, one of the original Twelve; (2) Judas of James (also called Thaddaeus or Lebbaeus), also one of the original Twelve; and (3) Jude (or Judas) the brother of James and author of the Epistle, without settling the question of whether (2) and (3) are the same person.

The *Epistle of Jude* is a brief document addressed to the Church, and warns against corrupt influences that have crept in. It has some obscure and baffling references to old Jewish traditions, but it includes a memorable exhortation to "contend for the faith once delivered to the saints," and an even more memorable closing:

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding great joy, to the only wise God, or Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

Jude is often, in popular usage, referred to as the patron of desperate causes, the "saint of last resort," the one you ask for help when all else fails. Some readers will wonder what this is all about.

Since his name reminds hearers of Judas Iscariot, there is a tendency for someone asking for intercessory prayers to try one of the other apostles first. Hence, Jude has come to be called "the saint of last resort," the one whom you ask only when desperate.

Doubtless, you want to hear my personal opinion on this business of invocation of saints. Since you insist...

In the first place, the expression, "praying to Saint X" is misleading and unfortunate. In older English "pray" simply meant to request politely.

Thus, in the KJV, we read that Jesus boarded Simon Peter's ship and "prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land." (Luke 5:3)

Thus, the idea of "praying to Saint X" is simply the idea of asking a fellow Christian to intercede with God on one's behalf. It is not different in principle from asking your Christian roommate to pray for you.

However, in modern English, the word "pray" is generally understood to refer to worship. I therefore urge everyone who talks about "praying to Saint X" to modernize their language and instead talk about "asking Saint X to join me in praying to God for the recovery of my sick aunt," or whatever.

That was a preliminary comment on terminology.

Now to the question.

Undoubtedly asking one's fellow Christians in heaven for their prayers is something that can be abused. It can readily degenerate into the notion that getting what you want from God is a matter of knowing what channels to go through, what strings to pull.

One ends up thinking of heaven as a place like the seat of a corrupt government, where favors are traded and deals are made by influence peddlers.

But the fact that something can be abused does not mean that we ought to give up its proper use. And surely one of the most valuable truths of the Christian faith is that God's love for us moves us to love in return, not only God but also one another, so that every Christian is a mirror in which the light of Christ is reflected to every other Christian.

The Scriptures seem to show that God delights in giving us gifts through others when He could just as easily have given them directly.

When Paul on the road to Damascus asks, "Lord, what will you have me do?" God does not tell him, but sends Ananias to tell him instead (A 9:1-19).

When the centurion Cornelius is praying, God sends an angel to speak to him, but the angel does not preach the Gospel to him. It tells him to send for a man called Peter, and Peter comes and preaches the Gospel to him (A 10).

God wants us to owe our spiritual well-being, not just to Him, but also to one another. Hence He has told us to pray for one another.

Nor is the bond of Christian love broken by death. The martyrs under the altar in John's vision (Rev 6:9ff) pray for the church on Earth. Even the Rich Man in Hell, in Jesus' parable, intercedes for his five brothers on Earth. Are we to suppose that the saved are less compassionate than the damned?

Is this an important part of my faith, you ask. Well, it is certainly an important doctrine that Jesus said: "A new commandment I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you."

To feel myself surrounded by the love of God and of my fellow Christians, living and dead, is important.

To love in return, by praying for my fellow Christians as well as for my own concerns, is important.

It is not for nothing that Jesus taught us to pray: "Give US OUR daily bread, and forgive US OUR sins."

Do I spend a significant fraction of my prayer time asking various Christians now in heaven for their prayers? No, just as I do not spend a lot of time asking my fellow Christians here on Earth for their prayers.

