

Thursday  
Evening Prayer  
Proper 12

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

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

## Hymn: Abide with me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour.  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and Earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Words: Henry F. Lyte  
Music: Monk Tune: *Eventide*

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

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

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

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

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

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

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

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

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

## **The Psalter**

74 *Ut quid, Deus?* or

[Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> O God, why have you utterly cast us off? \*  
why is your wrath so hot against the sheep of your pasture?

<sup>2</sup> Remember your congregation that you purchased long ago, \*

the tribe you redeemed to be your inheritance,  
and Mount Zion where you dwell.

<sup>3</sup> Turn your steps toward the endless ruins; \*  
the enemy has laid waste everything in your sanctuary.

<sup>4</sup> Your adversaries roared in your holy place; \*  
they set up their banners as tokens of victory.

<sup>5</sup> They were like men coming up with axes to a grove of trees; \*  
they broke down all your carved work with hatchets  
and hammers.

<sup>6</sup> They set fire to your holy place; \*  
they defiled the dwelling-place of your Name  
and razed it to the ground.

<sup>7</sup> They said to themselves, "Let us destroy them altogether." \*  
They burned down all the meeting-places of God  
in the land.

<sup>8</sup> There are no signs for us to see;  
there is no prophet left; \*  
there is not one among us who knows how long.

<sup>9</sup> How long, O God, will the adversary scoff? \*  
will the enemy blaspheme your Name for ever?

<sup>10</sup> Why do you draw back your hand? \*  
why is your right hand hidden in your bosom?

<sup>11</sup> Yet God is my King from ancient times, \*  
victorious in the midst of the earth.

<sup>12</sup> You divided the sea by your might \*  
and shattered the heads of the dragons upon the waters;

<sup>13</sup> You crushed the heads of Leviathan \*  
and gave him to the people of the desert for food.

<sup>14</sup> You split open spring and torrent; \*  
you dried up ever-flowing rivers.

<sup>15</sup> Yours is the day, yours also the night; \*  
you established the moon and the sun.

<sup>16</sup> You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; \*  
you made both summer and winter.

<sup>17</sup> Remember, O Lord, how the enemy scoffed, \*  
how a foolish people despised your Name.

<sup>18</sup> Do not hand over the life of your dove to wild beasts; \*  
never forget the lives of your poor.

<sup>19</sup> Look upon your covenant; \*  
the dark places of the earth are haunts of violence.

<sup>20</sup> Let not the oppressed turn away ashamed; \*  
let the poor and needy praise your Name.

<sup>21</sup> Arise, O God, maintain your cause; \*  
remember how fools revile you all day long.

<sup>22</sup> Forget not the clamor of your adversaries, \*  
the unending tumult of those who rise up against you.

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

# Gloria Patri

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

# Gospel

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 27:55-66

<sup>55</sup>Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. <sup>56</sup>Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

<sup>57</sup>When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. <sup>58</sup>He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. <sup>59</sup>So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth <sup>60</sup>and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. <sup>61</sup>Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. <sup>62</sup>The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate <sup>63</sup>and said, "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.'  
<sup>64</sup>Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first."  
<sup>65</sup>Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." <sup>66</sup>So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

# The Cantic

*Everyone*

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

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

the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Apostles' Creed

*All stand*

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

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

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

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

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

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

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 12**

*Leader*

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

## **For Mission**

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

## **World Cycle of Prayer**

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

## **Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers, members of the [Zion Christian Church](#).

## **A Collect for Protection**

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

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

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

*Everyone sings or says*

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

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

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

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

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

## **For the Absent**

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

## **Hymn: Spirit of God**

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
wean it from Earth; through all its pulses move;

stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,  
and make me love thee as I ought to love.

Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh;  
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear.  
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh,  
teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,  
one holy passion filling all my frame;  
the kindling of the heaven-descended Dove,  
my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

## **A Prayer 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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# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

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O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

# The Psalter

## **73 *Quam bonus Israel!*** **or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup>Truly, God is good to Israel, \*  
to those who are pure in heart.

<sup>2</sup>But as for me, my feet had nearly slipped; \*  
I had almost tripped and fallen;

<sup>3</sup>Because I envied the proud \*  
and saw the prosperity of the wicked:

<sup>4</sup>For they suffer no pain, \*  
and their bodies are sleek and sound;

<sup>5</sup>In the misfortunes of others they have no share; \*  
they are not afflicted as others are;

<sup>6</sup>Therefore they wear their pride like a necklace \*  
and wrap their violence about them like a cloak.

<sup>7</sup>Their iniquity comes from gross minds, \*  
and their hearts overflow with wicked thoughts.

<sup>8</sup>They scoff and speak maliciously; \*  
out of their haughtiness they plan oppression.

<sup>9</sup>They set their mouths against the heavens, \*  
and their evil speech runs through the world.

<sup>10</sup>And so the people turn to them \*  
and find in them no fault.

<sup>11</sup>They say, "How should God know? \*  
is there knowledge in the Most High?"

<sup>12</sup>So then, these are the wicked; \*  
always at ease, they increase their wealth.

<sup>13</sup>In vain have I kept my heart clean, \*  
and washed my hands in innocence.

<sup>14</sup>I have been afflicted all day long, \*  
and punished every morning.

<sup>15</sup>Had I gone on speaking this way, \*  
I should have betrayed the generation of your children.

<sup>16</sup>When I tried to understand these things, \*  
it was too hard for me;

<sup>17</sup>Until I entered the sanctuary of God \*  
and discerned the end of the wicked.

<sup>18</sup>Surely, you set them in slippery places; \*  
you cast them down in ruin.

<sup>19</sup>Oh, how suddenly do they come to destruction, \*  
come to an end, and perish from terror!

<sup>20</sup>Like a dream when one awakens, O Lord, \*  
when you arise you will make their image vanish.

<sup>21</sup>When my mind became embittered, \*

I was sorely wounded in my heart.

<sup>22</sup>I was stupid and had no understanding; \*

I was like a brute beast in your presence.

<sup>23</sup>Yet I am always with you; \*

you hold me by my right hand.

<sup>24</sup>You will guide me by your counsel, \*

and afterwards receive me with glory.

<sup>25</sup>Whom have I in heaven but you? \*

and having you I desire nothing upon earth.

<sup>26</sup>Though my flesh and my heart should waste away, \*

God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.

<sup>27</sup>Truly, those who forsake you will perish; \*

you destroy all who are unfaithful.

<sup>28</sup>But it is good for me to be near God; \*

I have made the Lord GOD my refuge.

<sup>29</sup>I will speak of all your works \*

in the gates of the city of Zion.

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

## **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

and to the Holy Ghost:

as it was in the beginning, is now,

and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 28:1-10

<sup>1</sup>After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.

<sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back

the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards

shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for

Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go

quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there

you will see him.' This is my message for you." <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his

disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped

him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

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

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

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

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

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

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

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

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

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

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*Response*

And grant us your salvation.

*Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

*Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

*Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 12**

*Leader*

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and

ever. Amen.

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

## **For Mission**

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

## **World Cycle of Prayer**

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

## **Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers, members of the [Independent Catholic Churches](#).

## **A Collect for Fridays**

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

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

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

*Everyone sings or says*

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

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

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

## **For Clergy and People**

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

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

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

## **For Monastic Orders and Vocations**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

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

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

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

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.  
Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

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

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

Saturday  
Evening Prayer  
Proper 12

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,

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

*Leader*

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

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

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

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

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

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

## **The Psalter**

23 *Dominus regit me*  
or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.  
<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.  
<sup>3</sup> He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.  
<sup>4</sup> Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
<sup>5</sup> You spread a table before me in the presence of those  
who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.  
<sup>6</sup> Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days  
of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

27 *Dominus illuminatio*  
or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear? \*  
the Lord is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?  
<sup>2</sup> When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, \*  
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who  
stumbled and fell.  
<sup>3</sup> Though an army should encamp against me, \*  
yet my heart shall not be afraid;  
<sup>4</sup> And though war should rise up against me, \*  
yet will I put my trust in him.  
<sup>5</sup> One thing have I asked of the Lord;  
one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days  
of my life;  
<sup>6</sup> To behold the fair beauty of the Lord \*  
and to seek him in his temple.  
<sup>7</sup> For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe  
in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.  
<sup>8</sup> Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.  
<sup>9</sup> Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.

<sup>11</sup>You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.

<sup>12</sup>Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

<sup>13</sup>You have been my helper;  
cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

<sup>14</sup>Though my father and my mother forsake me, \*  
the Lord will sustain me.

<sup>15</sup>Show me your way, O Lord; \*  
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

<sup>16</sup>Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, \*  
for false witnesses have risen up against me,  
and also those who speak malice.

<sup>17</sup>What if I had not believed  
that I should see the goodness of the Lord \*  
in the land of the living!

<sup>18</sup>O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure;  
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; \*  
wait patiently for the Lord.

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

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 28:11-20

<sup>11</sup>While they were going, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests everything that had happened.  
<sup>12</sup>After the priests had assembled with the elders, they devised a plan to give a large sum of money to the soldiers,  
<sup>13</sup>telling them, "You must say, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' <sup>14</sup>If this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." <sup>15</sup>So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story is still told among the Jews to this day.

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am

with you always, to the end of the age."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

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

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

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

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

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

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

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

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

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

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your saints, entrusting one another and all

our life to Christ,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 12**

*Leader*

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

## **For Mission**

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

## **A Collect for Saturdays**

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

## **World Cycle of Prayer**

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

## **Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers, members of the [Abkhazian Orthodox 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.

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## **For Sound Government**

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

Lord, keep this nation under your care.

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

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

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

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

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

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

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

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

## **For Schools and Colleges**

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

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

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

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

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

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

God most high  
You shelter me  
And I will trust in You.  
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With courage I will wait  
Depending on Your mercy.  
You alone, O Lord, will be my peace.

[Interlude]

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

Singer: Yvonne Lyon  
Words and Music: David Lyon  
Words based on "God Is My Strong Salvation"  
by James Montgomery (1771-1854)

## **A Prayer 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;  
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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.

Sunday  
Evening Prayer  
Proper 13

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

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

## Hymn: In the dark of the midnight

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

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

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

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

When the long night has ended,  
And the storms come no more,  
Let me stand in Thy presence.  
On that bright, peaceful shore.  
In that land where the tempest  
Never comes, Lord may I  
Dwell with Thee when the storm passes by.

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

Words and Music: Traditional

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

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

*Leader*

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

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

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*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen. Alleluia.

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

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

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

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

## **The Psalter**

### **34 *Benedicam Dominum* or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> I will bless the Lord at all times; \*  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup> I will glory in the Lord; \*  
let the humble hear and rejoice.

<sup>3</sup> Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; \*  
let us exalt his Name together.

<sup>4</sup> I sought the Lord, and he answered me \*  
and delivered me out of all my terror.

<sup>5</sup> Look upon him and be radiant, \*  
and let not your faces be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup> I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me \*  
and saved me from all my troubles.

<sup>7</sup> The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, \*  
and he will deliver them.

<sup>8</sup> Taste and see that the Lord is good; \*  
happy are they who trust in him!

<sup>9</sup> Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, \*  
for those who fear him lack nothing.

<sup>10</sup> The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \*  
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

<sup>11</sup> Come, children, and listen to me; \*  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

<sup>12</sup> Who among you loves life \*  
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

<sup>13</sup> Keep your tongue from evil-speaking \*  
and your lips from lying words.

<sup>14</sup> Turn from evil and do good; \*  
seek peace and pursue it.

<sup>15</sup> The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, \*  
and his ears are open to their cry.

<sup>16</sup> The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, \*  
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

<sup>17</sup> The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them \*  
and delivers them from all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup> The Lord is near to the brokenhearted \*  
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

<sup>19</sup> Many are the troubles of the righteous, \*  
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.

<sup>20</sup> He will keep safe all his bones; \*  
not one of them shall be broken.

<sup>21</sup> Evil shall slay the wicked, \*  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

<sup>22</sup> The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, \*  
and none will be punished who trust in him.

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

## **Gloria Patri**

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

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## **The Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark 3:20-30

<sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup>"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" <sup>30</sup>for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

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

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

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

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

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

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

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

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

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

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

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

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

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

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 13**

*Leader*

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

## **For Mission**

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

## **A Collect for Sundays**

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

## **World Cycle of Prayer**

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

## **Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers, members of the [True Orthodoxy Churches](#).

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

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

*Everyone sings or says*

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

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

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

## **For Courts of Justice**

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

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

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

## **For Towns and Rural Areas**

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

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

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

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

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

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

And for to His angels He's given a command,  
To guard you in all of your ways,

Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

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

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

Words and music: Michael Joncas

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

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

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

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

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

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

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.  
Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

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

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

Monday  
Evening Prayer  
Proper 13

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Do not be afraid, I am with you.  
I have called you each by name.

Come and follow Me.  
I will bring you home.  
I love you and you are mine.

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

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

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

*Leader*

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

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen. Alleluia.

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

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

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

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

## **The Psalter**

### **77 *Voce mea ad Dominum* or [Coverdale](#)**

- <sup>1</sup> I will cry aloud to God; \*  
I will cry aloud, and he will hear me.
- <sup>2</sup> In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; \*  
my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire;  
I refused to be comforted.
- <sup>3</sup> I think of God, I am restless, \*  
I ponder, and my spirit faints.
- <sup>4</sup> You will not let my eyelids close; \*  
I am troubled and I cannot speak.
- <sup>5</sup> I consider the days of old; \*  
I remember the years long past;
- <sup>6</sup> I commune with my heart in the night; \*  
I ponder and search my mind.
- <sup>7</sup> Will the Lord cast me off for ever? \*  
will he no more show his favor?
- <sup>8</sup> Has his loving-kindness come to an end for ever? \*  
has his promise failed for evermore?
- <sup>9</sup> Has God forgotten to be gracious? \*  
has he, in his anger, withheld his compassion?
- <sup>10</sup> And I said, "My grief is this: \*  
the right hand of the Most High has lost its power."
- <sup>11</sup> I will remember the works of the Lord, \*  
and call to mind your wonders of old time.
- <sup>12</sup> I will meditate on all your acts \*  
and ponder your mighty deeds.
- <sup>13</sup> Your way, O God, is holy; \*

who is so great a god as our God?

<sup>14</sup> You are the God who works wonders \*  
and have declared your power among the peoples.

<sup>15</sup> By your strength you have redeemed your people, \*  
the children of Jacob and Joseph.

<sup>16</sup> The waters saw you, O God;  
the waters saw you and trembled; \*  
the very depths were shaken.

<sup>17</sup> The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; \*  
your arrows flashed to and fro;

<sup>18</sup> The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind;  
your lightnings lit up the world; \*  
the earth trembled and shook.

<sup>19</sup> Your way was in the sea,  
and your paths in the great waters, \*  
yet your footsteps were not seen.

<sup>20</sup> You led your people like a flock \*  
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

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

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **The Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to John 1:1-18

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

<sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

<sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because

he was before me."') <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

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

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

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

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

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

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

# The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

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

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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

# The Suffrages

*Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*Response*

And grant us your salvation.

*Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

*Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

*Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

## The Collect of the Day: Proper 13

*Leader*

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

## For Mission

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

## World Cycle of Prayer

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

# Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We pray for our sisters and brothers, members of the [USCC Doukhobors Church](#).

