

Jump to Compline

Sunday

Evening Prayer

Proper 17

The Opening

Opening Sentence

Leader

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

Hymn: Glory to thee, my God, this night

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

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

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

O may my soul on thee repose,
and with sweet sleep mine eyelids close;
sleep that may me more vigorous make

to serve my God when I awake.

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

Singers: The Chapel Choir of University College, Durham

Words: Thomas Ken, 1692

Music: Thomas Tallis Tune: *Tallis' Canon*

Confession of Sin

Leader

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone together, all kneeling:

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

Leader

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

The Invitatory

All stand.

Leader

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

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

O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*

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

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

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

The Psalter

114 *In exitu Israel*
or Coverdale

- ¹ Hallelujah!
When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- ² Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.
- ³ The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.
- ⁴ The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.
- ⁵ What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- ⁶ You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?
- ⁷ Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- ⁸ Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

115 *Non nobis, Domine*
or Coverdale

- ¹ Not to us, O Lord, not to us,
but to your Name give glory; *
because of your love and because of your faithfulness.
- ² Why should the heathen say, *
"Where then is their God?"
- ³ Our God is in heaven; *
whatever he wills to do he does.

- ⁴ Their idols are silver and gold, *
the work of human hands.
- ⁵ They have mouths, but they cannot speak; *
eyes have they, but they cannot see;
- ⁶ They have ears but they cannot hear; *
noses, but they cannot smell;
- ⁷ They have hands, but they cannot feel;
feet, but they cannot walk; *
they make no sound with their throat.
- ⁸ Those who make them are like them, *
and so are all who put their trust in them.
- ⁹ O Israel, trust in the Lord; *
he is their help and their shield.
- ¹⁰ O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord; *
he is their help and their shield.
- ¹¹ You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord; *
he is their help and their shield.
- ¹² The Lord has been mindful of us, and he will bless us; *
he will bless the house of Israel;
he will bless the house of Aaron;
- ¹³ He will bless those who fear the Lord, *
both small and great together.
- ¹⁴ May the Lord increase you more and more, *
you and your children after you.
- ¹⁵ May you be blessed by the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

The heaven of heavens is the Lord's, *
but he entrusted the earth to its peoples.

¹⁷ The dead do not praise the Lord, *
nor all those who go down into silence;

¹⁸ But we will bless the Lord, *
from this time forth for evermore.
Hallelujah!

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Gloria Patri

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

The Gospel

Reader

A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew 5:1-12

⁵When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down,
his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴"Blessed
are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for
they will inherit the earth. ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will
receive mercy. ⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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 17

Leader

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 [Fiji](#).

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We pray for our sisters and brothers, members of the [Jehovah's Witnesses](#).

Intercessions

Leader

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

Everyone sings or says

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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 Courts of Justice

Lord Jesus, for our sake you were condemned as a criminal: Visit our jails and prisons with your pity and judgment. Remember all prisoners, and bring the guilty to repentance and amendment of life according to your will, and give them hope for their future. When any are held unjustly, bring them release;

forgive us, and teach us to improve our justice. Remember those who work in these institutions; keep them humane and compassionate; and save them from becoming brutal or callous. And since what we do for those in prison, O Lord, we do for you, constrain us to improve their lot. All this we ask for your mercy's sake. Amen.

For Those Who Suffer for the Sake of Conscience

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

For Towns and Rural Areas

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

Hymn: I greet Thee, who my sure Redeemer art

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

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

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

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

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

Words: John Calvin, Strasbourg Psalter

Tune: *Toulon*

A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

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

to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Ending

The General Thanksgiving

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

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make
our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-

beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Benediction

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Hymn: God Be With You

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

An Order for Compline

The Leader begins

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

Leader

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

Response

The maker of heaven and Earth.

Leader

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

We have sinned against you,

through our own fault,

in thought, and word, and deed,

and in what we have left undone.

For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,

forgive us all our offenses;

and grant that we may serve you

in newness of life,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Leader

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

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the

beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

The Psalm

Everyone

4 *Cum invocarem*

or *Coverdale*

¹ 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.

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

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

⁴ Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

⁵ Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.

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

⁷ You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

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

The Word

Leader

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

Response

Thanks be to God.

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

The Responses

Leader

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

Response

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

Leader

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

Response

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

Response

Christ, have mercy.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

The Prayers

Everyone

The Lord's Prayer

or [traditional](#)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Traditional Lord's Prayer

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And forgive us our trespasses,
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And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Leader

Lord, hear our prayer;

Response

And let our cry come to you.