But I do ask for, and value, the prayers of my fellow Christians, living and dead; and I delight in the knowledge that when I praise God, my voice is part of a great chorus of praise in which angels, glorified and perfected saints, saints still on their pilgrimage, and even (in ways befitting their natures) beasts, plants, and inanimate objects join together: "Let all things praise the LORD." Amen.

written by James Kiefer

## 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](#)).*

## A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## For All Sorts and Conditions

O God, the creator and preserver of all, we humbly beseech you for all sorts and conditions of people; that you would be pleased to make your ways known unto them, your saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for your holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by your good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to your fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please you to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

## For the Poor and Neglected

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For Those Who Live Alone**

Almighty God, whose Son had nowhere to lay his head: Grant that those who live alone may not be lonely in their solitude, but that, following in his steps, they may find fulfillment in loving you and their neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us**

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,  
For we need You to help us find our way.  
Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us,  
For we need Your strength from day to day.

There's no other we can turn to  
Who can help us face another day;  
There's no other we can turn to  
Who can help us face another day.

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,  
For we need You to help us find our way,  
To find our way.

There's no other we can turn to  
Who can help us face another day;  
There's no other we can turn to  
Who can help us face another day.

Gentle Shepherd, come lead us.

Singers: Sam Robson, Lisanse Changwe, and Evan Sanders  
Writer: Bill Gaither  
Arrangement: Sam Robson

## **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.

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 of Service for Noonday

## The Opening

*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.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

## The Psalm

### **Psalm 119 *Lucerna pedibus meis***

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.

<sup>106</sup> I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.

<sup>107</sup> I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

<sup>108</sup> Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.

<sup>109</sup> My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.

<sup>110</sup> The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

<sup>111</sup> Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

<sup>112</sup> I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

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 Word**

*Leader*

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. *Romans 5:5*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to 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.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"  
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

[Jump to Noonday](#)

Tuesday  
Morning Prayer  
Proper 25  
James Hannington

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians 15:57*

## Hymn: Awake, awake: fling off the night!

Awake, awake: fling off the night!  
For God has sent a glorious light;  
and we who live in Christ's new day  
must works of darkness put away.

Let in the light; all sin expose  
to Christ, whose life no darkness knows.  
Before the cross expectant kneel;  
That Christ may judge, and judging heal.

Awake, and rise up from the dead,  
and Christ his light on you will shed.  
Its power will wrong desires destroy,  
and your whole nature fill with joy.

Then sing for joy, and use each day;  
give thanks for everything alway.  
Lift up your hearts; with one accord  
praise God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Words: [J.R. Peacey](#)

Tune: *Deus tuorum militum*

## 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*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*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.

## **Antiphon**

The Earth is the Lords, for he made it:  
Come let us adore him.

## **Jubilate**

### ***Psalm 100***

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;



go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Earth is the Lords, for he made it:  
Come let us adore him.

## The Psalter

### **45 *Eructavit cor meum*** **or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> My heart is stirring with a noble song;  
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; \*  
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

<sup>2</sup> You are the fairest of men; \*  
grace flows from your lips,  
because God has blessed you for ever.

<sup>3</sup> Strap your sword upon your thigh, O mighty warrior, \*  
in your pride and in your majesty.

<sup>4</sup> Ride out and conquer in the cause of truth \*  
and for the sake of justice.

<sup>5</sup> Your right hand will show you marvelous things; \*  
your arrows are very sharp, O mighty warrior.

<sup>6</sup> The peoples are falling at your feet, \*  
and the kings enemies are losing heart.

<sup>7</sup> Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, \*  
a scepter of righteousness  
is the scepter of your kingdom;  
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

<sup>8</sup> Therefore God, your God, has anointed you \*  
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

<sup>9</sup> All your garments are fragrant with myrrh,  
aloes, and cassia, \*  
and the music of strings from ivory palaces  
makes you glad.

<sup>10</sup> Kings daughters stand among the ladies of the court; \*  
on your right hand is the queen,  
adorned with the gold of Ophir.

<sup>11</sup> Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; \*  
forget your people and your fathers house.

<sup>12</sup> The king will have pleasure in your beauty; \*  
he is your master; therefore do him honor.

<sup>13</sup> The people of Tyre are here with a gift; \*  
the rich among the people seek your favor."

<sup>14</sup> All glorious is the princess as she enters; \*  
her gown is cloth-of-gold.

<sup>15</sup> In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; \*  
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

<sup>16</sup> With joy and gladness they are brought, \*  
and enter into the palace of the king.