## A Collect for Peace

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

## Intercessions

*Leader*

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

*Everyone sings or says*

## Hymn: To my humble supplication

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

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

## For the Right Use of God's Gifts

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

## For Knowledge of God's Creation

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

## For the Care of Children

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

## Hymn: Ye watchers and ye holy ones

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

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

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

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

### **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.  
Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

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

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

Tuesday  
Evening Prayer  
The Evening of The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

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

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

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

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

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

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Words: RR Ketcham  
Tune: *Nettleton*

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

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

*Leader*

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

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen. Alleluia.

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

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

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,

we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

## The Psalter

72 *Deus, judicium* or  
[Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup>Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's son;

<sup>2</sup>That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice.

<sup>3</sup>That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.

<sup>4</sup>He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

<sup>5</sup>He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.

<sup>6</sup>He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.

<sup>7</sup>In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall  
be no more.

<sup>8</sup>He shall rule from sea to sea, \*  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>9</sup>His foes shall bow down before him, \*  
and his enemies lick the dust.

<sup>10</sup>The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \*  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

<sup>11</sup>All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
and all the nations do him service.

<sup>12</sup>For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*  
and the oppressed who has no helper.

<sup>13</sup>He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

<sup>14</sup>He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

<sup>15</sup>Long may he live!  
and may there be given to him gold from Arabia; \*  
may prayer be made for him always,  
and may they bless him all the day long.

<sup>16</sup>May there be abundance of grain on the earth,  
growing thick even on the hilltops; \*  
may its fruit flourish like Lebanon,  
and its grain like grass upon the earth.

<sup>17</sup>May his Name remain for ever

and be established as long as the sun endures; \*  
may all the nations bless themselves in him and  
call him blessed.

<sup>18</sup>Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, \*  
who alone does wondrous deeds!

<sup>19</sup>And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen. Amen.

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

## **Gloria Patri**

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

# **The Lessons**

## **The Old Testament Lesson**

*Reader*

A reading from the book of Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

<sup>9</sup>As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. <sup>10</sup>A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. <sup>13</sup>As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. <sup>14</sup>To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

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

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*

to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Gospel**

*Reader*

The Gospel according to John 12:27-36

<sup>27</sup>“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. <sup>34</sup>The crowd answered him, “We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” <sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, “The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. <sup>36</sup>While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.” After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **The Cantic**

*Everyone*

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

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

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Apostles' Creed

*All stand*

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

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

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

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

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

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

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

## **The Collect of the Day: The Transfiguration**

*Leader*

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

## **For Mission**

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

## **World Cycle of Prayer**

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

## **Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [Inochentist church](#) .

## **A Collect for Guidance**

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

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

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

*Everyone sings or says*

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

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

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

## **For Agriculture**

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

## **For Those We Love**

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

## **For Quiet Confidence**

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

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

Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns, adore Him;  
Praise Him, angels, in the height.  
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;  
Praise Him, all ye stars of light.  
Praise the Lord! for He hath spoken;

Worlds His mighty voice obeyed.  
Laws which never shall be broken  
For their guidance He hath made.

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

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

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

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

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we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
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God be with you till we meet again.

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# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

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

## Hymn: Night is come

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

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

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

*Tune: Night is come*

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

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

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and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

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*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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

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O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## **The Psalter**

### **81 *Exultate Deo* or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup>Sing with joy to God our strength \*  
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup>Raise a song and sound the timbrel, \*

the merry harp, and the lyre.

<sup>3</sup>Blow the ram's-horn at the new moon, \*  
and at the full moon, the day of our feast.

<sup>4</sup>For this is a statute for Israel, \*  
a law of the God of Jacob.

<sup>5</sup>He laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, \*  
when he came out of the land of Egypt.

<sup>6</sup>I heard an unfamiliar voice saying \*  
"I eased his shoulder from the burden;  
his hands were set free from bearing the load."

<sup>7</sup>You called on me in trouble, and I saved you; \*  
I answered you from the secret place of thunder  
and tested you at the waters of Meribah.

<sup>8</sup>Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: \*  
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

<sup>9</sup>There shall be no strange god among you; \*  
you shall not worship a foreign god.

<sup>10</sup>I am the Lord your God,  
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, \*  
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

<sup>11</sup>And yet my people did not hear my voice, \*  
and Israel would not obey me.

<sup>12</sup>So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, \*  
to follow their own devices.

<sup>13</sup>Oh, that my people would listen to me! \*  
that Israel would walk in my ways!

<sup>14</sup>I should soon subdue their enemies \*  
and turn my hand against their foes.

<sup>15</sup>Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, \*  
and their punishment would last for ever.

<sup>16</sup>But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat \*  
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

## **82 *Deus stetit* or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> God takes his stand in the council of heaven; \*  
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

<sup>2</sup> "How long will you judge unjustly, \*  
and show favor to the wicked?"

<sup>3</sup> Save the weak and the orphan; \*  
defend the humble and needy;

<sup>4</sup> Rescue the weak and the poor; \*  
deliver them from the power of the wicked.

<sup>5</sup> They do not know, neither do they understand;  
they go about in darkness; \*  
all the foundations of the Earth are shaken.

<sup>6</sup> Now I say to you, 'You are gods, \*  
and all of you children of the Most High;

Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, \*  
and fall like any prince."

<sup>8</sup> Arise, O God, and rule the Earth, \*  
for you shall take all nations for your own.

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

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to John 1:29-42

<sup>29</sup>The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." <sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"

<sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

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

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

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

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

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

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

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

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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

## The Suffrages

*Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*Response*

And grant us your salvation.

*Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

*Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

*Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 13**

*Leader*

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

## **For Mission**

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

our Lord. Amen.

## **World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [the Central African Republic](#).

## **Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

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

## **A Collect for Protection**

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

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

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

*Everyone sings or says*

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

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

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

## **For Cities**

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

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

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

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

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

## **Hymn: Shall we gather at the river**

(14 second pause before music)

Shall we gather at the river,  
Where bright angel feet have trod,  
With its crystal tide forever  
Flowing by the throne of God?

Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
The beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river  
That flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river,  
Washing up its silver spray,  
We shall walk and worship ever,  
All the happy golden day.

Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
The beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river  
That flows by the throne of God.

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

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

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks

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

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

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

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.  
Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

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

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

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# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

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

## Hymn: Now rest beneath night's shadow

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

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

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

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

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

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

*Leader*

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

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

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

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

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

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

## **The Psalter**

### **85 *Benedixisti, Domine* or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, \*

you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup> You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
and blotted out all their sins.

<sup>3</sup> You have withdrawn all your fury \*  
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

<sup>4</sup> Restore us then, O God our Savior; \*  
let your anger depart from us.

<sup>5</sup> Will you be displeased with us for ever? \*  
will you prolong your anger from age to age?

<sup>6</sup> Will you not give us life again, \*  
that your people may rejoice in you?

<sup>7</sup> Show us your mercy, O Lord, \*  
and grant us your salvation.

<sup>8</sup> I will listen to what  
the Lord God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

<sup>9</sup> Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

<sup>10</sup> Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup> Truth shall spring up from the Earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

<sup>12</sup> The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup> Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

## **86 *Inclina, Domine*** **or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me, \*  
for I am poor and in misery.

<sup>2</sup> Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; \*  
save your servant who puts his trust in you.

<sup>3</sup> Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; \*  
I call upon you all the day long.

<sup>4</sup> Gladden the soul of your servant, \*  
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

<sup>5</sup> For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, \*  
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.

<sup>6</sup> Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, \*  
and attend to the voice of my supplications.

<sup>7</sup> In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, \*  
for you will answer me.

<sup>8</sup> Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, \*  
nor anything like your works.

<sup>9</sup> All nations you have made will come and

worship you, O Lord, \*  
and glorify your Name.

<sup>10</sup> For you are great;  
you do wondrous things; \*  
and you alone are God.

<sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O Lord,  
and I will walk in your truth; \*  
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.

<sup>12</sup> I will thank you, O Lord my God,  
with all my heart, \*  
and glorify your Name for evermore.

<sup>13</sup> For great is your love toward me; \*  
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

<sup>14</sup> The arrogant rise up against me, O God,  
and a band of violent men seeks my life; \*  
they have not set you before their eyes.

<sup>15</sup> But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

<sup>16</sup> Turn to me and have mercy upon me; \*  
give your strength to your servant;  
and save the child of your handmaid.

<sup>17</sup> Show me a sign of your favor,  
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; \*  
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

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

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to John 1:43-51

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see

heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

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

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

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

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

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

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

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

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

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

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your saints, entrusting one another and all

our life to Christ,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 13**

*Leader*

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

## **For Mission**

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

## **World Cycle of Prayer**

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

## **Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [Panacea Trust](#).

## **A Collect for Protection**

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

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

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

*Everyone sings or says*

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

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none

Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

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

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

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

## **For the Absent**

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

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

I love thy kingdom, Lord,  
the house of thine abode,  
the Church our blest Redeemer  
saved with his own precious blood.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

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

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

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

### **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

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.

Friday  
Evening Prayer  
Proper 13

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

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

## Hymn: Now the day is over

Now the day is over,  
Night is drawing nigh,  
Shadows of the evening  
Steal across the sky.

Jesus, give the weary  
Calm and sweet repose;  
With Thy tenderest blessing  
May our eyelids close.

Comfort every sufferer  
Watching late in pain;  
Those who plan some evil  
From their sins restrain.

When the morning wakens,  
Then may I arise  
Pure, and fresh, and sinless  
In Your holy eyes.

Words: Sabine Baring-Gould  
Music: Joseph Barnby

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you

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

*Leader*

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

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

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

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

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

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

## **The Psalter**

### **91 *Qui habitat***

## or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, \*  
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

<sup>2</sup> He shall say to the Lord,  
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, \*  
my God in whom I put my trust."

<sup>3</sup> He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter \*  
and from the deadly pestilence.

<sup>4</sup> He shall cover you with his pinions,  
and you shall find refuge under his wings; \*  
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

<sup>5</sup> You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, \*  
nor of the arrow that flies by day;

<sup>6</sup> Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, \*  
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.

<sup>7</sup> A thousand shall fall at your side  
and ten thousand at your right hand, \*  
but it shall not come near you.

<sup>8</sup> Your eyes have only to behold \*  
to see the reward of the wicked.

<sup>9</sup> Because you have made the Lord your refuge, \*  
and the Most High your habitation,

<sup>10</sup> There shall no evil happen to you, \*  
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

<sup>11</sup> For he shall give his angels charge over you, \*  
to keep you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup> They shall bear you in their hands, \*  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

<sup>13</sup> You shall tread upon the lion and the adder; \*  
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent  
under your feet.

<sup>14</sup> Because he is bound to me in love,  
therefore will I deliver him; \*  
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

<sup>15</sup> He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; \*  
I am with him in trouble;  
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

<sup>16</sup> With long life will I satisfy him, \*  
and show him my salvation.

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### or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, \*  
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;

<sup>2</sup> To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning \*  
and of your faithfulness in the night season;

<sup>3</sup> On the psaltery, and on the lyre, \*  
and to the melody of the harp.

<sup>4</sup> For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; \*  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

<sup>5</sup> Lord, how great are your works! \*  
your thoughts are very deep.

<sup>6</sup> The dullard does not know,  
nor does the fool understand, \*  
that though the wicked grow like weeds,  
and all the workers of iniquity flourish,

<sup>7</sup> They flourish only to be destroyed for ever; \*  
but you, O Lord, are exalted for evermore.

<sup>8</sup> For lo, your enemies, O Lord,  
lo, your enemies shall perish, \*  
and all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

<sup>9</sup> But my horn you have exalted like the horns of wild bulls; \*  
I am anointed with fresh oil.

<sup>10</sup> My eyes also gloat over my enemies, \*  
and my ears rejoice to hear the doom of the wicked who  
rise up against me.

<sup>11</sup> The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, \*  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

<sup>12</sup> Those who are planted in the house of the Lord \*  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;

<sup>13</sup> They shall still bear fruit in old age; \*  
they shall be green and succulent;

<sup>14</sup> That they may show how upright the Lord is, \*  
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

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

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to John 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup>Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of

purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

<sup>12</sup>After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples; and they remained there a few days.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

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

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

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

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

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

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

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

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those

who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*Response*

And grant us your salvation.

*Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

*Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

*Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 13**

*Leader*

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

## **For Mission**

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

## **World Cycle of Prayer**

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

## **Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

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

## **A Collect for Fridays**

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

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

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

*Everyone sings or says*

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

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

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

## **For Clergy and People**

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

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

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

## **For Monastic Orders and Vocations**

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

## **Hymn: I love to steal awhile away**

I love to steal awhile away  
From ev'ry cumb'ring care,  
And spend the hours of setting day  
In humble, grateful prayer.

I love to think on mercies past,  
And future good implore,  
And all my cares and sorrows cast  
On Him whom I adore.

I love by faith to take a view  
Of brighter scenes in heav'n;  
The prospect doth my strength renew,  
While here by tempests driv'n.

Thus, when life's toilsome day is o'er,  
May its departing ray  
Be calm as this impressive hour,  
And lead to endless day.

Singers: Mennonite Hour Singers

Words: Phoebe H. Brown

Tune: *Naomi*

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

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks

for all your goodness and loving-kindness

to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,

and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love

in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;

for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,

that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,

not only with our lips, but in our lives,

by giving up our selves to your service,

and by walking before you

in holiness and righteousness all our days;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

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

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

# **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.  
Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

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

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

Saturday  
Evening Prayer  
Proper 13

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

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

## Hymn: Now the light has gone away

Now the light has gone away;  
Father, listen while I pray,  
Asking you to watch and keep  
And to send me quiet sleep.

Jesus, Savior, wash away  
All that I've done wrong today.  
Make me ever more like you,  
Good and gentle, kind and true.

Let my near and dear ones be  
Safe with you eternally.  
Oh, bring me and all I love  
To your happy home above.

Now my evening praise I give;  
You once died that I might live.  
All your precious gifts are free.  
Oh, how good you are to me!

Ah, my best and kindest Friend,  
You will love me to the end.  
Let me love you more and more,  
Always better than before.

Singer: Koiné  
Words: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1869  
Tune: *Muede bin ich*

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

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

*Leader*

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

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

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

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

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

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

# The Psalter

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

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

<sup>2</sup>Give thanks to the God of gods, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.

<sup>3</sup>Give thanks to the Lord of lords, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.

<sup>4</sup>Who only does great wonders, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

<sup>5</sup>Who by wisdom made the heavens, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

<sup>6</sup>Who spread out the earth upon the waters, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

<sup>7</sup>Who created great lights, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

<sup>8</sup>The sun to rule the day, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

<sup>9</sup>The moon and the stars to govern the night, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.

<sup>10</sup>Who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

<sup>11</sup>And brought out Israel from among them, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

<sup>12</sup>With a mighty hand and a stretched-out arm, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

<sup>13</sup>Who divided the Red Sea in two, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

<sup>14</sup>And made Israel to pass through the midst of it, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

<sup>15</sup>But swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

<sup>16</sup>Who led his people through the wilderness, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.

<sup>17</sup>Who struck down great kings, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

<sup>18</sup>And slew mighty kings, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

<sup>19</sup>Sihon, king of the Amorites, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

<sup>20</sup>And Og, the king of Bashan, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

<sup>21</sup>And gave away their lands for an inheritance, \*

for his mercy endures for ever;

<sup>22</sup>An inheritance for Israel his servant, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.

<sup>23</sup>Who remembered us in our low estate, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

<sup>24</sup>And delivered us from our enemies, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

<sup>25</sup>Who gives food to all creatures, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.