Leader

Let us pray.

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

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

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

The Canticle

Everyone

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

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

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

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Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

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Monday

Evening Prayer

Proper 17

The Opening

Opening Sentence

Leader

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

Hymn: I lie, O Lord, within Your care

I lie, O Lord, within Your care,

Awake or when I'm sleeping.

Whoever trusts in Your strong arms

Is safe within Your keeping.

Lord, You alone keep constant watch;

My restless heart You quiet.

When shadow fills the night with fear,

I will by faith defy it.

It is enough that You are near;

I need not now discover

What hidden plans You have for me,

My future's path uncover.

Tomorrow's road I cannot trace

Nor know what ills will meet me.

You only ask that I be still
And trust You there will greet me.

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

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

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

The Psalter

9 *Confitebor tibi*

or Coverdale

¹ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
I will tell of all your marvelous works.

² I will be glad and rejoice in you; *
I will sing to your Name, O Most High.

- ³ When my enemies are driven back, *
they will stumble and perish at your presence.
- ⁴ For you have maintained my right and my cause; *
you sit upon your throne judging right.
- ⁵ You have rebuked the ungodly and destroyed the wicked; *
you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.
- ⁶ As for the enemy, they are finished, in perpetual ruin, *
their cities ploughed under, the memory of them perished;
- ⁷ But the Lord is enthroned for ever; *
he has set up his throne for judgment.
- ⁸ It is he who rules the world with righteousness; *
he judges the peoples with equity.
- ⁹ The Lord will be a refuge for the oppressed, *
a refuge in time of trouble.
- ¹⁰ Those who know your Name will put their trust in you, *
for you never forsake those who seek you, O Lord.
- ¹¹ Sing praise to the Lord who dwells in Zion; *
proclaim to the peoples the things he has done.
- ¹² The Avenger of blood will remember them; *
he will not forget the cry of the afflicted.
- ¹³ Have pity on me, O Lord; *
see the misery I suffer from those who hate me,
O you who lift me up from the gate of death;
- ¹⁴ So that I may tell of all your praises
and rejoice in your salvation *
in the gates of the city of Zion.

The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug, *
and in the snare they set is their own foot caught.

¹⁶ The Lord is known by his acts of justice; *
the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.

¹⁷ The wicked shall be given over to the grave, *
and also all the peoples that forget God.

¹⁸ For the needy shall not always be forgotten, *
and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.

¹⁹ Rise up, O Lord, let not the ungodly have the upper hand; *
let them be judged before you.

²⁰ Put fear upon them, O Lord; *
let the ungodly know they are but mortal.

15 *Domine, quis habitabit?*

or **Coverdale**

¹ Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?

² Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.

³ There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

⁴ In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the Lord.

⁵ He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.

⁶ He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

⁷ Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

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Gloria Patri

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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.
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The Gospel

Reader

A Reading from the Gospel According to John 8:21-32

²¹Again he said to them, "I am going away, and you will search for me, but you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come." ²²Then the Jews said, "Is he going to kill himself? Is that what he means by saying, 'Where I am going, you cannot come'?" ²³He said to them, "You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world. ²⁴I told you that you would die in your sins, for you will die in your sins unless you believe that I am he." ²⁵They said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Why do I speak to you at all? ²⁶I have much to say about you and much to condemn; but the one who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him." ²⁷They did not understand that he was speaking to them about the Father. ²⁸So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own, but I

speak these things as the Father instructed me. And the one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what is pleasing to him."

³⁰As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

³¹Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

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 17

Leader

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 Republic of Finland](#).

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We pray for our sisters and brothers, members of the [Swedenborgian Church of North America](#).

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

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Hymn: To my humble supplication

To my humble supplication

Lord, give ear and acceptation

Save thy servant, that hath none

Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

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

For the Right Use of God's Gifts

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

For Knowledge of God's Creation

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

For the Care of Children

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

example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

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You shelter me
And I will trust in You.

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

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

[Interlude]

God most high
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And I will trust in You.

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

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

A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis

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

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

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

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

The Ending

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks

for all your goodness and loving-kindness

to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,

and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love

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

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

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

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

not only with our lips, but in our lives,

by giving up our selves to your service,

and by walking before you

in holiness and righteousness all our days;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you

will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Benediction

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Hymn: God Be With You

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

An Order for Compline

The Leader begins

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

Leader

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

Response

The maker of heaven and Earth.