<sup>17</sup> In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; \*  
you shall make them princes over all the earth.

<sup>18</sup> I will make your name to be remembered  
from one generation to another; \*  
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

## **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 Wisdom of Sirach 24:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Wisdom praises herself,  
and tells of her glory in the midst of her people.

<sup>2</sup> In the assembly of the Most High she opens her mouth,  
and in the presence of his hosts she tells of her glory:

<sup>3</sup> 'I came forth from the mouth of the Most High,  
and covered the earth like a mist.

<sup>4</sup> I dwelt in the highest heavens,  
and my throne was in a pillar of cloud.

<sup>5</sup> Alone I compassed the vault of heaven  
and traversed the depths of the abyss.

<sup>6</sup> Over waves of the sea, over all the earth,  
and over every people and nation I have held sway.

<sup>7</sup> Among all these I sought a resting-place;  
in whose territory should I abide?

<sup>8</sup> 'Then the Creator of all things gave me a command,  
and my Creator chose the place for my tent.  
He said, "Make your dwelling in Jacob,  
and in Israel receive your inheritance."

<sup>9</sup> Before the ages, in the beginning, he created me,

and for all the ages I shall not cease to be.

<sup>10</sup> In the holy tent I ministered before him,  
and so I was established in Zion.

<sup>11</sup> Thus in the beloved city he gave me a resting-place,  
and in Jerusalem was my domain.

<sup>12</sup> I took root in an honoured people,  
in the portion of the Lord, his heritage.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 13**

### **A Song of Praise**

#### ***Benedictus es, Domine***

Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.  
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you 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 New Testament Lesson**

*Reader*

A reading from the Revelation to John 11:14-19

<sup>14</sup>The second woe has passed. The third woe is coming very soon. <sup>15</sup>Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign forever and ever." <sup>16</sup>Then the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, <sup>17</sup>singing, "We give you thanks, Lord God Almighty, who are and who were, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign. <sup>18</sup>The nations raged, but your wrath has come, and the time for judging the dead, for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints and all who fear your name, both small and great, and for

destroying those who destroy the earth." Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple; and there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 18**

### **A Song to the Lamb**

#### ***Dignus es***

Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
for ever and for evermore.

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.

## **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. Therefore consider whether the light in you is not darkness. 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 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.

*Everyone*

## **The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary)**

## **(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.

## **Suffrages**

*Leader*

Help us, O God our Savior;

*Response*

Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

*Leader*

Look upon your congregation;

*Response*

Give to your people the blessing of peace.

*Leader*

Declare your glory among the nations;

*Response*

And your wonders among all peoples.

*Leader*

Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

*Response*

Never forget the lives of your poor.

*Leader*

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

*Response*

And your favor to those who are true of heart.

*Leader*

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

*Response*

So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

## **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.*

### **A Collect 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.

### **A Collect for Guidance**

Heavenly Father, in you 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.

# 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](#).

# The Commemoration

Among the new nations of Africa, Uganda is the most predominantly Christian. Mission work began there in the 1870's with the favor of King Mutesa, who died in 1884. However, his son and successor, King Mwanga, opposed all foreign presence, including the missions.

James Hannington, born 1847, was sent out from England in 1884 by the Anglican Church as missionary Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa.

As he was travelling toward Uganda, he was apprehended by emissaries of King Mwanga. He and his companions were brutally treated and, a week later, 29 October 1885, most of them were put to death. Hannington's last words were: "Go tell your master that I have purchased the road to Uganda with my blood."

The first native martyr was the Roman Catholic Joseph Mkasa Balikuddembe, who was beheaded after having rebuked the king for his debauchery and for the murder of Bishop Hannington.

On [3 June 1886](#), a group of 32 men and boys, 22 Roman Catholic and 10 Anglican, were burned at the stake. Most of them were young pages in Mwanga's household, from their head-man, Charles Lwanga, to the thirteen-year-old Kizito, who went to his death "laughing and chattering." These and many other Ugandan Christians suffered for their faith then and in the next few years.

In 1977, the Anglican [Archbishop Janani Luwum](#) and many other Christians suffered death for their faith under the tyrant Idi Amin.