<sup>26</sup>Give thanks to the God of heaven, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.

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

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to John 2:13-25

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

<sup>23</sup>When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. <sup>24</sup>But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people <sup>25</sup>and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

# The Canticle

*Everyone*

## The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

### Luke 1:46-55

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

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Apostles' Creed

*All stand*

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

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

# The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

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

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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

# **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 13**

*Leader*

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

## **For Mission**

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

## **A Collect for Saturdays**

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

## **World Cycle of Prayer**

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

## **Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [African Methodist Episcopal 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 Sound Government**

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

Lord, keep this nation under your care.

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

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

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

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

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

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

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

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

## **For Schools and Colleges**

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

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

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

## **Hymn: I sing the mighty power of God**

I sing the mighty power of God,  
That made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad,  
And built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained  
The sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at His command,  
And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord,  
Who filled the Earth with food,  
He formed the creatures with His Word,  
And then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,  
Where'er I turn my eye,  
If I survey the ground I tread,

Or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below,  
But makes Thy glories known,  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,  
By order from Thy throne;  
While all that borrows life from Thee  
Are ever in Thy care;  
And everywhere that we can be,  
Thou, God, are present there.

Words: Isaac Watts

Tune: *Forest Green*

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

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

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

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

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

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

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.  
Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

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

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

Sunday  
Evening Prayer  
Proper 14

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

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

## Hymn: Now it is evening; time to cease from labour

Now it is evening; time to cease from labour,  
Father, according to thy will and pleasure,  
Through the night-season, have thy faithful people  
Safe in thy keeping.

Far from our dwellings drive the evil spirits;  
Under the shadow of thy wings protect us;  
Be thou our guardian through the hours of darkness,  
Strong to defend us.

Call we, ere sleeping, on the name of Jesus;  
Rise we at day-break, strong to serve thee better;  
Order our goings, well begun and ended,  
All to thy glory.

Fountain of goodness, bless the sick and needy;  
Visit the captive, solace the afflicted;  
Shelter the stranger, feed your starving children;  
Strengthen the dying.

Father, who neither slumberest nor sleepest,  
Thou, to whom darkness is as clear as noonday,  
Have us this night-time, for the sake of Jesus,  
Safe in thy keeping.

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,

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

*Leader*

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

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

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

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

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

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

## **The Psalter**

19 *Cæli enarrant* or  
[Coverdale](#)

- <sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- <sup>2</sup> One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- <sup>3</sup> Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,
- <sup>4</sup> Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.
- <sup>5</sup> In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- <sup>6</sup> It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- <sup>7</sup> The law of the Lord is perfect  
and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- <sup>8</sup> The statutes of the Lord are just  
and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the Lord is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.
- <sup>9</sup> The fear of the Lord is clean  
and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.
- <sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.
- <sup>11</sup> By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- <sup>12</sup> Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- <sup>13</sup> Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.
- <sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

46 *Deus noster refugium*  
or [Coverdale](#)

- <sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength, \*  
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, \*  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

<sup>3</sup> Though its waters rage and foam, \*  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

<sup>4</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>5</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, \*  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

<sup>6</sup> God is in the midst of her;  
she shall not be overthrown; \*  
God shall help her at the break of day.

<sup>7</sup> The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; \*  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>9</sup> Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, \*  
what awesome things he has done on earth.

<sup>10</sup> It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; \*  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,  
and burns the shields with fire.

<sup>11</sup> "Be still, then, and know that I am God; \*  
I will be exalted among the nations;  
I will be exalted in the earth."

<sup>12</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

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

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **The Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark 4:35-41

<sup>35</sup>On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

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

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

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

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

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

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

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

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 14**

*Leader*

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

### **For Mission**

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

### **A Collect for Sundays**

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

### **World Cycle of Prayer**

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

### **Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [United House of Prayer for All People](#).

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

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

*Everyone sings or says*

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

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

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

## **For Courts of Justice**

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

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

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

## **For Towns and Rural Areas**

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

## **Hymn: I, the Lord of sea and sky**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin,  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them,  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide,  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them,  
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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**

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# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

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

## Hymn: O joyous light

O joyous Light, O Jesus Christ  
Holy glory of the immortal Father  
The heavenly, the holy, the most blessed one.  
Alleluia, alleluia

Sunset announces the close of day.  
Eventide lights flaming forth with your praises:  
Father, Son, the Spirit, all One.  
Alleluia, alleluia

O Son of God, giver of life,  
Worthy of praise, pure voices we raise.  
The cosmos on high eternally cries  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Words: Traditional  
Music: Iago Cabral

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

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## **The Psalter**

### **89 Part II *Tunc locutus es* or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>19</sup> You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: \*  
"I have set the crown upon a warrior

and have exalted one chosen out of the people.

<sup>20</sup> I have found David my servant; \*  
with my holy oil have I anointed him.

<sup>21</sup> My hand will hold him fast \*  
and my arm will make him strong.

<sup>22</sup> No enemy shall deceive him, \*  
nor any wicked man bring him down.

<sup>23</sup> I will crush his foes before him \*  
and strike down those who hate him.

<sup>24</sup> My faithfulness and love shall be with him, \*  
and he shall be victorious through my Name.

<sup>25</sup> I shall make his dominion extend \*  
from the Great Sea to the River.

<sup>26</sup> He will say to me, 'You are my Father, \*  
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'

<sup>27</sup> I will make him my firstborn \*  
and higher than the kings of the earth.

<sup>28</sup> I will keep my love for him for ever, \*  
and my covenant will stand firm for him.

<sup>29</sup> I will establish his line for ever \*  
and his throne as the days of heaven."

<sup>30</sup> "If his children forsake my law \*  
and do not walk according to my judgments;

<sup>31</sup> If they break my statutes \*  
and do not keep my commandments;

<sup>32</sup> I will punish their transgressions with a rod \*  
and their iniquities with the lash;

<sup>33</sup> But I will not take my love from him, \*  
nor let my faithfulness prove false.

<sup>34</sup> I will not break my covenant, \*  
nor change what has gone out of my lips.

<sup>35</sup> Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: \*  
'I will not lie to David.

<sup>36</sup> His line shall endure for ever \*  
and his throne as the sun before me;

<sup>37</sup> It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, \*  
the abiding witness in the sky.'"

<sup>38</sup> But you have cast off and rejected your anointed; \*  
you have become enraged at him.

<sup>39</sup> You have broken your covenant with your servant, \*  
defiled his crown, and hurled it to the ground.

<sup>40</sup> You have breached all his walls \*  
and laid his strongholds in ruins.

<sup>41</sup> All who pass by despoil him; \*  
he has become the scorn of his neighbors.

<sup>42</sup> You have exalted the right hand of his foes \*  
and made all his enemies rejoice.

<sup>43</sup> You have turned back the edge of his sword \*

and have not sustained him in battle.

<sup>44</sup> You have put an end to his splendor \*  
and cast his throne to the ground.

<sup>45</sup> You have cut short the days of his youth \*  
and have covered him with shame.

<sup>46</sup> How long will you hide yourself, O Lord?  
will you hide yourself for ever? \*  
how long will your anger burn like fire?

<sup>47</sup> Remember, Lord, how short life is, \*  
how frail you have made all flesh.

<sup>48</sup> Who can live and not see death? \*  
who can save himself from the power of the grave?

<sup>49</sup> Where, Lord, are your loving-kindnesses of old, \*  
which you promised David in your faithfulness?

<sup>50</sup> Remember, Lord, how your servant is mocked, \*  
how I carry in my bosom the taunts of many peoples,

<sup>51</sup> The taunts your enemies have hurled, O Lord, \*  
which they hurled at the heels of your anointed.

<sup>52</sup> Blessed be the Lord for evermore! \*  
Amen, I say, Amen.

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

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **The Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to John 3:1-21

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe

if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

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

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

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

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

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

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

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

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*Response*

And grant us your salvation.

*Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

*Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

*Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 14**

*Leader*

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

## **For Mission**

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

## **World Cycle of Prayer**

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

## **Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

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

## **A Collect for Peace**

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

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

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

*Everyone sings or says*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **For the Care of Children**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;

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

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

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

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

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

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.  
Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

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

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

Tuesday  
Evening Prayer  
Proper 14

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

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

## Hymn: O splendor of God's glory bright

O splendor of God's glory bright,  
O Living Spring of light from light,  
Come, very Sun of truth and love,  
Come with your radiance from above.

Teach us to love with all our might  
Drive envy out, remove all spite,  
Turn to the good each troubled care,  
And give us grace your name to bear.

As dawn speeds on across the sky  
True Dawn, with haste, come from on high  
O Word, through whom light came to be,  
Come in your pow'r and set us free. Amen.

Singers: Laurel Helgren, Bob Mangels  
Drum: Bob Mangels  
Words: Ambrose of Milan

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

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

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

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

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

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

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

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

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

## **The Psalter**

**94 *Deus ultionum***

**or [Coverdale](#)**

<sup>1</sup> O Lord God of vengeance, \*  
O God of vengeance, show yourself.

<sup>2</sup> Rise up, O Judge of the world; \*  
give the arrogant their just deserts.

<sup>3</sup> How long shall the wicked, O Lord, \*  
how long shall the wicked triumph?

<sup>4</sup> They bluster in their insolence; \*  
all evildoers are full of boasting.

<sup>5</sup> They crush your people, O Lord, \*  
and afflict your chosen nation.

<sup>6</sup> They murder the widow and the stranger \*  
and put the orphans to death.

<sup>7</sup> Yet they say, "The Lord does not see, \*  
the God of Jacob takes no notice."

<sup>8</sup> Consider well, you dullards among the people; \*  
when will you fools understand?

<sup>9</sup> He that planted the ear, does he not hear? \*  
he that formed the eye, does he not see?

<sup>10</sup> He who admonishes the nations, will he not punish? \*  
he who teaches all the world, has he no knowledge?

<sup>11</sup> The Lord knows our human thoughts; \*  
how like a puff of wind they are.

<sup>12</sup> Happy are they whom you instruct, O Lord! \*  
whom you teach out of your law;

<sup>13</sup> To give them rest in evil days, \*  
until a pit is dug for the wicked.

<sup>14</sup> For the Lord will not abandon his people, \*  
nor will he forsake his own.

<sup>15</sup> For judgment will again be just, \*  
and all the true of heart will follow it.

<sup>16</sup> Who rose up for me against the wicked? \*  
who took my part against the evildoers?

<sup>17</sup> If the Lord had not come to my help, \*  
I should soon have dwelt in the land of silence.

<sup>18</sup> As often as I said, "My foot has slipped," \*  
your love, O Lord, upheld me.

<sup>19</sup> When many cares fill my mind, \*  
your consolations cheer my soul.

<sup>20</sup> Can a corrupt tribunal have any part with you, \*  
one which frames evil into law?

<sup>21</sup> They conspire against the life of the just \*  
and condemn the innocent to death.

<sup>22</sup> But the Lord has become my stronghold, \*  
and my God the rock of my trust.

<sup>23</sup> He will turn their wickedness back upon them  
and destroy them in their own malice; \*  
the Lord our God will destroy them.

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

# Gloria Patri

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

# Gospel

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to John 3:22-36

<sup>22</sup>After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he spent some time there with them and baptized. <sup>23</sup>John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim because water was abundant there; and people kept coming and were being baptized <sup>24</sup>John, of course, had not yet been thrown into prison. <sup>25</sup>Now a discussion about purification arose between John's disciples and a Jew. <sup>26</sup>They came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, the one who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you testified, here he is baptizing, and all are going to him." <sup>27</sup>John answered, "No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven. <sup>28</sup>You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, 'I am not the Messiah, but I have been sent ahead of him.' <sup>29</sup>He who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. For this reason my joy has been fulfilled. <sup>30</sup>He must increase, but I must decrease." <sup>31</sup>The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks about earthly things. The one who comes from heaven is above all. <sup>32</sup>He testifies to what he has seen and heard, yet no one accepts his testimony. <sup>33</sup>Whoever has accepted his testimony has certified this, that God is true. <sup>34</sup>He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. <sup>35</sup>The Father loves the Son and has placed all things in his hands. <sup>36</sup>Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever disobeys the Son will not see life, but must endure God's wrath.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

# The Canticle

*Everyone*

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

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant

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

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Apostles' Creed

*All stand*

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

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

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

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

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

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

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 14**

*Leader*

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

## **For Mission**

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

## **World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [the Democratic Republic of the Congo](#).

## **Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers, members of the [Twelve Tribes communities](#).

## **A Collect for Guidance**

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

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

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

*Everyone sings or says*

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

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

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

## **For Agriculture**

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

## **For Those We Love**

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

## **For Quiet Confidence**

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

## **Hymn: I will bow and be simple**

I will bow and be simple,  
I will bow and be free,  
I will bow and be humble,  
Yea, bow like the willow tree.

I will bow and be simple,  
I will bow and be free,  
I will bow and be humble,  
Yea, bow like the willow tree.

I will bow, this is the token,  
I will wear the easy yoke,  
I will bow and will be broken,  
Yea, I'll fall upon the rock.

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I will wear the easy yoke,  
I will bow and will be broken,  
Yea, I'll fall upon the rock.

Music: Shaker hymn

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

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

## **The Ending**

## **The General Thanksgiving**

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

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

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

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.  
Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

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

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

Wednesday  
Evening Prayer  
Proper 14

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

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

## Hymn: The shadows of the evening hours

The shadows of the evening hours fall from the darkening sky;  
Upon the fragrance of the flowers the dews of evening lie;  
Before Thy throne, O Lord of Heav'n, we kneel at close of day;  
Look on Thy children from on high, and hear us while we pray.

Let peace, O Lord, Thy peace, O God, upon our souls descend;  
From midnight fears and perils, now our trembling hearts defend.  
Give us a respite from our toil; calm and subdue our woes.  
Through the long day we labor, Lord, O give us now repose. Amen.

Singers: The Altar of Praise Chorale  
Words: Adelaid A. Procter  
Music: Henry Hiles  
Tune: *St. Leonard (Hiles)*

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

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

that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

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

## The Invitatory

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

## O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*

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

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

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

## The Psalter

**119:121-144**  
or [Coverdale](#)

*Ayin Feci iudicium*

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

Be surety for your servant's good; \*  
let not the proud oppress me.  
123 My eyes have failed from watching for your salvation \*  
and for your righteous promise.  
124 Deal with your servant according to your loving-kindness \*  
and teach me your statutes.  
125 I am your servant; grant me understanding, \*  
that I may know your decrees.  
126 It is time for you to act, O Lord, \*  
for they have broken your law.  
127 Truly, I love your commandments \*  
more than gold and precious stones.  
128 I hold all your commandments to be right for me; \*  
all paths of falsehood I abhor.

### ***Pe Mirabilia***

129 Your decrees are wonderful; \*  
therefore I obey them with all my heart.  
130 When your word goes forth it gives light; \*  
it gives understanding to the simple.  
131 I open my mouth and pant; \*  
I long for your commandments.  
132 Turn to me in mercy, \*  
as you always do to those who love your Name.  
133 Steady my footsteps in your word; \*  
let no iniquity have dominion over me.  
134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, \*  
and I will keep your commandments.  
135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant \*  
and teach me your statutes.  
136 My eyes shed streams of tears, \*  
because people do not keep your law.

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

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

Trouble and distress have come upon me, \*  
yet your commandments are my delight.  
<sup>144</sup> The righteousness of your decrees is everlasting; \*  
grant me understanding, that I may live.