Leader

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

We have sinned against you,

through our own fault,

in thought, and word, and deed,

and in what we have left undone.

For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,

forgive us all our offenses;

and grant that we may serve you

in newness of life,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Leader

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

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

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

The Psalm

Everyone

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*

or *Coverdale*

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

²Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

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

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

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

The Word

Leader

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

Matthew 11:28-30

Response

Thanks be to God.

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

The Responses

Leader

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

Response

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

Leader

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

Response

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

Response

Christ, have mercy.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

The Prayers

Everyone

The Lord's Prayer

or **traditional**

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Traditional Lord's Prayer

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

Leader

Lord, hear our prayer;

Response

And let our cry come to you.

Leader

Let us pray.

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

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

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

The Cantic

Everyone

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

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

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

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

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Jump to Compline

Tuesday

Evening Prayer

Proper 17

The Opening

Opening Sentence

Leader

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

Hymn: In the dark of the midnight

In the dark of the midnight,
Have I oft hid my face;
While the storm howls above me,
And there's no hiding place;
'Mid the crash of the thunder,
Precious Lord, hear my cry;
"Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by."
'Til the storm passes over,
'Til the thunder sounds no more;
'Til the clouds roll forever from the sky,
Hold me fast, let me stand,
In the hollow of Thy hand;
Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by.
Many times Satan whispers,
"There is no need to try;
For there's no end of sorrow,

There's no hope by and by";
But I know Thou art with me,
And tomorrow I'll rise;
Where the storms never darken the skies.

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

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

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

Words and Music: Traditional

Confession of Sin

Leader

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone together, all kneeling:

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

Leader

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

The Invitatory

All stand.

Leader

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

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

O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*

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

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

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

The Psalter

36 *Dixit injustus* or Coverdale

¹ There is a voice of rebellion deep in the heart of the wicked; *
there is no fear of God before his eyes.

² He flatters himself in his own eyes *
that his hateful sin will not be found out.

³ The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful; *
he has left off acting wisely and doing good.

⁴ He thinks up wickedness upon his bed
and has set himself in no good way; *
he does not abhor that which is evil.

⁵ Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

- ⁶ Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O Lord.
- ⁷ How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the
shadow of your wings.
- ⁸ They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- ⁹ For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.
- ¹⁰ Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.
- ¹¹ Let not the foot of the proud come near me, *
nor the hand of the wicked push me aside.
- ¹² See how they are fallen, those who work wickedness! *
they are cast down and shall not be able to rise.

39 *Dixi, Custodiam*
or Coverdale

- ¹ I said, "I will keep watch upon my ways, *
so that I do not offend with my tongue.
- ² I will put a muzzle on my mouth *
while the wicked are in my presence."
- ³ So I held my tongue and said nothing; *
I refrained from rash words;
but my pain became unbearable.
- ⁴ My heart was hot within me;

while I pondered, the fire burst into flame; *

I spoke out with my tongue:

⁵ Lord, let me know my end and the number of my days, *
so that I may know how short my life is.

⁶ You have given me a mere handful of days,
and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight; *
truly, even those who stand erect are but a puff of wind.

⁷ We walk about like a shadow,
and in vain we are in turmoil; *
we heap up riches and cannot tell who will gather them.

⁸ And now, what is my hope? *
O Lord, my hope is in you.

⁹ Deliver me from all my transgressions *
and do not make me the taunt of the fool.

¹⁰ I fell silent and did not open my mouth, *
for surely it was you that did it.

¹¹ Take your affliction from me; *
I am worn down by the blows of your hand.

¹² With rebukes for sin you punish us;
like a moth you eat away all that is dear to us; *
truly, everyone is but a puff of wind.

¹³ Hear my prayer, O Lord,
and give ear to my cry; *
hold not your peace at my tears.

¹⁴ For I am but a sojourner with you, *
a wayfarer, as all my forebears were.

¹⁵ Turn your gaze from me, that I may be glad again, *

before I go my way and am no more.

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Gloria Patri

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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 8:33-47

³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷I know that you are descendants of Abraham; yet you look for an opportunity to kill me, because there is no place in you for my word.

³⁸I declare what I have seen in the Father's presence; as for you, you should do what you have heard from the Father." ³⁹They answered him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing what Abraham did, ⁴⁰but now you are trying to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did.

⁴¹You are indeed doing what your father does." They said to him, "We are not

illegitimate children; we have one father, God himself." Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now I am here. I did not come on my own, but he sent me. ⁴³Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot accept my word. ⁴⁴You are from your father the devil, and you choose to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks according to his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me.