Thanks largely to their common heritage of suffering for their Master, Christians of various communions in Uganda have always been on excellent terms.

written by James Kiefer

## Prayer

O God, by whose providence the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church: Grant that we who remember before you James Hannington and his companions, may, like them, be steadfast in our faith in Jesus Christ, to whom they gave obedience even to death, and by their sacrifice brought forth a plentiful harvest; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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 Human Family**

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For Prisons and Correctional Institutions**

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 the Victims of Addiction**

Blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. Amen.

## **Hymn: Go down, Moses**

*Go down, Moses  
Way down in Egypt land  
Tell ole Pharaoh to  
Let my people go!*

Now when Israel was in Egypt land  
*Let my people go!*

Oppressed so hard they could not stand  
*Let my people go!*

So the Lord said: 'Go down,  
'Go down,  
Moses

Moses  
Way  
*Way*  
Down  
*Down*  
in Egypt land  
Tell ole Pharaoe to  
Let my people go!  
*Let my people go!*

So Moses went to Egypt land  
*Let my people go!*

He made old Pharaoe understand  
*Let my people go!*

Yes, the Lord said: 'Go down,  
'*Go down,*

Moses  
*Moses*  
Way  
*Way*  
Down  
*Down*  
in Egypt land  
Tell ole Pharaoe to  
Let my people go!  
*Let my people go!*

Thus spoke the Lord, bold Moses said:  
'*Let my people go!*  
'If not I'll smite, your firstborn dead'  
*Let my people go!*

So the Lord said: 'Go down,  
'*Go down,*

Moses  
*Moses*  
Way  
*Way*  
Down  
*Down*  
in Egypt land  
Tell ole Pharaoe to  
*Let my people go!*

*Ahhhhh*  
*Way down in Egypt land*  
*Tell ole Pharaoe*  
*To let my people go!*

Soloist and trumpet: Louis Armstrong

**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.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20, 21*

## **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 of Service for Noonday**

## **The Opening**

*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.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

## **The Psalm**

### **Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos***

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved \*

and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

<sup>5</sup> The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

<sup>6</sup> So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord shall watch over your going out and  
your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

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 Word**

*Leader*

If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. *2 Corinthians 5:17-18*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to 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.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"  
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person,

we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.



*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

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# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.  
*Colossians 3:1*

## Hymn: Morning has broken

Morning has broken like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass,  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation, of the new day!  
Of the new day!

Singers: [Saint Mary's Cathedral Choristers, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)  
Words: Eleanor Farjeon  
Tune: *Bunessan*, Gaelic melody

## 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*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*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.

## **Antiphon**

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:  
Come let us adore him.

## **Psalm 63:1-8 *Deus, Deus meus***

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.  
Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.  
For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.  
So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.  
My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,  
When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.  
My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:  
Come let us adore him.

## The Psalter

**119:49-72**

or [Coverdale](#)

**Zayin** *Memor esto verbi tui*

<sup>49</sup> Remember your word to your servant, \*  
because you have given me hope.

<sup>50</sup> This is my comfort in my trouble, \*  
that your promise gives me life.

<sup>51</sup> The proud have derided me cruelly, \*  
but I have not turned from your law.

<sup>52</sup> When I remember your judgments of old, \*  
O Lord, I take great comfort.

<sup>53</sup> I am filled with a burning rage, \*  
because of the wicked who forsake your law.

<sup>54</sup> Your statutes have been like songs to me \*  
wherever I have lived as a stranger.

<sup>55</sup> I remember your Name in the night, O Lord, \*  
and dwell upon your law.

<sup>56</sup> This is how it has been with me, \*  
because I have kept your commandments.

**Heth** *Portio mea, Domine*

<sup>57</sup> You only are my portion, O Lord; \*  
I have promised to keep your words.

<sup>58</sup> I entreat you with all my heart, \*  
be merciful to me according to your promise.

<sup>59</sup> I have considered my ways \*  
and turned my feet toward your decrees.

<sup>60</sup> I hasten and do not tarry \*  
to keep your commandments.