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

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to John 4:1-26

<sup>1</sup>Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, "Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John"  
<sup>2</sup>although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized <sup>3</sup>he left Judea and started back to Galilee.

<sup>4</sup>But he had to go through Samaria. <sup>5</sup>So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

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

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

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

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

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

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

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

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

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

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

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*Response*

And grant us your salvation.

*Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

*Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

*Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 14**

*Leader*

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

## **For Mission**

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

## **World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [The Republic of the Congo](#).

## **Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers, members of the [Apostolic Assemblies of Christ](#).

## **A Collect for Protection**

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

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

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

*Everyone sings or says*

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

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

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

## **For Cities**

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

find with one another the fulfillment of their humanity.

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

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

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

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

## **Hymn: I will sing the wondrous story**

I will sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me,  
How he left the realms of glory  
For the cross on Calvary.

Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me,  
Sing it with the saints in glory,  
Gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost: but Jesus found me,  
Found the sheep that went astray,  
Raised me up and gently led me  
Back into the narrow way.

Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me,  
Sing it with the saints in glory,  
Gathered by the crystal sea.

He will keep me till the river  
Rolls its waters at my feet:  
Then He'll bear me safely over,  
Where the loved ones I shall meet.

Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me,  
Sing it with the saints in glory,  
Gathered by the crystal sea.

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

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

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

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

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

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

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

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.  
Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

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Thursday

Evening Prayer

The Evening of the Commemoration of the Virgin Mary, Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

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

## Hymn: Shepherd me, O God

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life.

God is my shepherd, so nothing I shall want,  
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life.

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,  
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,  
my spirit shall sing the music of your Name.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life.

Though I should wander the valley of death,  
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,  
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life.

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,  
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life.

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;  
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life.

Words and Music: Marty Haugen

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

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*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
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and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
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We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
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## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

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*Everyone*

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we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## The Psalter

45

or [Coverdale](#)

*Eructavit cor meum*

<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 king's 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 father's 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."

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

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **The Lessons**

*Reader*

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah 31:1-14

<sup>1</sup>At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. <sup>2</sup>Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, <sup>3</sup>the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

<sup>4</sup>Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. <sup>5</sup>Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. <sup>6</sup>For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God." <sup>7</sup>For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." <sup>8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. <sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

<sup>10</sup>Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." <sup>11</sup>For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. <sup>12</sup>They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. <sup>13</sup>Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. <sup>14</sup>I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **The Cantic**

*Everyone*

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

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

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A Reading from the Gospel according to John 19:23-27

<sup>23</sup>When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. <sup>24</sup>So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." <sup>25</sup>And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Cantic**

*Everyone*

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

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

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

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

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

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

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

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

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

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

## **The Collect of the Day: Saint Mary the Virgin**

*Leader*

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; 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.

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

## **For Mission**

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

## World Cycle of Prayer

We pray for the people of [the Republic of Costa Rica](#).

## Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We pray for our sisters and brothers, members of the [Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus](#).

## A Collect for Protection

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

## Intercessions

*Leader*

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

*Everyone sings or says*

## Hymn: To my humble supplication

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

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

## For Those Who Need Continuing Care

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

## For the Absent

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

## **Hymn: Immortal, invisible**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Not wanting, not wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above,  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest—to both great and small;  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
Then wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee.

Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in Light.  
Thine angels adore Thee all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render: O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of Light hiddest Thee.

Words: W. Chalmers Smith

Music: Welsh Hymn

Tune: *St. Denio*

## **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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Evening Prayer  
Proper 14

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

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

## Hymn: Sleep my child and peace attend thee

Sleep my child and peace attend thee  
All through the night  
Guardian angels God will send thee  
All through the night  
Soft the drowsy hours are creeping  
Hill and dale in slumber sleeping  
I, my loving vigil keeping  
All through the night

While the moon her watch is keeping  
All through the night  
While the weary world is sleeping  
All through the night  
O'er thy spirit gently stealing  
Visions of delight revealing  
Breathes a pure and holy feeling  
All through the night

Singer: John Whitehead  
Tune: *Ar hyd y nos* (Welsh traditional)

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

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

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

*Leader*

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

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

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

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

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

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

## **The Psalter**

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Part I

or [Coverdale](#)

*Confitemini Domino*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>23</sup>Some went down to the sea in ships \*

and plied their trade in deep waters;

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

<sup>25</sup>Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, \*  
which tossed high the waves of the sea.

<sup>26</sup>They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; \*  
their hearts melted because of their peril.

<sup>27</sup>They reeled and staggered like drunkards \*  
and were at their wits end.

<sup>28</sup>Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.

<sup>29</sup>He stilled the storm to a whisper \*  
and quieted the waves of the sea.

<sup>30</sup>Then were they glad because of the calm, \*  
and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for.

<sup>31</sup>Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.

<sup>32</sup>Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people \*  
and praise him in the council of the elders.

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

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to John 4:43-54

<sup>43</sup>When the two days were over, he went from that place to Galilee <sup>44</sup>(for Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in the prophet's own country). <sup>45</sup>When he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, since they had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the festival; for they too had gone to the festival. <sup>46</sup>Then he came again to Cana in Galilee where he had changed the water into wine. Now there was a royal official whose son lay ill in Capernaum.

<sup>47</sup>When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. <sup>48</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe."

<sup>49</sup>The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my little boy dies." <sup>50</sup>Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started on his way. <sup>51</sup>As he was going down, his slaves met him and told him that his child was alive. <sup>52</sup>So he asked them the hour when he began to recover, and they said to him, "Yesterday at one in the afternoon the fever left him." <sup>53</sup>The father realized that this was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he himself believed, along with his whole household. <sup>54</sup>Now this was the second sign that Jesus did after coming from Judea to Galilee.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

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

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

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

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

# The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

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

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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

## The Suffrages

*Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*Response*

And grant us your salvation.

*Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

*Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

*Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

# The Collect of the Day: Proper 14

*Leader*

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

## For Mission

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

## World Cycle of Prayer

We pray for the people of [the Republic of Costa Rica](#).

## Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

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## A Collect for Fridays

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

## Intercessions

*Leader*

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

*Everyone sings or says*

## Hymn: To my humble supplication

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

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

## **For Clergy and People**

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

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

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

## **For Monastic Orders and Vocations**

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

## **Hymn: In Christ there is no east or west**

In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide Earth.

In him shall true hearts everywhere  
their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord  
close-binding humankind.

Join hands, then, people of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be.  
Who serves my Father as his child  
is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west;  
in him meet south and north.  
All Christly souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide Earth.

Words: John Oxham

## **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,  
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in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

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

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

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.  
Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

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

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

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# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

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

## Hymn: The spacious firmament on high

The spacious firmament on high,  
With all the blue ethereal sky,  
And spangled heavens, a shining frame  
Their great Original proclaim.  
Th'unwearied sun, from day to day,  
Does his Creator's powers display,  
And publishes to every land  
The work of an Almighty Hand.

Soon as the evening shades prevail  
The moon takes up the wondrous tale,  
And nightly to the listening Earth  
Repeats the story of her birth;  
While all the stars that round her burn  
And all the planets in their turn,  
Confirm the tidings as they roll,  
And spread the truth from pole to pole.

What though in solemn silence all  
Move round the dark terrestrial ball?  
What though no real voice nor sound  
Amid the radiant orbs be found?  
In reason's ear they all rejoice,  
And utter forth a glorious voice,  
Forever singing as they shine,  
"The hand that made us is divine."

Words: Joseph Addison  
Music: Haydn  
Tune: *Creation*

## 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*

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*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen. Alleluia.

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

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

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

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,

O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

# The Psalter

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or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup>Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; \*  
it is good for the just to sing praises.

<sup>2</sup>Praise the Lord with the harp; \*  
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.

<sup>3</sup>Sing for him a new song; \*  
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

<sup>4</sup>For the word of the Lord is right, \*  
and all his works are sure.

<sup>5</sup>He loves righteousness and justice; \*  
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.

<sup>6</sup>By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, \*  
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.

<sup>7</sup>He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin \*  
and stores up the depths of the sea.

<sup>8</sup>Let all the earth fear the Lord; \*  
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.

<sup>9</sup>For he spoke, and it came to pass; \*  
he commanded, and it stood fast.

<sup>10</sup>The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught; \*  
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.

<sup>11</sup>But the Lord's will stands fast for ever, \*  
and the designs of his heart from age to age.

<sup>12</sup>Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! \*  
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

<sup>13</sup>The Lord looks down from heaven, \*  
and beholds all the people in the world.

<sup>14</sup>From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze \*  
on all who dwell on the earth.

<sup>15</sup>He fashions all the hearts of them \*  
and understands all their works.

<sup>16</sup>There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; \*  
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

<sup>17</sup>The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; \*  
for all its strength it cannot save.

<sup>18</sup>Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, \*  
on those who wait upon his love,

<sup>19</sup>To pluck their lives from death, \*  
and to feed them in time of famine.

<sup>20</sup>Our soul waits for the Lord; \*  
he is our help and our shield.

<sup>21</sup>Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, \*  
for in his holy Name we put our trust.

<sup>22</sup>Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, \*  
as we have put our trust in you.

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

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to John 5:1-18

<sup>1</sup>After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. <sup>3</sup>In these lay many invalids - blind, lame, and paralyzed. <sup>5</sup>One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" <sup>7</sup>The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." <sup>8</sup>Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." <sup>9</sup>At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath. <sup>10</sup>So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, "It is the sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat." <sup>11</sup>But he answered them, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Take up your mat and walk.'" <sup>12</sup>They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take it up and walk'?" <sup>13</sup>Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was there. <sup>14</sup>Later Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you." <sup>15</sup>The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. <sup>16</sup>Therefore the Jews started persecuting Jesus, because he was doing such things on the sabbath.

<sup>17</sup>But Jesus answered them, "My Father is still working, and I also am working." <sup>18</sup>For this reason the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because he was not only breaking the sabbath, but was also calling God his own Father, thereby making himself equal to God.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

# **The Song of Mary *Magnificat***

## **Luke 1:46-55**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

# **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

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

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

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

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

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

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

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

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

# The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

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

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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

## The Suffrages

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 14**

*Leader*

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns

with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

## **For Mission**

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

## **A Collect for Saturdays**

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

## **World Cycle of Prayer**

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

## **Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers, members of the [Apostolic Gospel Church of Jesus Christ](#).

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

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

*Everyone sings or says*

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

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

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

## **For Sound Government**

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

Lord, keep this nation under your care.

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

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

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

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

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

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

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

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

## **For Schools and Colleges**

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

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

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

## **Hymn: Joyful, joyful**

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,  
Opening to the Sun above,  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around Thee,  
center of unbroken praise:  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
singing bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,

ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,  
all who live in love are Thine:  
Teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the Joy Divine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke

Music: Beethoven

Tune: *Ode to Joy*

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

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

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

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

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

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

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.  
Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

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

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

Sunday  
Evening Prayer  
Proper 15

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

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

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Opening to the Sun above,  
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drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
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singing bird and flowing fountain,  
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ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,  
all who live in love are Thine:  
Teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the Joy Divine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke  
Music: Beethoven  
Tune: *Ode to Joy*

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

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

*Leader*

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

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

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

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and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,

and to be glorified through all the worlds.

# The Psalter

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

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O God my King, \*  
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

<sup>2</sup>Every day will I bless you \*  
and praise your Name for ever and ever.

<sup>3</sup>Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \*  
there is no end to his greatness.

<sup>4</sup>One generation shall praise your works to another \*  
and shall declare your power.

<sup>5</sup>I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \*  
and all your marvelous works.

<sup>6</sup>They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \*  
and I will tell of your greatness.

<sup>7</sup>They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; \*  
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

<sup>8</sup>The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

<sup>9</sup>The Lord is loving to everyone \*  
and his compassion is over all his works.

<sup>10</sup>All your works praise you, O Lord, \*  
and your faithful servants bless you.

<sup>11</sup>They make known the glory of your kingdom \*  
and speak of your power;

<sup>12</sup>That the peoples may know of your power \*  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup>Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; \*  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

<sup>14</sup>The Lord is faithful in all his words \*  
and merciful in all his deeds.

<sup>15</sup>The Lord upholds all those who fall; \*  
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

<sup>16</sup>The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, \*  
and you give them their food in due season.

<sup>17</sup>You open wide your hand \*  
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

<sup>18</sup>The Lord is righteous in all his ways \*  
and loving in all his works.

<sup>19</sup>The Lord is near to those who call upon him, \*  
to all who call upon him faithfully.

<sup>20</sup>He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; \*  
he hears their cry and helps them.

<sup>21</sup>The Lord preserves all those who love him, \*

but he destroys all the wicked.

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

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

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **The Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark 5:25-34

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup>for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." <sup>29</sup>Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup>Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" <sup>31</sup>And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" <sup>32</sup>He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup>But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup>He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

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

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant

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

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Apostles' Creed

*All stand*

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

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

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

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

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

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

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

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*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 15**

*Leader*

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

## **For Mission**

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

## **A Collect for Sundays**

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

## **World Cycle of Prayer**

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

## **Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers, members of the [Apostolic Overcoming Holy Church of God](#).

## **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.

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## **For Courts of Justice**

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

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

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

## **For Towns and Rural Areas**

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

### **Hymn: Lead me, Lord**

Lead me, Lord,  
lead me in Thy righteousness,  
make Thy way plain before my face.

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make Thy way plain before my face.

For it is Thou, Lord,  
Thou, Lord, only,  
that makest me dwell in safety.

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that makest me dwell in safety.

Words and music: Michael Joncas

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

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

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

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

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

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

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.  
Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

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

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

Monday  
Evening Prayer  
Proper 15

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

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

## Hymn: Creator of the stars of night

*Conditor alme siderum*  
Creator of the stars of night,  
*aeterna lux credentium*  
Thy people's everlasting light,  
*Christe redemptor omnium*  
Jesu, Redeemer, save us all,  
*exaudi preces supplicum*  
and hear Thy servants when they call.

*Qui condolens interitu*  
Thou, grieving that the ancient curse  
*mortis perire saeculum*  
should doom to death a universe,  
*salvasti mundum languidum*  
hast found the medicine, full of grace,  
*donna reis remedium.*  
to save and heal a ruined race.

*Vergente mundi vespere*  
Thou camest, the Bridegroom of the Bride,  
*uti sponsus de thalamo*  
as drew the world to evening tide,  
*egréssus honestissima*  
proceeding from a virgin shrine,  
*Virginis matris clausula.*  
the spotless Victim all divine.

*Cuius forti pontentiae*  
At whose dread Name, majestic now,  
*genu curvantur omnia*  
all knees must bend, all hearts must bow;  
*caelestia, terrestia*  
and things celestial Thee shall own,  
*nutu fatentur subdita.*  
and things terrestrial Lord alone.

*Te, Sancte fide quæsumus,*  
O Thou whose coming is with dread,  
*venture iudex sæculi,*  
to judge and doom the quick and dead,  
*conserva nos in tempore*  
preserve us, while we dwell below,  
*hostis a telo perfidi.*  
from every insult of the foe.

*Sit, Christe rex piissime*  
To God the Father, God the Son,  
*tibi Patrique gloria*  
and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
*cum Spiritu Paráclito*  
laud, honor, might, and glory be  
*in sempiterna sæcula.*  
from age to age eternally.  
Amen.

Text: Latin, translator: John Mason Neale

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

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

*Leader*

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

## The Invitatory

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen. Alleluia.

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

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

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

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

## **The Psalter**

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

<sup>19</sup>Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb \*  
and worshiped a molten image;

<sup>20</sup>And so they exchanged their Glory \*  
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

<sup>21</sup>They forgot God their Savior, \*  
who had done great things in Egypt,

<sup>22</sup>Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, \*  
and fearful things at the Red Sea.

<sup>23</sup>So he would have destroyed them,  
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, \*  
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

<sup>24</sup>They refused the pleasant land \*  
and would not believe his promise.

<sup>25</sup>They grumbled in their tents \*  
and would not listen to the voice of the Lord.

<sup>26</sup>So he lifted his hand against them, \*  
to overthrow them in the wilderness,

<sup>27</sup>To cast out their seed among the nations, \*  
and to scatter them throughout the lands.

<sup>28</sup>They joined themselves to Baal-Peor \*  
and ate sacrifices offered to the dead.

<sup>29</sup>They provoked him to anger with their actions, \*  
and a plague broke out among them.

<sup>30</sup>Then Phinehas stood up and interceded, \*  
and the plague came to an end.

<sup>31</sup>This was reckoned to him as righteousness \*  
throughout all generations for ever.

<sup>32</sup>Again they provoked his anger at the waters of Meribah, \*  
so that he punished Moses because of them;

<sup>33</sup>For they so embittered his spirit \*  
that he spoke rash words with his lips.

<sup>34</sup>They did not destroy the peoples \*  
as the Lord had commanded them.

<sup>35</sup>They intermingled with the heathen \*  
and learned their pagan ways,

<sup>36</sup>So that they worshiped their idols, \*  
which became a snare to them.

<sup>37</sup>They sacrificed their sons \*  
and their daughters to evil spirits.

<sup>38</sup>They shed innocent blood,  
the blood of their sons and daughters, \*  
which they offered to the idols of Canaan,  
and the land was defiled with blood.

<sup>39</sup>Thus they were polluted by their actions \*  
and went whoring in their evil deeds.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>48</sup>Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,

from everlasting to everlasting; \*  
and let all the people say, "Amen!"  
Hallelujah!

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

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **The Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to John 5:19-29

<sup>19</sup>Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. <sup>20</sup>The Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing; and he will show him greater works than these, so that you will be astonished. <sup>21</sup>Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomever he wishes. <sup>22</sup>The Father judges no one but has given all judgment to the Son, <sup>23</sup>so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Anyone who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life. <sup>25</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. <sup>26</sup>For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; <sup>27</sup>and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. <sup>28</sup>Do not be astonished at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice <sup>29</sup>and will come out those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

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

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

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Apostles' Creed

*All stand*

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

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

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

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

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

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

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*Response*

And grant us your salvation.

*Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

*Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

*Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 15**

*Leader*

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

## **For Mission**

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

## **World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [The Czech Republic](#).

## **Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers, members of the [Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ](#).

## **A Collect for Peace**

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

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

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

*Everyone sings or says*

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **For the Care of Children**

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

## **Hymn: Let All Things Now Living**

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God the creator triumphantly raise.  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.

His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.  
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished  
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces, the stars in their courses  
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.

We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
With glad adoration a song let us raise  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!" Amen.

Singers: Lebanon County Youth Chorus  
Words: Katherine K. Davis  
Tune: *Ash Grove*

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Tuesday  
Evening Prayer  
Proper 15

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

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

## Hymn: The day thou gavest

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,  
the darkness falls at thy behest;  
to thee our morning hymns ascended,  
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank thee that thy Church, unsleeping  
while Earth rolls onward into light,  
through all the world her watch is keeping  
and rests not now by day nor night.

As o'er each continent and island  
the dawn leads on another day,  
the voice of prayer is never silent,  
nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking  
our brethren 'neath the western sky,  
and hour by hour fresh lips are making  
thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,  
like Earth's proud empires, pass away;  
thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,  
till all thy creatures own thy sway.

Words: John Ellerton  
Music: Clement E. Scholefield  
Tune: *St. Clement*

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

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*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

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and to be glorified through all the worlds.

# The Psalter

## 124 *Nisi quia Dominus*

### or [Coverdale](#)

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

## 125 *Qui confidunt*

### or [Coverdale](#)

- <sup>1</sup> Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, \*  
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.
- <sup>2</sup> The hills stand about Jerusalem; \*  
so does the Lord stand round about his people,  
from this time forth for evermore.
- <sup>3</sup> The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the  
land allotted to the just, \*  
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.
- <sup>4</sup> Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good \*  
and to those who are true of heart.
- <sup>5</sup> As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,  
the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; \*  
but peace be upon Israel.

## 126 *In convertendo*

### or [Coverdale](#)

- <sup>1</sup> When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.
- <sup>2</sup> Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*

and our tongue with shouts of joy.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to John 5:30-47

<sup>30</sup>"I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge; and my judgment is just, because I seek to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

<sup>31</sup>"If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. <sup>32</sup>There is another who testifies on my behalf, and I know that his testimony to me is true. <sup>33</sup>You sent messengers to John, and he testified to the truth. <sup>34</sup>Not that I accept such human testimony, but I say these things so that you may be saved. <sup>35</sup>He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. <sup>36</sup>But I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. <sup>37</sup>And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, <sup>38</sup>and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent. <sup>39</sup>"You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. <sup>40</sup>Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. <sup>41</sup>I do not accept glory from human beings. <sup>42</sup>But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. <sup>43</sup>I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. <sup>44</sup>How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? <sup>45</sup>Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. <sup>46</sup>If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. <sup>47</sup>But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?"

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

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

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

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

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

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

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

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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

but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

# The Collect of the Day: Proper 15

*Leader*

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

## For Mission

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

## World Cycle of Prayer

We pray for the people of [The Czech Republic](#).

## Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We pray for our sisters and brothers, members of the [Assemblies of the Lord Jesus Christ](#).

## A Collect for Guidance

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

## Intercessions

*Leader*

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

*Everyone sings or says*

## Hymn: To my humble supplication

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

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

## **For Agriculture**

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

## **For Those We Love**

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

## **For Quiet Confidence**

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

## **Hymn: Lord, I lift Your name on high**

Lord, I lift Your name on high  
Lord, I lift Your name on high  
Lord, I love to sing Your praises  
Lord, I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to Earth  
To show the way  
From the Earth to the cross  
My debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave  
From the grave to the sky  
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Singers: The Acappella Company

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

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

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

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

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

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you

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

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.  
Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

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

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

Wednesday  
Evening Prayer  
Proper 15

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

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

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

Glory to thee, my God, this night,  
for all the blessings of the light:  
keep me, O keep me, King of kings,  
beneath thine own almighty wings.

Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,  
the ill that I this day have done;  
that with the world, myself, and thee,  
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

Teach me to live, that I may dread  
the grave as little as my bed;  
teach me to die, that so I may  
rise glorious at the awful day.

O may my soul on thee repose,  
and with sweet sleep mine eyelids close;  
sleep that may me more vigorous make  
to serve my God when I awake.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1692  
Tune: *Tallis' Canon*

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen. Alleluia.

## **O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron***

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

# The Psalter

## 128 *Beati omnes*

### or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they all who fear the Lord, \*  
and who follow in his ways!

<sup>2</sup> You shall eat the fruit of your labor; \*  
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.

<sup>3</sup> Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, \*  
your children like olive shoots round about your table.

<sup>4</sup> The man who fears the Lord \*  
shall thus indeed be blessed.

<sup>5</sup> The Lord bless you from Zion, \*  
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days  
of your life.

<sup>6</sup> May you live to see your children's children; \*  
may peace be upon Israel.

## 129 *Sæpe expugnaverunt*

### or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> "Greatly have they oppressed me since my youth," \*  
let Israel now say;

<sup>2</sup> "Greatly have they oppressed me since my youth, \*  
but they have not prevailed against me."

<sup>3</sup> The plowmen plowed upon my back \*  
and made their furrows long.

<sup>4</sup> The Lord, the Righteous One, \*  
has cut the cords of the wicked.

<sup>5</sup> Let them be put to shame and thrown back, \*  
all those who are enemies of Zion.

<sup>6</sup> Let them be like grass upon the housetops, \*  
which withers before it can be plucked;

<sup>7</sup> Which does not fill the hand of the reaper, \*  
nor the bosom of him who binds the sheaves;

<sup>8</sup> So that those who go by say not so much as,  
"The Lord prosper you. \*"

We wish you well in the Name of the Lord."

## 130 *De profundis*

### or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice; \*

let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

<sup>2</sup> If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, \*

O Lord, who could stand?

<sup>3</sup> For there is forgiveness with you; \*

therefore you shall be feared.

<sup>4</sup> I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; \*

in his word is my hope.

<sup>5</sup> My soul waits for the Lord,

more than watchmen for the morning, \*

more than watchmen for the morning.

<sup>6</sup> O Israel, wait for the Lord, \*

for with the Lord there is mercy;

<sup>7</sup> With him there is plenteous redemption, \*

and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

and to the Holy Ghost:

as it was in the beginning, is now,

and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to John 6:1-15

<sup>1</sup> After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup> A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup> Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup> When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup> "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup> Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup> When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

<sup>15</sup> When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

# **The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis*** **Luke 2:29-32**

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*Response*

And grant us your salvation.

*Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

*Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

*Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 15**

*Leader*

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [the Republic of Djibouti](#).

## **Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers, members of the [Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith](#).

## **A Collect for Protection**

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

## **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## **For Cities**

Heavenly Father, in your Word you have given us a vision of that holy City to which the nations of the world bring their glory: Behold and visit, we pray, the cities of the earth. Renew the ties of mutual regard which form our civic life. Send us honest and able leaders. Enable us to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression, that peace may prevail with

righteousness, and justice with order, and that men and women from different cultures and with differing talents may find with one another the fulfillment of their humanity.

## **For Those Who Influence Public Opinion**

Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For the Future of the Human Race**

O God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: Increase our reverence before the mystery of life; and give us new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: Lord of all hopefulness**

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,  
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Singers: [Ely Cathedral Choir](#)

Words: Jan Struther

Music: Irish traditional

Tune: *Slane*

## **A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks

for all your goodness and loving-kindness

to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,

and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love

in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;

for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,

that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,

not only with our lips, but in our lives,

by giving up our selves to your service,

and by walking before you

in holiness and righteousness all our days;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you

have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in

the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world

knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

Thursday  
Evening Prayer  
Proper 15

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. *Psalm 16:7, 8*

## Hymn: To you before the close of day

To you before the close of day,  
Creator of all things, we pray  
that, in your constant clemency,  
our guard and keeper you would be.

Save us from troubled, restless sleep;  
from all ill dreams your children keep.  
So calm our minds that fears may cease  
and rested bodies wake in peace.

A healthy life we ask of you:  
the fire of love in us renew,  
and when the dawn new light will bring,  
your praise and glory we shall sing.

Almighty Father, hear our cry  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, most high,  
Whom with the Spirit we adore  
forever and for evermore. Amen.

Singer: Angelina Gearke, Cantor  
Saint Mary's parish  
Independence, Missouri

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen. Alleluia.

## **O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron***

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## **The Psalter**

134 *Ecce nunc*

[Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Behold now, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, \*  
you that stand by night in the house of the Lord.

<sup>2</sup> Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the Lord; \*  
the Lord who made heaven and earth bless  
you out of Zion.

135 *Laudate nomen*

[Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

Praise the Name of the Lord; \*  
give praise, you servants of the Lord.

<sup>2</sup> You who stand in the house of the Lord, \*  
in the courts of the house of our God.

<sup>3</sup> Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; \*  
sing praises to his Name, for it is lovely.

<sup>4</sup> For the Lord has chosen Jacob for himself \*  
and Israel for his own possession.

<sup>5</sup> For I know that the Lord is great, \*  
and that our Lord is above all gods.

<sup>6</sup> The Lord does whatever pleases him, in heaven and on earth, \*  
in the seas and all the deeps.

<sup>7</sup> He brings up rain clouds from the ends of the earth; \*  
he sends out lightning with the rain,  
and brings the winds out of his storehouse.

<sup>8</sup> It was he who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, \*  
the firstborn both of man and beast.

<sup>9</sup> He sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, O Egypt, \*  
against Pharaoh and all his servants.

<sup>10</sup> He overthrew many nations \*  
and put mighty kings to death:

<sup>11</sup> Sihon, king of the Amorites,  
and Og, the king of Bashan, \*  
and all the kingdoms of Canaan.

<sup>12</sup> He gave their land to be an inheritance, \*  
an inheritance for Israel his people.

<sup>13</sup> O Lord, your Name is everlasting; \*  
your renown, O Lord, endures from age to age.

<sup>14</sup> For the Lord gives his people justice \*  
and shows compassion to his servants.

<sup>15</sup> The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, \*  
the work of human hands.

<sup>16</sup> They have mouths, but they cannot speak; \*  
eyes have they, but they cannot see.

<sup>17</sup> They have ears, but they cannot hear; \*  
neither is there any breath in their mouth.

<sup>18</sup> Those who make them are like them, \*

and so are all who put their trust in them.

<sup>19</sup> Bless the Lord, O house of Israel; \*  
O house of Aaron, bless the Lord.

<sup>20</sup> Bless the Lord, O house of Levi; \*  
you who fear the Lord, bless the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Blessed be the Lord out of Zion, \*  
who dwells in Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to John 6:16-27

<sup>16</sup>When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing.

<sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

<sup>22</sup>The next day the crowd that had stayed on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there. They also saw that Jesus had not got into the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. <sup>23</sup>Then some boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. <sup>24</sup>So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. <sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

# **The Song of Mary *Magnificat***

## **Luke 1:46-55**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

# **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

# The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Suffrages

*Leader*

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 15**

*Leader*

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for

ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

## **World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [The Commonwealth of Dominica](#).

## **Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers, members of the [Pentecostal Assemblies of the World](#).

## **A Collect for Protection**

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

## **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## **For Those Who Need Continuing Care**

Look with mercy, O God our Father, on all persons who have become ill, weak, distressed, or isolated. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept help; and increase their faith and their assurance of your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For the Absent**

O God, whose fatherly care reaches to the uttermost parts of the earth: We humbly beseech you graciously to behold and bless whom we love, now absent from us. Defend them from all dangers of soul and body; and grant that both they and we, drawing nearer to you, may be bound together by your love in the communion of your Holy Spirit, and in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: Love divine, all loves excelling**

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven to Earth come down;  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
All thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation;  
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver,  
Let us all Thy grace receive;  
Suddenly return and never,  
Never more Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,  
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation;  
Pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see Thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in Thee;  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Singers: Tiruvalla Male Voices and Choral Society

Words: [Charles Wesley](#)

Tune: *Blaenwen*

## **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.

Friday  
Evening Prayer  
Proper 15

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

Seek him who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night; who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out upon the surface of the earth: The Lord is his name. *Amos 5:8*

## Hymn: Abide with me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour.  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and Earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Words: Henry F. Lyte  
Music: Monk Tune: *Eventide*

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

## **O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron***

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## **The Psalter**

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or [Coverdale](#)

*Domine, clamavi*

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly; \*  
hear my voice when I cry to you.