<sup>61</sup> Though the cords of the wicked entangle me, \*  
I do not forget your law.

<sup>62</sup> At midnight I will rise to give you thanks, \*  
because of your righteous judgments.

<sup>63</sup> I am a companion of all who fear you; \*  
and of those who keep your commandments.

<sup>64</sup> The Earth, O Lord, is full of your love; \*  
instruct me in your statutes.

**Teth** *Bonitatem fecisti*

<sup>65</sup> O Lord, you have dealt graciously with your servant, \*  
according to your word.

<sup>66</sup> Teach me discernment and knowledge, \*  
for I have believed in your commandments.

<sup>67</sup> Before I was afflicted I went astray, \*  
but now I keep your word.

<sup>68</sup> You are good and you bring forth good; \*  
instruct me in your statutes.

<sup>69</sup> The proud have smeared me with lies, \*  
but I will keep your commandments  
with my whole heart.

<sup>70</sup> Their heart is gross and fat, \*  
but my delight is in your law.

<sup>71</sup> It is good for me that I have been afflicted, \*  
that I might learn your statutes.

<sup>72</sup> The law of your mouth is dearer to me \*  
than thousands in gold and silver.

## **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 Wisdom of Sirach 28:14-26

<sup>14</sup> Slander has shaken many,  
and scattered them from nation to nation;  
it has destroyed strong cities,  
and overturned the houses of the great.

<sup>15</sup> Slander has driven virtuous women from their homes,  
and deprived them of the fruit of their toil.

<sup>16</sup> Those who pay heed to slander will not find rest,  
nor will they settle down in peace.

<sup>17</sup> The blow of a whip raises a welt,

but a blow of the tongue crushes the bones.

<sup>18</sup> Many have fallen by the edge of the sword,  
but not as many as have fallen because of the tongue.

<sup>19</sup> Happy is one who is protected from it,  
who has not been exposed to its anger,  
who has not borne its yoke,  
and has not been bound with its fetters.

<sup>20</sup> For its yoke is a yoke of iron,  
and its fetters are fetters of bronze;

<sup>21</sup> its death is an evil death,  
and Hades is preferable to it.

<sup>22</sup> It has no power over the godly;  
they will not be burned in its flame.

<sup>23</sup> Those who forsake the Lord will fall into its power;  
it will burn among them and will not be put out.  
It will be sent out against them like a lion;  
like a leopard it will mangle them.

<sup>24a</sup> As you fence in your property with thorns,

<sup>25b</sup> so make a door and a bolt for your mouth.

<sup>24b</sup> As you lock up your silver and gold,

<sup>25a</sup> so make balances and scales for your words.

<sup>26</sup> Take care not to err with your tongue,  
and fall victim to one lying in wait.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 11 The Third Song of Isaiah**

**Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19**

***Surge, illuminare***

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
and his glory will appear upon you.

Nations will stream to your light, \*  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

Your gates will always be open; \*  
by day or night they will never be shut.

They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.

You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
and all your portals, Praise.

The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
and your God will be your glory.

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 Revelation to John 12:1-6

<sup>1</sup>A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. <sup>2</sup>She was pregnant and was crying out in birthpangs, in the agony of giving birth. <sup>3</sup>Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. <sup>4</sup>His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. <sup>5</sup>And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne; <sup>6</sup>and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can be nourished for one thousand two hundred sixty days.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle J**

### **A Song of Judith**

#### ***Judith 16:13-16***

I will sing a new song to my God, \*  
for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.  
Let the whole creation serve you, \*  
for you spoke and all things came into being.  
You sent your breath and it formed them, \*  
no one is able to resist your voice.

Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, \*  
rocks melt like wax at your presence.  
But to those who fear you, \*  
you continue to show mercy.  
No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, \*  
but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight 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.

## **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 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.

*Everyone*

## The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary) (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.

## **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.*

### **A Collect for Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **A Collect for Peace**

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. 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](#).