<sup>2</sup>Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, \*  
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.  
<sup>3</sup>Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,  
and guard the door of my lips; \*  
let not my heart incline to any evil thing.  
<sup>4</sup>Let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers, \*  
nor eat of their choice foods.  
<sup>5</sup>Let the righteous smite me in friendly rebuke;  
let not the oil of the unrighteous anoint my head; \*  
for my prayer is continually against their wicked deeds.  
<sup>6</sup>Let their rulers be overthrown in stony places, \*  
that they may know my words are true.  
<sup>7</sup>As when a plowman turns over the earth in furrows, \*  
let their bones be scattered at the mouth of the grave.  
<sup>8</sup>But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God; \*  
in you I take refuge;  
do not strip me of my life.  
<sup>9</sup>Protect me from the snare which they have laid for me \*  
and from the traps of the evildoers.  
<sup>10</sup>Let the wicked fall into their own nets, \*  
while I myself escape.

143:1-11

or [Coverdale](#)

*Domine, exaudi*

<sup>1</sup>Lord, hear my prayer,  
and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; \*  
answer me in your righteousness.  
<sup>2</sup>Enter not into judgment with your servant, \*  
for in your sight shall no one living be justified.  
<sup>3</sup>For my enemy has sought my life;  
he has crushed me to the ground; \*  
he has made me live in dark places like those who  
are long dead.  
<sup>4</sup>My spirit faints within me; \*  
my heart within me is desolate.  
<sup>5</sup>I remember the time past;  
I muse upon all your deeds; \*  
I consider the works of your hands.  
<sup>6</sup>I spread out my hands to you; \*  
my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.  
<sup>7</sup>O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; \*  
do not hide your face from me  
or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.  
<sup>8</sup>Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning,  
for I put my trust in you; \*  
show me the road that I must walk,  
for I lift up my soul to you.  
<sup>9</sup>Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord, \*

for I flee to you for refuge.

<sup>10</sup>Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; \*  
let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

<sup>11</sup>Revive me, O Lord, for your Name's sake; \*  
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to John 6:27-40

<sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."

<sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup>They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." <sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>36</sup>But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup>Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; <sup>38</sup>for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup>And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup>This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

# The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis*

## Luke 2:29-32

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Apostles' Creed

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*Response*

And grant us your salvation.

*Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

*Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

*Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 15**

*Leader*

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

O God, 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.

## **World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [The Democratic Republic of East Timor](#).

## **Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers, members of the [True Jesus Church](#).

## **A Collect for Fridays**

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

## **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## **For Clergy and People**

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our bishops, and other clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **For the Unity of the Church**

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions; take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as there is but one Body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond

of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For Monastic Orders and Vocations**

O Lord Jesus Christ, you became poor for our sake, that we might be made rich through your poverty: Guide and sanctify, we pray, those whom you call to follow you under the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, that by their prayer and service they may enrich your Church, and by their life and worship may glorify your Name; for you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **Hymn: May the mind of Christ my Savior**

May the mind of Christ my Savior  
Live in me from day to day,  
By His love and power controlling  
All I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly  
In my heart from hour to hour,  
So that all may see I triumph  
Only through His power.

May the peace of God my Father  
Rule my life in everything,  
That I may be calm to comfort  
Sick and sorrowing.

May His beauty rest upon me,  
As I seek the lost to win,  
And may they forget the channel,  
Seeing only Him.

Singers: Ordinary Time  
Words: Kate B. Wilkinson  
Music: Arthur C. Barham-Gould  
Tune: *St. Leonards*

## **A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

# The Ending

## The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## Benediction

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.  
Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

## Hymn: God Be With You

God be with you till we meet again;

By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

Saturday  
Evening Prayer  
The Evening of the Commemoration of Bartholomew, the Apostle

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."  
John 8:12

## Hymn: Glory to thee, my God, this night

Glory to thee, my God, this night,  
for all the blessings of the light:  
keep me, O keep me, King of kings,  
beneath thine own almighty wings.

Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,  
the ill that I this day have done;  
that with the world, myself, and thee,  
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

Teach me to live, that I may dread  
the grave as little as my bed;  
teach me to die, that so I may  
rise glorious at the awful day.

O may my soul on thee repose,  
and with sweet sleep mine eyelids close;  
sleep that may me more vigorous make  
to serve my God when I awake.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Singers: The Chapel Choir of University College, Durham  
Words: Thomas Ken, 1692  
Music: Thomas Tallis Tune: *Tallis' Canon*

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

## **O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron***

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

# The Psalter

15 *Domine, quis habitabit?* or  
[Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?  
<sup>2</sup> Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
who speaks the truth from his heart.  
<sup>3</sup> There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.  
<sup>4</sup> In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
but he honors those who fear the Lord.  
<sup>5</sup> He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.  
<sup>6</sup> He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.  
<sup>7</sup> Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

67 *Deus misereatur* or  
[Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.  
<sup>2</sup> Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.  
<sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.  
<sup>4</sup> Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.  
<sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.  
<sup>6</sup> The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.  
<sup>7</sup> May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

# The Lessons

## The Old Testament Lesson

*Reader*

### A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 66:1-2,18-23

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the Lord: Heaven is my throne and the earth is my footstool; what is the house that you would build for me, and what is my resting place? <sup>2</sup>All these things my hand has made, and so all these things are mine, says the Lord. But this is the one to whom I will look, to the humble and contrite in spirit, who trembles at my word. <sup>18</sup>For I know their works and their thoughts, and I am coming to gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and shall see my glory, <sup>19</sup>and I will set a sign among them. From them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Put, and Lud which draw the bow to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the nations. <sup>20</sup>They shall bring all your kindred from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and on mules, and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, just as the Israelites bring a grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. <sup>21</sup>And I will also take some of them as priests and as Levites, says the Lord. <sup>22</sup>For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, says the Lord; so shall your descendants and your name remain. <sup>23</sup>From new moon to new moon, and from sabbath to sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## The Song of Simeon

### Luke 2:29-32

#### *Nunc dimittis*

Lord, you now have set your servant free\*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,\*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten the nations,\*  
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. *Amen.*

## The New Testament Lesson

*Reader*

## **A reading from the first letter of Peter 5:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you <sup>2</sup>to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it not for sordid gain but eagerly. <sup>3</sup>Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup>And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away.

<sup>5</sup>In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” <sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

<sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.

<sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

## **The Song of Mary *Magnificat* Luke 1:46-55**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Apostles' Creed

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

## **Collect of the Day: Bartholomew the Apostle**

*Leader*

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your Word: Grant that your Church may love what he believed and preach what he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 15**

*Leader*

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **A Collect for Saturdays**

O God, the source of eternal light: Shed forth your unending day upon us who watch for you, that our lips may praise you, our lives may bless you, and our worship on the morrow give you glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [Ecuador](#).

## **Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers, members of the [United Pentecostal Church International](#).

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

## **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## **For Sound Government**

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

Lord, keep this nation under your care.

To all who have executive authority and to all who have administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To those who make our laws give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name.

For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Amen.

## **For Schools and Colleges**

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For the Harvest of Lands and Waters**

O gracious Father, who opens your hand and fills all living things: Bless the lands and waters, and multiply the harvests of the world; let your Spirit go forth, that it may renew the face of the earth; show your loving-kindness, that our land may give her increase; and save us from selfish use of what you give, that men and women everywhere may give you thanks; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: My soul cries out with a joyful shout**

My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the one who waits.  
You fixed your sight on the servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
So from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears,  
For the dawn draws near,  
And the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me.  
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and those who would for you yearn,  
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn.

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears,  
For the dawn draws near,  
And the world is about to turn.

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,

not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
every tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn.

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears,  
For the dawn draws near,  
And the world is about to turn.

Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
is the promise that holds us bound,  
'Til the spear and rod be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around.

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears,  
For the dawn draws near,  
And the world is about to turn.

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears,  
For the dawn draws near,  
And the world is about to turn.

Paraphrase of Luke 1:46-58 (Magnificat)  
Words: Rory Cooney  
Music: Thomas d'Urfey  
Tune: *Star of the County Down* (traditional Irish)

## **A Prayer of Self-Dedication**

Almighty and eternal God,  
so draw our hearts to you,  
so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations,  
so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly yours,  
utterly dedicated unto you;  
and then use us, we pray you, as you will,  
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

# The Ending

## The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## Benediction

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.  
Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

## Hymn: God Be With You

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.

God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

Sunday  
Evening Prayer  
Proper 16

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:2

## Hymn: In the dark of the midnight

In the dark of the midnight,  
Have I oft hid my face;  
While the storm howls above me,  
And there's no hiding place;  
'Mid the crash of the thunder,  
Precious Lord, hear my cry;  
"Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by."

'Til the storm passes over,  
'Til the thunder sounds no more;  
'Til the clouds roll forever from the sky,  
Hold me fast, let me stand,  
In the hollow of Thy hand;  
Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by.

Many times Satan whispers,  
"There is no need to try;  
For there's no end of sorrow,  
There's no hope by and by";  
But I know Thou art with me,  
And tomorrow I'll rise;  
Where the storms never darken the skies.

'Til the storm passes over,  
'Til the thunder sounds no more;  
'Til the clouds roll forever from the sky,  
Hold me fast, let me stand,  
In the hollow of Thy hand;  
Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by.

When the long night has ended,  
And the storms come no more,  
Let me stand in Thy presence.  
On that bright, peaceful shore.  
In that land where the tempest  
Never comes, Lord may I  
Dwell with Thee when the storm passes by.

'Til the storm passes over,  
'Til the thunder sounds no more;  
'Til the clouds roll forever from the sky,  
Hold me fast, let me stand,  
In the hollow of Thy hand;  
Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by.

Words and Music: Traditional

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen. Alleluia.

## **O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron***

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## **The Psalter**

111 *Confitebor tibi* or  
[Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!  
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.  
<sup>2</sup>Great are the deeds of the Lord! \*  
they are studied by all who delight in them.  
<sup>3</sup>His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.  
<sup>4</sup>He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.  
<sup>5</sup>He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.  
<sup>6</sup>He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.  
<sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.  
<sup>8</sup>They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.  
<sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.  
<sup>10</sup>The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.

112 *Beatus vir* or  
[Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
and have great delight in his commandments!  
<sup>2</sup>Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.  
<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
and their righteousness will last for ever.  
<sup>4</sup>Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.  
<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
and to manage their affairs with justice.  
<sup>6</sup>For they will never be shaken; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.  
<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
their heart is right;  
they put their trust in the Lord.  
<sup>8</sup>Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.  
<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.  
<sup>10</sup>The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \*  
the desires of the wicked will perish.

113 *Laudate, pueri* or  
[Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!  
Give praise, you servants of the Lord; \*  
praise the Name of the Lord.  
<sup>2</sup>Let the Name of the Lord be blessed, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.  
<sup>3</sup>From the rising of the sun to its going down \*  
let the Name of the Lord be praised.  
<sup>4</sup>The Lord is high above all nations, \*  
and his glory above the heavens.  
<sup>5</sup>Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high, \*  
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?  
<sup>6</sup>He takes up the weak out of the dust \*  
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.  
<sup>7</sup>He sets them with the princes, \*  
with the princes of his people.  
<sup>8</sup>He makes the woman of a childless house \*  
to be a joyful mother of children.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

## The Gospel

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark 6:1-6a

<sup>1</sup>He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." <sup>5</sup>And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup>And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## The Canticle

*Everyone*

## The Song of Mary *Magnificat* Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*

and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Apostles' Creed

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 14**

*Leader*

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

## **A Collect for Sundays**

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

## **World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [Egypt](#).

## **Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers, members of the [Unitarian Universalist Christian Fellowship](#).

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

## **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## **For Courts of Justice**

Lord Jesus, for our sake you were condemned as a criminal: Visit our jails and prisons with your pity and judgment. Remember all prisoners, and bring the guilty to repentance and amendment of life according to your will, and give them hope for their future. When any are held unjustly, bring them release; forgive us, and teach us to improve our justice. Remember those who work in these institutions; keep them humane and compassionate; and save them from becoming brutal or callous. And since what we do for those in prison, O Lord, we do for you, constrain us to improve their lot. All this we ask for your mercy's sake. Amen.

## **For Those Who Suffer for the Sake of Conscience**

O God our Father, whose Son forgave his enemies while he was suffering shame and death: Strengthen those who suffer for the sake of conscience; when they are accused, save them from speaking in hate; when they are rejected, save them from bitterness; when they are imprisoned, save them from despair; and to us your servants, give grace to respect their witness and to discern the truth, that our society may be cleansed and strengthened. This we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, our merciful and righteous Judge. Amen.

## **For Towns and Rural Areas**

Lord Christ, when you came among us, you proclaimed the kingdom of God in villages, towns, and lonely places: Grant that your presence and power may be known throughout this land. Have mercy upon all of us who live and work in rural areas; and grant that all the people of our nation may give thanks to you for food and drink and all other bodily necessities of life, respect those who labor to produce them, and honor the land and the water from which these good things come. All this we ask in your holy Name. Amen.

## **Hymn: My soul is filled with joy**

My soul is filled with joy,  
as I sing to God my savior:  
You have looked upon your servant,  
You have visited your people.

And Holy is your name,  
through all generations!  
Everlasting is your mercy  
to the people you have chosen,  
and Holy is your name.

I am lowly as a child,  
but I know from this day forward  
that my name will be remembered,  
for all will call be blessed.

And Holy is your name,  
through all generations!  
Everlasting is your mercy  
to the people you have chosen,  
and Holy is your name.

I proclaim the pow'r of God,  
you do marvels for your servants;  
though you scatter the proud-hearted,  
and destroy the might of princes.

And Holy is your name,  
through all generations!  
Everlasting is your mercy  
to the people you have chosen,  
and Holy is your name.

To the hungry you give food,  
send the rich away empty.  
In your mercy you are mindful  
of the people you have chosen.

And Holy is your name,  
through all generations!  
Everlasting is your mercy  
to the people you have chosen,  
and Holy is your name.

In you love you now fulfill  
what you promised to your people.  
I will praise you, Lord, my savior,  
everlasting is your mercy.

And Holy is your name,  
through all generations!  
Everlasting is your mercy  
to the people you have chosen,  
and Holy is your name.

## **A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.  
Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

Monday  
Evening Prayer  
Proper 16

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. *Psalm 139:10, 11*

## Hymn: Nothing is lost

Nothing is lost on the breath of God,  
nothing is lost forever;  
God's breath is love, and that love will remain,  
holding the world forever.  
No feather too light, no hair too fine,  
no flower too brief in its glory;  
no drop in the ocean, no dust in the air,  
but is counted and told in God's story.

Nothing is lost to the eyes of God,  
nothing is lost forever;  
God sees with love and that love will remain,  
holding the world forever.  
No journey too far, no distance too great,  
no valley of darkness too blinding;  
no creature too humble, no child too small  
for God to be seeking, and finding.

Nothing is lost to the heart of God,  
nothing is lost forever;  
God's heart is love, and that love will remain,  
holding the world forever.  
No impulse of love, no office of care,  
no moment of life in its fulness;  
no beginning too late, no ending too soon,  
but is gathered and known in His goodness.

Words and music: Colin Gibson

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

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*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
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We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
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For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
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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*

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*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

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O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

# The Psalter

4 *Cum invocarem*

or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup> "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?"

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

<sup>4</sup> Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

<sup>5</sup> Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> Many are saying,  
"Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

<sup>7</sup> You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

<sup>8</sup> I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

7

or [Coverdale](#)

*Domine, Deus meus*

<sup>1</sup> O Lord my God, I take refuge in you; \*  
save and deliver me from all who pursue me;

<sup>2</sup> Lest like a lion they tear me in pieces \*  
and snatch me away with none to deliver me.