## **The Commemoration**

Maryam was orphaned at the age of 7 and so then lived a life as an achorite with her uncle Abraham, a hermit, for 20 years. When she was a young woman, one of the monks who followed Abraham desired Maryam. After a year of attempts, they finally had sex. Upon losing her virginity, she fell into despair and, rather than confess her sin to her uncle, she moved to another town, and established herself as a tavern prostitute.

In a dream, Abraham realized that Maryam had been taken captive by a life of sin. He searched for her for two years. When he finally heard of her whereabouts, he put on military garb, mounted a horse, and set out to the town where she resided. He entered the tavern and requested that he take a meal with her. They shared a lavish meal together and finally retreated to Maryam's room, where Abraham said, "My daughter Maryam, don't you know me? Whatever has happened to you? Why did you not just tell me when you had sinned? I would not have been angry with you, for who is without sin, except for God alone? I would have done penance for you myself, yet instead you have left me all alone in unspeakable sadness and grief."

Together they returned to Qidun. Once there Maryam pleased God more by her sincere repentance than she ever had by her virginity.

more at [Wikipedia](#)  
[The Life of St Mary the Harlot](#), by St Ephraem the Archdeacon

## Prayer

O God of holiness and strength, rescue us from the sins that ensnare us and destroy the evils that defame us, that, like your servant Maryam of Qidun, we may find our own selves inseparable from your love made known in Christ Jesus our Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. 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 Nation

Lord God Almighty, who has made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## For the President of the

## **United States and all in Civil Authority**

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to your merciful care, that, being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to the President of the United States, the Governor of this State (or, Commonwealth), and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in your fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

## **Hymn: He's got the whole world**

He's got the whole world in His hands  
He's got the whole world in His hands  
He's got the whole world in His hands  
He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the moon and the sky in His hands  
He's got the moon and the sky in His hands  
He's got the moon and the sky in His hands  
He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the wind and the rain in His hands  
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands  
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands  
He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands  
He's got the whole world in His hands  
He's got the whole world in His hands  
He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the little children in His hands  
He's got the little children in His hands  
He's got the little children in His hands  
He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got you and me sister in His hands  
He's got you and me brother in His hands  
He's got everybody here in His hands  
He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands  
He's got the whole world in His hands  
He's got the whole world in His hands  
He's got the whole world in His hands

Singers: St. John's Church, Hackey, UK  
Music: Traditional

## **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 of Service for Noonday**

### **The Opening**

*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.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

### **The Psalm**

#### **Psalm 126 *In convertendo***

<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.

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 Word**

*Leader*

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of Hosts.

*Malachi 1:11*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to 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.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

# **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

[Jump to Noonday](#)

Thursday  
Morning Prayer  
Proper 25  
Sasaki, Paul Shinji

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. *John 4:23*

## Hymn: Lord God of morning and of night

Lord God of morning and of night,  
We thank Thee for Thy gift of light;  
As in the dawn the shadows fly,  
We seem to find Thee now more nigh.

Yet, whilst Thy will we would persue  
Oft what we would we cannot do.  
The sun may stand in zenith skies  
But on the soul thick midnight lies.

O Lord of lights, tis Thou alone  
Canst make our darkened hearts Thine own;  
O then be with us, Lord, that we  
In Thy great day may wake to Thee.

Praise God our Maker and our Friend;  
Praise Him through time, till time shall end;  
Till psalm and song His name adore  
Through heavens great day of evermore.

Singers: Harvard University Choir  
Text: Francis Turner Palgrave  
Music: M. Lee Suitor

## 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*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*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.

## **Antiphon**

God is the Rock of our salvation:  
O come let us worship.

## **Venite Psalm 95:1-7**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

God is the Rock of our salvation:  
O come let us worship.