<sup>3</sup> O Lord my God, if I have done these things: \*  
if there is any wickedness in my hands,

<sup>4</sup> If I have repaid my friend with evil, \*  
or plundered him who without cause is my enemy;

<sup>5</sup> Then let my enemy pursue and overtake me, \*  
trample my life into the ground,  
and lay my honor in the dust.

<sup>6</sup> Stand up, O Lord, in your wrath; \*  
rise up against the fury of my enemies.

<sup>7</sup> Awake, O my God, decree justice; \*  
let the assembly of the peoples gather round you.

<sup>8</sup> Be seated on your lofty throne, O Most High; \*  
O Lord, judge the nations.

<sup>9</sup> Give judgment for me according to my  
righteousness, O Lord, \*

and according to my innocence, O Most High.

<sup>10</sup> Let the malice of the wicked come to an end,  
but establish the righteous; \*  
for you test the mind and heart, O righteous God.

<sup>11</sup> God is my shield and defense; \*  
he is the savior of the true in heart.

<sup>12</sup> God is a righteous judge; \*  
God sits in judgment every day.

<sup>13</sup> If they will not repent, God will whet his sword; \*  
he will bend his bow and make it ready.

<sup>14</sup> He has prepared his weapons of death; \*  
he makes his arrows shafts of fire.

<sup>15</sup> Look at those who are in labor with wickedness, \*  
who conceive evil, and give birth to a lie.

<sup>16</sup> They dig a pit and make it deep \*  
and fall into the hole that they have made.

<sup>17</sup> Their malice turns back upon their own head; \*  
their violence falls on their own scalp.

<sup>18</sup> I will bear witness that the Lord is righteous; \*  
I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

## **The Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to John 6:52-59

<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

## **The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis* Luke 2:29-32**

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*Response*

And grant us your salvation.

*Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

*Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

*Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 14**

*Leader*

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

## **World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [El Salvador](#).

## **Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers, members of the [American Unitarian Conference](#).

## **A Collect for Peace**

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that

peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

## Intercessions

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

### **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

### **For the Right Use of God's Gifts**

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For Knowledge of God's Creation**

Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For the Care of Children**

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **Hymn: My hope is built on nothing less**

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteous;  
I do not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to veil his face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.  
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, and blood  
Sustain me in the whelming flood;  
When all supports are washed away,  
He then is all around my soul gives way.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in him be found,  
Clothed in his righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne!  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.  
All other ground is sinking sand.

Words: Edward Mote

Tune: *Magdalen*

## **A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness

to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.  
Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

Tuesday  
Evening Prayer  
Proper 16

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole Earth tremble before him. *Psalm 96:9*

## Hymn: Now shall my inward joys arise

Now shall my inward joys arise,  
And burst into a song;  
Almighty love inspires my heart,  
And pleasure tunes my tongue.

God on his thirsty Zion hill  
Some mercy drops has thrown,  
And solemn oaths have bound his love  
To shower salvation down.

Why do we then indulge our fears,  
Suspensions, and complaints?  
Is he a God, and shall his grace  
Grow weary of his saints?

Words: Issac Watts  
Tune: *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*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

## O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## The Psalter

10

or [Coverdale](#)

*Ut quid, Domine?*

<sup>1</sup> Why do you stand so far off, O Lord, \*  
and hide yourself in time of trouble?

<sup>2</sup> The wicked arrogantly persecute the poor, \*

but they are trapped in the schemes they have devised.

<sup>3</sup> The wicked boast of their heart's desire; \*  
the covetous curse and revile the Lord.

<sup>4</sup> The wicked are so proud that they care not for God; \*  
their only thought is, "God does not matter."

<sup>5</sup> Their ways are devious at all times;  
your judgments are far above out of their sight; \*  
they defy all their enemies.

<sup>6</sup> They say in their heart, "I shall not be shaken; \*  
no harm shall happen to me ever."

<sup>7</sup> Their mouth is full of cursing, deceit, and oppression; \*  
under their tongue are mischief and wrong.

<sup>8</sup> They lurk in ambush in public squares  
and in secret places they murder the innocent; \*  
they spy out the helpless.

<sup>9</sup> They lie in wait, like a lion in a covert;  
they lie in wait to seize upon the lowly; \*  
they seize the lowly and drag them away in their net.

<sup>10</sup> The innocent are broken and humbled before them; \*  
the helpless fall before their power.

<sup>11</sup> They say in their heart, "God has forgotten; \*  
he hides his face; he will never notice."

<sup>12</sup> Rise up, O Lord;  
lift up your hand, O God; \*  
do not forget the afflicted.

<sup>13</sup> Why should the wicked revile God? \*  
why should they say in their heart, "You do not care"?

<sup>14</sup> Surely, you behold trouble and misery; \*  
you see it and take it into your own hand.

<sup>15</sup> The helpless commit themselves to you, \*  
for you are the helper of orphans.

<sup>16</sup> Break the power of the wicked and evil; \*  
search out their wickedness until you find none.

<sup>17</sup> The Lord is King for ever and ever; \*  
the ungodly shall perish from his land.

<sup>18</sup> The Lord will hear the desire of the humble; \*  
you will strengthen their heart and your ears shall hear;

<sup>19</sup> To give justice to the orphan and oppressed, \*  
so that mere mortals may strike terror no more.

11

or [Coverdale](#)

*In Domino confido*

<sup>1</sup> In the Lord have I taken refuge; \*  
how then can you say to me,  
"Fly away like a bird to the hilltop;

<sup>2</sup> For see how the wicked bend the bow  
and fit their arrows to the string, \*  
to shoot from ambush at the true of heart.

<sup>3</sup> When the foundations are being destroyed, \*  
what can the righteous do?"

<sup>4</sup> The Lord is in his holy temple; \*  
the Lord's throne is in heaven.

<sup>5</sup> His eyes behold the inhabited world; \*  
his piercing eye weighs our worth.

<sup>6</sup> The Lord weighs the righteous as well as the wicked, \*  
but those who delight in violence he abhors.

<sup>7</sup> Upon the wicked he shall rain coals of fire and  
burning sulphur; \*  
a scorching wind shall be their lot.

<sup>8</sup> For the Lord is righteous;  
he delights in righteous deeds; \*  
and the just shall see his face.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to John 6:60-71

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." <sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." <sup>70</sup>Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve? Yet one of you is a devil." <sup>71</sup>He was speaking of Judas son of Simon Iscariot, for he, though one of the twelve, was going to betray him.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

# The Canticle

*Everyone*

## The Song of Mary *Magnificat* Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Apostles' Creed

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

# The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

# The Suffrages

*Leader*

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

## The Collect of the Day: Proper 14

*Leader*

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory 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.

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## **For Mission**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

## **World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [The Republic of Equatorial Guinea](#).

## **Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers, members of the [Christian Universalist Association](#).

## **A Collect for Guidance**

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

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## **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.

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## **For Agriculture**

Almighty God, we thank you for making the earth fruitful, so that it might produce what is needed for life: Bless those who work in the fields; give us seasonable weather; and grant that we may all share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For Those We Love**

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For Quiet Confidence**

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we will be saved, in quietness and confidence will be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: Now thank we all our God**

Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
in Whom this world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in His grace,  
and guide us when perplexed;  
And free us from all ills,  
in this world and the next!

All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given;  
The Son and Him Who reigns  
with Them in highest Heaven;  
The one eternal God,  
whom Earth and Heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

## **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;  
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And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

*Leader*

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*Response*

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Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

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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.

Wednesday  
Evening Prayer  
Proper 16

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

Yours is the day, O God, yours also the night; you established the moon and the sun. You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter. *Psalm 74:15, 16*

## Hymn: Night is come

Night is come; stars shine down  
twinkling over field and town.  
Now we stop here to pray:  
"Thank you, God, for this day."

This one sleeps; this one wakes.  
And each one comfort takes  
from the Joy that surrounds  
all Creation without bounds.

Day by day, year by year,  
let us know You are near.  
Night by night from above  
teach us mercy, peace, and love.

*Tune: Night is come*

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen. Alleluia.

## **O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron***

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
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Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## **The Psalter**

12

or [Coverdale](#)

*Salvum me fac*

<sup>1</sup> Help me, Lord, for there is no godly one left; \*  
the faithful have vanished from among us.

<sup>2</sup> Everyone speaks falsely with his neighbor; \*

with a smooth tongue they speak from a double heart.

<sup>3</sup> Oh, that the Lord would cut off all smooth tongues, \*  
and close the lips that utter proud boasts!

<sup>4</sup> Those who say, "With our tongue will we prevail; \*  
our lips are our own; who is lord over us?"

<sup>5</sup> "Because the needy are oppressed,  
and the poor cry out in misery, \*  
I will rise up," says the Lord,  
"and give them the help they long for."

<sup>6</sup> The words of the Lord are pure words, \*  
like silver refined from ore  
and purified seven times in the fire.

<sup>7</sup> O Lord, watch over us \*  
and save us from this generation for ever.

<sup>8</sup> The wicked prowl on every side, \*  
and that which is worthless is highly prized by everyone.

13 *Usquequo, Domine?*

or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> How long, O Lord?  
will you forget me for ever? \*  
how long will you hide your face from me?

<sup>2</sup> How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,  
and grief in my heart, day after day? \*  
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?

<sup>3</sup> Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God; \*  
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

<sup>4</sup> Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," \*  
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.

<sup>5</sup> But I put my trust in your mercy; \*  
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

<sup>6</sup> I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly; \*  
I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

14 *Dixit insipiens*

or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." \*  
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;  
there is none who does any good.

<sup>2</sup> The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, \*  
to see if there is any who is wise,  
if there is one who seeks after God.

<sup>3</sup> Every one has proved faithless;  
all alike have turned bad; \*  
there is none who does good; no, not one.

<sup>4</sup> Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers \*  
who eat up my people like bread  
and do not call upon the Lord?

<sup>5</sup> See how they tremble with fear, \*

because God is in the company of the righteous.  
6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, \*  
but the Lord is their refuge.  
7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! \*  
when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,  
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to John 7:1-13

<sup>1</sup>After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He did not wish to go about in Judea because the Jews were looking for an opportunity to kill him. <sup>2</sup>Now the Jewish festival of Booths was near. <sup>3</sup>So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea so that your disciples also may see the works you are doing; <sup>4</sup>for no one who wants to be widely known acts in secret. If you do these things, show yourself to the world." <sup>5</sup>(For not even his brothers believed in him.) <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always here. <sup>7</sup>The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify against it that its works are evil. <sup>8</sup>Go to the festival yourselves. I am not going to this festival, for my time has not yet fully come." <sup>9</sup>After saying this, he remained in Galilee. <sup>10</sup>But after his brothers had gone to the festival, then he also went, not publicly but as it were in secret. <sup>11</sup>The Jews were looking for him at the festival and saying, "Where is he?" <sup>12</sup>And there was considerable complaining about him among the crowds. While some were saying, "He is a good man," others were saying, "No, he is deceiving the crowd." <sup>13</sup>Yet no one would speak openly about him for fear of the Jews.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

**The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis***  
**Luke 2:29-32**

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Apostles' Creed

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*Response*

And grant us your salvation.

*Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

*Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

*Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 14**

*Leader*

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

O God 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.

## **World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [The State of Eritrea](#).

## **Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers, members of the [Unitarian Church of Transylvania](#).

### **A Collect for Protection**

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

### **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

### **For Cities**

Heavenly Father, in your Word you have given us a vision of that holy City to which the nations of the world bring their glory: Behold and visit, we pray, the cities of the earth. Renew the ties of mutual regard which form our civic life. Send us honest and able leaders. Enable us to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression, that peace may prevail with righteousness, and justice with order, and that men and women from different cultures and with differing talents may find with one another the fulfillment of their humanity.

### **For Those Who Influence Public Opinion**

Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For the Future of the Human Race**

O God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: Increase our reverence before the mystery of life; and give us new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: O worship the Lord**

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!  
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim;  
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
Kneel and adore Him: the Lord is His name!

Low at His feet lay thy burden of carefulness,  
High on His heart He will bear it for thee,  
And comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,  
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter His courts in the slenderness  
Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine;  
For truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,  
These are the offerings to lay on His shrine.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,  
He will accept for the name that is dear;  
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
Trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!  
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim;  
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
Kneel and adore Him: the Lord is His name!

Singers: Norwich Cathedral Choir

Words: John S. B. Monsell

Music: Was Lebet, Was Schwebet Choral-Buch vor Johann Heinrich Reinhardt

## **A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## **The Ending**

## **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.  
Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

Thursday  
Evening Prayer  
Proper 16

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. *Psalm 16:7, 8*

## Hymn: O tell me no more

O tell me no more  
Of this world's vain store;  
The time for such trifles  
with me now is o'er.  
A country I've found  
Where true joys abound;  
To dwell I'm determined  
on that happy ground.

No mortal doth know  
What Christ will bestow;  
What joy, strength, and comfort,  
do after him, go.  
Lo, onward I move,  
To see Christ above,  
None guesses how wondrous  
my journey will prove.

Great spoils I shall win,  
From death, hell, and sin;  
'Midst outward afflictions,  
shall feel Christ within.  
And still (which is best)  
I in his dear breast  
(As at the beginning)  
find pardon and rest.

When I'm to die,  
Receive me, I'll cry,  
For Jesus hath loved me,  
I cannot tell why.  
But this I do find,  
We two are so joined,  
He'll not live in glory  
and leave me behind.

This blessing is mine  
Through favor divine  
And, O my dear Jesus,  
the praise shall be thine.  
In heaven we'll meet  
In harmony sweet  
And, glory to Jesus!  
we'll then be complete.

Singers: Youth in [Cades Cove Primitive Baptist Church](#)  
Words: John Gambold

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen. Alleluia.

## **O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron***

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## **The Psalter**

18 *Et retribuēt mihi*

or [Coverdale](#)

Part II

21 The Lord rewarded me because of my righteous dealing; \*  
because my hands were clean he rewarded me;  
22 For I have kept the ways of the Lord \*  
and have not offended against my God;  
23 For all his judgments are before my eyes, \*  
and his decrees I have not put away from me;  
24 For I have been blameless with him \*  
and have kept myself from iniquity;  
25 Therefore the Lord rewarded me according to my  
righteous dealing, \*  
because of the cleanness of my hands in his sight.  
26 With the faithful you show yourself faithful, O God; \*  
with the forthright you show yourself forthright.  
27 With the pure you show yourself pure, \*  
but with the crooked you are wily.  
28 You will save a lowly people, \*  
but you will humble the haughty eyes.  
29 You, O Lord, are my lamp; \*  
my God, you make my darkness bright.  
30 With you I will break down an enclosure; \*  
with the help of my God I will scale any wall.  
31 As for God, his ways are perfect;  
the words of the Lord are tried in the fire; \*  
he is a shield to all who trust in him.  
32 For who is God, but the Lord? \*  
who is the Rock, except our God?  
33 It is God who girds me about with strength \*

and makes my way secure.  
34 He makes me sure-footed like a deer \*  
and lets me stand firm on the heights.  
35 He trains my hands for battle \*  
and my arms for bending even a bow of bronze.  
36 You have given me your shield of victory; \*  
your right hand also sustains me;  
your loving care makes me great.  
37 You lengthen my stride beneath me, \*  
and my ankles do not give way.  
38 I pursue my enemies and overtake them; \*  
I will not turn back till I have destroyed them.  
39 I strike them down, and they cannot rise; \*  
they fall defeated at my feet.  
40 You have girded me with strength for the battle; \*  
you have cast down my adversaries beneath me;  
you have put my enemies to flight.  
41 I destroy those who hate me;  
they cry out, but there is none to help them; \*  
they cry to the Lord, but he does not answer.  
42 I beat them small like dust before the wind; \*  
I trample them like mud in the streets.  
43 You deliver me from the strife of the peoples; \*  
you put me at the head of the nations.  
44 A people I have not known shall serve me;  
no sooner shall they hear than they shall obey me; \*  
strangers will cringe before me.  
45 The foreign peoples will lose heart; \*  
they shall come trembling out of their strongholds.  
46 The Lord lives! Blessed is my Rock! \*  
Exalted is the God of my salvation!  
47 He is the God who gave me victory \*  
and cast down the peoples beneath me.  
48 You rescued me from the fury of my enemies;  
you exalted me above those who rose against me; \*  
you saved me from my deadly foe.  
49 Therefore will I extol you among the nations, O Lord, \*  
and sing praises to your Name.  
50 He multiplies the victories of his king; \*  
he shows loving-kindness to his anointed,  
to David and his descendants for ever.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to John 7:14-36

<sup>14</sup>About the middle of the festival Jesus went up into the temple and began to teach. <sup>15</sup>The Jews were astonished at it, saying, "How does this man have such learning, when he has never been taught?" <sup>16</sup>Then Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine but his who sent me. <sup>17</sup>Anyone who resolves to do the will of God will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own. <sup>18</sup>Those who speak on their own seek their own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and there is nothing false in him. <sup>19</sup>"Did not Moses give you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why are you looking for an opportunity to kill me?" <sup>20</sup>The crowd answered, "You have a demon! Who is trying to kill you?" <sup>21</sup>Jesus answered them, "I performed one work, and all of you are astonished. <sup>22</sup>Moses gave you circumcision (it is, of course, not from Moses, but from the patriarchs), and you circumcise a man on the sabbath. <sup>23</sup>If a man receives circumcision on the sabbath in order that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because I healed a man's whole body on the sabbath? <sup>24</sup>Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment." <sup>25</sup>Now some of the people of Jerusalem were saying, "Is not this the man whom they are trying to kill?" <sup>26</sup>And here he is, speaking openly, but they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Messiah? <sup>27</sup>Yet we know where this man is from; but when the Messiah comes, no one will know where he is from." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus cried out as he was teaching in the temple, "You know me, and you know where I am from. I have not come on my own. But the one who sent me is true, and you do not know him. <sup>29</sup>I know him, because I am from him, and he sent me." <sup>30</sup>Then they tried to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him, because his hour had not yet come. <sup>31</sup>Yet many in the crowd believed in him and were saying, "When the Messiah comes, will he do more signs than this man has done?" <sup>32</sup>The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering such things about him, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent temple police to arrest him. <sup>33</sup>Jesus then said, "I will be with you a little while longer, and then I am going to him who sent me. <sup>34</sup>You will search for me, but you will not find me; and where I am, you cannot come." <sup>35</sup>The Jews said to one another, "Where does this man intend to go that we will not find him? Does he intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? <sup>36</sup>What does he mean by saying, 'You will search for me and you will not find me' and 'Where I am, you cannot come'?"

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

# **The Song of Mary *Magnificat*** **Luke 1:46-55**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*

for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Apostles' Creed

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 16**

*Leader*

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

## **World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [the Republic of Estonia](#).

## **Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers, members of the [Unitarisk Kirkesamfund](#).

## **A Collect for Protection**

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

## **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## **For Those Who Need Continuing Care**

Look with mercy, O God our Father, on all persons who have become ill, weak, distressed, or isolated. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept help; and increase their faith and their assurance of your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For the Absent**

O God, whose fatherly care reaches to the uttermost parts of the earth: We humbly beseech you graciously to behold and bless whom we love, now absent from us. Defend them from all dangers of soul and body; and grant that both they and we, drawing nearer to you, may be bound together by your love in the communion of your Holy Spirit, and in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: O thou my soul, bless God the Lord**

**Psalm 103:1-7**

O thou my soul, bless God the Lord;  
and all that in me is  
Be stirréd up his holy Name  
to magnify and bless.

Bless, O my soul, the Lord thy God,  
and not forgetful be  
Of all his gracious benefits  
he hath bestow'd on thee.

All thine iniquities who doth  
most graciously forgive:  
Who thy diseases all and pains  
doth heal, and thee relieve.

Who doth redeem thy life, that thou  
to death may'st not go down;  
Who thee with loving-kindness doth  
and tender mercies crown.

Who with abundance of good things  
doth satisfy thy mouth;  
So that, ev'n as the eagle's age,  
renewéd is thy youth.

God righteous judgment executes  
for all oppressed ones.  
His ways to Moses, he his acts  
made known to Isr'el's sons.

## **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.

Friday  
Evening Prayer  
Proper 16

# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

Seek him who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night; who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out upon the surface of the earth: The Lord is his name. *Amos 5:8*

## Hymn: O bless the Lord, my soul!

O bless the Lord, my soul!  
His grace to thee proclaim!  
And all that is within me join  
to bless his holy Name!

O bless the Lord, my soul!  
His mercies bear in mind!  
Forget not all his benefits!  
The Lord to thee is kind.

He clothes thee with his love,  
upholds ua with his truth;  
he heals all our infirmities  
and ransoms us from death.

Then bless his holy Name,  
whose grace has made us whole,  
whose loving-kindness crowns our days:  
O bless the Lord, my soul!

Text: Psalm 103:1-5  
Words: James Montgomery  
Music: Williams  
Tune: *Doncaster*

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

## **O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron***

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## **The Psalter**

## ***22 Deus, Deus meus or*** **Coverdale**

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \*  
and are so far from my cry  
and from the words of my distress?

<sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \*  
by night as well, but I find no rest.

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are the Holy One, \*  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>Our forefathers put their trust in you; \*  
they trusted, and you delivered them.

<sup>5</sup>They cried out to you and were delivered; \*  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

<sup>6</sup>But as for me, I am a worm and no man, \*  
scorned by all and despised by the people.

<sup>7</sup>All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

<sup>8</sup>"He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; \*  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."

<sup>9</sup>Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \*  
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

<sup>10</sup>I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \*  
you were my God when I was still in my  
mother's womb.

<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \*  
and there is none to help.

<sup>12</sup>Many young bulls encircle me; \*  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

<sup>13</sup>They open wide their jaws at me, \*  
like a ravening and a roaring lion.

<sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water;  
all my bones are out of joint; \*  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

<sup>15</sup>My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;  
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; \*  
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

<sup>16</sup>Packs of dogs close me in,  
and gangs of evildoers circle around me; \*  
they pierce my hands and my feet;  
I can count all my bones.

<sup>17</sup>They stare and gloat over me; \*  
they divide my garments among them;  
they cast lots for my clothing.

<sup>18</sup>Be not far away, O Lord; \*  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

<sup>19</sup>Save me from the sword, \*  
my life from the power of the dog.

<sup>20</sup>Save me from the lion's mouth, \*  
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.  
<sup>21</sup>I will declare your Name to my brethren; \*  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.  
<sup>22</sup>Praise the Lord, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.  
<sup>23</sup>For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them; \*  
but when they cry to him he hears them.  
<sup>24</sup>My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who  
worship him.  
<sup>25</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"  
<sup>26</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to  
the Lord, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.  
<sup>27</sup>For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
he rules over the nations.  
<sup>28</sup>To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down  
in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.  
<sup>29</sup>My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.  
<sup>30</sup>They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to John 7:37-52

<sup>37</sup>On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, <sup>38</sup>and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" <sup>39</sup>Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was

no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some in the crowd said, "This is really the prophet." <sup>41</sup>Others said, "This is the Messiah." But some asked, "Surely the Messiah does not come from Galilee, does he? <sup>42</sup>Has not the scripture said that the Messiah is descended from David and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?" <sup>43</sup>So there was a division in the crowd because of him. <sup>44</sup>Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

<sup>45</sup>Then the temple police went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, "Why did you not arrest him?"

<sup>46</sup>The police answered, "Never has anyone spoken like this!" <sup>47</sup>Then the Pharisees replied, "Surely you have not been deceived too, have you? <sup>48</sup>Has any one of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? <sup>49</sup>But this crowd, which does not know the law they are accursed." <sup>50</sup>Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus before, and who was one of them, asked, <sup>51</sup>"Our law does not judge people without first giving them a hearing to find out what they are doing, does it?" <sup>52</sup>They replied, "Surely you are not also from Galilee, are you? Search and you will see that no prophet is to arise from Galilee."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Canticle**

*Everyone*

## **The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis***

### **Luke 2:29-32**

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Suffrages**

*Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*Response*

And grant us your salvation.

*Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

*Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

*Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 16**

*Leader*

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [the Kingdom of Eswatini](#).

## **Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers, members of the [Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints \(Strangite\)](#).

## **A Collect for Fridays**

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

## **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## **For Clergy and People**

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our bishops, and other clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **For the Unity of the Church**

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions; take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as there is but one Body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For Monastic Orders and Vocations**

O Lord Jesus Christ, you became poor for our sake, that we might be made rich through your poverty: Guide and sanctify, we pray, those whom you call to follow you under the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, that by their prayer and service they may enrich your Church, and by their life and worship may glorify your Name; for you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **Hymn: O God of Earth and altar**

O God of Earth and altar,  
Bow down and hear our cry,  
Our earthly rulers falter,  
Our people drift and die;  
The walls of gold entomb us,  
The swords of scorn divide,  
Take not thy thunder from us,  
But take away our pride.

From all that terror teaches,  
From lies of tongue and pen,  
From all the easy speeches  
That comfort cruel men,  
From sale and profanation

Of honour and the sword,  
From sleep and from damnation,  
Deliver us, good Lord!

Tie in a living tether  
The prince and priest and thrall,  
Bind all our lives together,  
Smite us and save us all;  
In ire and exultation  
Aflame with faith and free,  
Lift up a living nation,  
A single sword to thee.

The Choir and Congregation of St Martin-in-the-Fields, London  
Words: Gilbert K. Chesterton  
Arrangement: Jeff Howard  
Tune: *King's Lynn*

## **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**

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we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
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## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.  
Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

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Saturday  
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# The Opening

## Opening Sentence

*Leader*

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."  
John 8:12

## Hymn: Now rest beneath night's shadow

Now rest beneath night's shadow  
The woodland, field, and meadow,  
The world in slumber lies;  
But you, my heart, awake thee,  
To prayer and song betake thee;  
Let praise to the Creator rise.  
Let praise to the Creator rise.

Lord Jesus, You do love me,  
Oh, spread Your wings above me  
And shield me from alarm!  
Though Satan would devour me,  
Let angel-guards sing o'er me:  
This child of God shall meet no harm!  
This child of God shall meet no harm!

Composer: Paul Gerhardt, 1653  
Tune: *Nun ruhen alle Wlder*

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

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and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## **The Psalter**

110:1-5 *Dixit Dominus*

or [Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, \*  
until I make your enemies your footstool."

<sup>2</sup>The Lord will send the scepter of your power out of Zion, \*  
saying, "Rule over your enemies round about you.

<sup>3</sup>Princely state has been yours from the day of your birth; \*  
in the beauty of holiness have I begotten you,  
like dew from the womb of the morning."

<sup>4</sup>The Lord has sworn and he will not recant: \*  
"You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek."

<sup>5</sup>The Lord who is at your right hand  
will smite kings in the day of his wrath; \*  
he will rule over the nations.

116 *Dilexi, quoniam* or  
[Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of  
my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever  
I called upon him.

<sup>2</sup> The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.

<sup>3</sup> Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: \*  
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

<sup>4</sup> Gracious is the Lord and righteous; \*  
our God is full of compassion.

<sup>5</sup> The Lord watches over the innocent; \*  
I was brought very low, and he helped me.

<sup>6</sup> Turn again to your rest, O my soul, \*  
for the Lord has treated you well.

<sup>7</sup> For you have rescued my life from death, \*  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

<sup>8</sup> I will walk in the presence of the Lord \*  
in the land of the living.

<sup>9</sup> I believed, even when I said,  
"I have been brought very low." \*  
In my distress I said, "No one can be trusted."

<sup>10</sup> How shall I repay the Lord \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?

<sup>11</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

<sup>12</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
in the presence of all his people.

<sup>13</sup> Precious in the sight of the Lord \*  
is the death of his servants.

<sup>14</sup> O Lord, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.

<sup>15</sup> I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
in the presence of all his people,  
<sup>17</sup> In the courts of the Lord's house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!

117 *Laudate Dominum* or  
[Coverdale](#)

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord, all you nations; \*  
laud him, all you peoples.  
<sup>2</sup> For his loving-kindness toward us is great, \*  
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.  
Hallelujah!

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

## Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

## Gospel

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel according to John 8:12-20

<sup>12</sup>Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." <sup>13</sup>Then the Pharisees said to him, "You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid." <sup>14</sup>Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. <sup>15</sup>You judge by human standards; I judge no one. <sup>16</sup>Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is valid; for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. <sup>17</sup>In your law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is valid. <sup>18</sup>I testify on my own behalf, and the Father who sent me testifies on my behalf." <sup>19</sup>Then they said to him, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." <sup>20</sup>He spoke these words while he was teaching in the treasury of the temple, but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## The Canticle

*Everyone*

## **The Song of Mary *Magnificat*** **Luke 1:46-55**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

# The Prayers

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or [Traditional](#))

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Suffrages

*Leader*

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

*Leader*

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

*Response*

We entreat you, O Lord.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 16**

*Leader*

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and

the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **For Mission**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

## **A Collect for Saturdays**

O God, the source of eternal light: Shed forth your unending day upon us who watch for you, that our lips may praise you, our lives may bless you, and our worship on the morrow give you glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [Ethiopia](#).

## **Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers, members of the [Free Bible Students International](#).

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

## **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptance  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or [prayers from the Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

## **For Sound Government**

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

Lord, keep this nation under your care.

To all who have executive authority and to all who have administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To those who make our laws give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name.

For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Amen.

## **For Schools and Colleges**

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For the Harvest of Lands and Waters**

O gracious Father, who opens your hand and fills all living things: Bless the lands and waters, and multiply the harvests of the world; let your Spirit go forth, that it may renew the face of the earth; show your loving-kindness, that our land may give her increase; and save us from selfish use of what you give, that men and women everywhere may give you thanks; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: I love thy kingdom, Lord**

I love thy kingdom, Lord,  
the house of thine abode,  
the Church our blest Redeemer  
saved with his own precious blood.

For her my tears shall fall;  
for her my prayers ascend;  
to her my cares and toils be given,  
till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy  
I prize her heavenly ways,  
her sweet communion, solemn vows,  
her hymns of love and praise.

Jesus, thou friend divine,  
our Savior and our King,  
thy hand from every snare and foe  
shall great deliverance bring.

Sure as thy truth shall last,  
to Zion shall be given  
the brightest glories Earth can yield,  
and brighter bliss of heaven.

Singers: The Congregation of Washington National Cathedral (the Cathedral Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul)  
Words: Timothy Dwight  
Tune: *St. Thomas*

## **A Prayer of Self-Dedication**

Almighty and eternal God,  
so draw our hearts to you,  
so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations,  
so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly yours,  
utterly dedicated unto you;  
and then use us, we pray you, as you will,  
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world

knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.  
Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.