## The Psalter

### *50 Deus deorum* or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
he has called the Earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.  
<sup>2</sup> Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
God reveals himself in glory.  
<sup>3</sup> Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
before him there is a consuming flame,  
and round about him a raging storm.  
<sup>4</sup> He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
to witness the judgment of his people.  
<sup>5</sup> Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me  
and sealed it with sacrifice.  
<sup>6</sup> Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
for God himself is judge.  
<sup>7</sup> Hear, O my people, and I will speak:  
O Israel, I will bear witness against you; \*  
for I am God, your God.  
<sup>8</sup> I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; \*  
your offerings are always before me.  
<sup>9</sup> I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, \*  
nor he-goats out of your pens;  
<sup>10</sup> For all the beasts of the forest are mine, \*  
the herds in their thousands upon the hills.  
<sup>11</sup> I know every bird in the sky, \*  
and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.  
<sup>12</sup> If I were hungry, I would not tell you, \*  
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.  
<sup>13</sup> Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, \*  
or drink the blood of goats?  
<sup>14</sup> Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*

and make good your vows to the Most High.

<sup>15</sup> Call upon me in the day of trouble; \*  
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

<sup>16</sup> But to the wicked God says: \*  
Why do you recite my statutes,  
and take my covenant upon your lips;

<sup>17</sup> Since you refuse discipline, \*  
and toss my words behind your back?

<sup>18</sup> When you see a thief, you make him your friend, \*  
and you cast in your lot with adulterers.

<sup>19</sup> You have loosed your lips for evil, \*  
and harnessed your tongue to a lie.

<sup>20</sup> You are always speaking evil of your brother \*  
and slandering your own mother's son.

<sup>21</sup> These things you have done, and I kept still, \*  
and you thought that I am like you.

<sup>22</sup> I have made my accusation; \*  
I have put my case in order before your eyes.

<sup>23</sup> Consider this well, you who forget God, \*  
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

<sup>24</sup> Whoever offers me the sacrifice of  
thanksgiving honors me; \*  
but to those who keep in my way  
will I show the salvation of God.

## **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 Wisdom of Sirach 31:12-18,25-32:2

<sup>12</sup> Are you seated at the table of the great?  
Do not be greedy at it,  
and do not say, 'How much food there is here!'

<sup>13</sup> Remember that a greedy eye is a bad thing.  
What has been created more greedy than the eye?  
Therefore it sheds tears for any reason.

<sup>14</sup> Do not reach out your hand for everything you see,



and do not crowd your neighbour at the dish.

<sup>15</sup> Judge your neighbour's feelings by your own,  
and in every matter be thoughtful.

<sup>16</sup> Eat what is set before you like a well-bred person,  
and do not chew greedily, or you will give offence.

<sup>17</sup> Be the first to stop, as befits good manners,  
and do not be insatiable, or you will give offence.

<sup>18</sup> If you are seated among many others,  
do not help yourself before they do.

<sup>25</sup> Do not try to prove your strength by wine-drinking,  
for wine has destroyed many.

<sup>26</sup> As the furnace tests the work of the smith,  
so wine tests hearts when the insolent quarrel.

<sup>27</sup> Wine is very life to human beings  
if taken in moderation.

What is life to one who is without wine?  
It has been created to make people happy.

<sup>28</sup> Wine drunk at the proper time and in moderation  
is rejoicing of heart and gladness of soul.

<sup>29</sup> Wine drunk to excess leads to bitterness of spirit,  
to quarrels and stumbling.

<sup>30</sup> Drunkenness increases the anger of a fool to his own hurt,  
reducing his strength and adding wounds.

<sup>31</sup> Do not reprove your neighbour at a banquet of wine,  
and do not despise him in his merrymaking;  
speak no word of reproach to him,  
and do not distress him by making demands of him.

<sup>32</sup> If they make you master of the feast, do not exalt yourself;  
be among them as one of their number.

Take care of them first and then sit down;

<sup>2</sup> when you have fulfilled all your duties, take your place,  
so that you may be merry along with them  
and receive a garland for your excellent leadership.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 9**

### **The First Song of Isaiah**

#### ***Ecce, Deus***

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of 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 Revelation to John 12:7-17

<sup>7</sup>And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, <sup>8</sup>but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. <sup>9</sup>The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. <sup>10</sup>Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. <sup>11</sup>But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

<sup>12</sup>Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!" <sup>13</sup>So when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. <sup>14</sup>But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle, so that she could fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to her place where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time. <sup>15</sup>Then from his mouth the serpent poured water like a river after the woman, to sweep her away with the flood. <sup>16</sup>But the earth came to the help of the woman; it opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth. <sup>17</sup>Then the dragon was angry with the woman, and went off to make war on the rest of her children, those who keep the commandments of God and hold the testimony of Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 19**

### **The Song of the Redeemed**

# *Magna et mirabilia*

Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.  
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the holy One.  
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

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.

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 11:53-12:12

<sup>53</sup>When he went outside, the scribes and the Pharisees began to be very hostile toward him and to cross-examine him about many things, <sup>54</sup>lying in wait for him, to catch him in something he might say.

<sup>1</sup>Meanwhile, when the crowd gathered by the thousands, so that they trampled on one another, he began to speak first to his disciples, "Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees, that is, their hypocrisy. <sup>2</sup>Nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>3</sup>Therefore whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be proclaimed from the housetops. <sup>4</sup>"I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that can do nothing more. <sup>5</sup>But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! <sup>6</sup>Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten in God's sight. <sup>7</sup>But even the hairs of your head are all counted. Do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>8</sup>"And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God; <sup>9</sup>but whoever denies me before others will be denied before the angels of God. <sup>10</sup>And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. <sup>11</sup>When they bring you before the synagogues, the rulers, and the authorities, do not worry about how you are to defend yourselves or what you are to say; <sup>12</sup>for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that very hour what you ought to say."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

# 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.

*Everyone*

# The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary) (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.

## **Suffrages**

*Leader*

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

*Response*

Govern and uphold them, now and always.

*Leader*

Day by day we bless you;

*Response*

We praise your Name for ever.

*Leader*

Lord, keep us from all sin today;

*Response*

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

*Response*

For we put our trust in you.

*Leader*

In you, Lord, is our hope;

*Response*

And we shall never hope in vain.

## **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.*

### **A Collect for Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **A Collect for the Renewal of Life**

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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](#).

## **The Commemoration**

**Sasaki, Paul Shinji**, Bishop of Tokyo, Japan was a bishop of Nippon Sei Ko Kai (the Anglican Church in Japan) who endured much persecution for his beliefs.

In 1937, Sasaki and Tsen (see below) attended the 1937 Synod in Canada where they publicly bore witness to the unity among Asian Christians despite the Sino-Japanese war.

Sasaki was tortured and imprisoned by the Japanese government in 1944.

**Philip Lendel Tsen**, Bishop of Honan, China was raised by American missionaries, but after his priestly ordination became involved with a Canadian mission group. He helped sustain the people of his district during the bitter war with Japan.

At the end of WW2, he became the leader of the Chinese Anglican Church.

Returning from the 1948 Lambeth meeting, he was placed under house arrest by the Communist government.

from the description in *Holy Women, Holy Men*

More about [Bishop Sasaki](#) and [Bishop Tsen](#) in Wikipedia

## Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for the faith and witness of Paul Sasaki, bishop in the Nippon Sei Ko Kai, tortured and imprisoned by his government, and Philip Tsen, leader of the Chinese Anglican Church, arrested for his faith. We pray that all Church leaders oppressed by hostile governments may be delivered by your mercy, and that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may be faithful to the Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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 Peace Among Nations

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## For Those in the Armed Forces of Our Country

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For the Conservation of Natural Resources**

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Hymn: Be still, my soul**

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on thy side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to thy God to order and provide;  
In every change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul; thy best, thy heavenly, Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul; the Lord doth undertake  
To guide the future as He did the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul; the hour is hastening on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord.  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Words: Catharina von Schlegel

Translated by Jane Borthwick

Music: Jean Sibelius

Singers: Congregation of Salisbury Cathedral Close

## **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*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

## 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 of Service for Noonday

## The Opening

*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.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

## The Psalm

### Psalm 119 *Lucerna pedibus meis*

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.

<sup>106</sup> I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.

<sup>107</sup> I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

<sup>108</sup> Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.

<sup>109</sup> My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.

<sup>110</sup> The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

<sup>111</sup> Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

<sup>112</sup> I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

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 Word**

*Leader*

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. *Romans 5:5*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to 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.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"  
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.