⁴⁶Which of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? ⁴⁷Whoever is from God hears the words of God. The reason you do not hear them is that you are not from God."

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)

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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,

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 17

Leader

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 French Republic](#).

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

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

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

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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: You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord

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

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,

And hold you in the palm of His Hand.

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

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

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

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

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

Words and music: Michael Joncas

A Prayer of Self-Dedication

Almighty and eternal God,
so draw our hearts to you,
so guide our minds,
so fill our imaginations,
so control our wills,
that we may be wholly yours,
utterly dedicated unto you;

and then use us, we pray you, as you will,
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Ending

The General Thanksgiving

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

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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

may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Leader

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

Hymn: God Be With You

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

An Order for Compline

The Leader begins

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

Leader

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

Response

The maker of heaven and Earth.

Leader

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

We have sinned against you,

through our own fault,

in thought, and word, and deed,

and in what we have left undone.

For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,

forgive us all our offenses;

and grant that we may serve you

in newness of life,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Leader

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

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

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

The Psalm

Everyone

4 *Cum invocarem*

or *Coverdale*

¹ 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.

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

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

⁴ Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

⁵ Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.

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

⁷ You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

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

The Word

Leader

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you

with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Hebrews 13:20-21*

Response

Thanks be to God.

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

The Responses

Leader

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

Response

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

Leader

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

Response

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

Response

Christ, have mercy.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

The Prayers

Everyone

The Lord's Prayer

or [traditional](#)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Traditional Lord's Prayer

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

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Leader

Lord, hear our prayer;

Response

And let our cry come to you.

Leader

Let us pray.

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

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

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

The Cantic

Everyone

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

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

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

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

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Jump to Compline

Wednesday

Evening Prayer

Proper 17

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: Creator of the stars of night

Conditor alme siderum

Creator of the stars of night,

aetérna lux credéntium

Thy people's everlasting light,

Christe redémptor ómnium

Jesu, Redeemer, save us all,

exáudi preces súpplicum

and hear Thy servants when they call.

Qui cóndolens intéritu

Thou, grieving that the ancient curse

mortis perire saeculum

should doom to death a universe,

salvásti mundum languidum

hast found the medicine, full of grace,

donnas reis remedium.

to save and heal a ruined race.

Vergénte mundi vésperé

Thou camest, the Bridegroom of the Bride,

uti sponsus de thálamo

as drew the world to evening tide,

egréssus honestissima

proceeding from a virgin shrine,

Virginis matris cláusula.

the spotless Victim all divine.

Cuius forti ponténtiae

At whose dread Name, majestic now,

genu curvántur ómnia

all knees must bend, all hearts must bow;

caeléstia, terréstia

and things celestial Thee shall own,

nutu faténtur súbdita.

and things terrestrial Lord alone.

Te, Sancte fide quáesumus,

O Thou whose coming is with dread,

venture iudex sáeculi,

to judge and doom the quick and dead,

consérva nos in témpore

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 Patríque glória

and God the Spirit, Three in One,
cum Spíritu Paráclito
laud, honor, might, and glory be
in sempiterna saecula.
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

119:25-48

or **Coverdale**

Daleth *Adhaesit pavimento*

- 25 My soul cleaves to the dust; *
give me life according to your word.
- 26 I have confessed my ways, and you answered me; *
instruct me in your statutes.
- 27 Make me understand the way of your commandments, *
that I may meditate on your marvelous works.
- 28 My soul melts away for sorrow; *
strengthen me according to your word.
- 29 Take from me the way of lying; *
let me find grace through your law.
- 30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness; *
I have set your judgments before me.
- 31 I hold fast to your decrees; *
O Lord, let me not be put to shame.
- 32 I will run the way of your commandments, *
for you have set my heart at liberty.

He *Legem pone*

- 33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

Waw *Et veniat super me*

41 Let your loving-kindness come to me, O Lord, *
and your salvation, according to your promise.

42 Then shall I have a word for those who taunt me, *
because I trust in your words.

43 Do not take the word of truth out of my mouth, *
for my hope is in your judgments.

44 I shall continue to keep your law; *
I shall keep it for ever and ever.

45 I will walk at liberty, *
because I study your commandments.

46 I will tell of your decrees before kings *
and will not be ashamed.

47 I delight in your commandments, *
which I have always loved.

48 I will lift up my hands to your commandments, *
and I will meditate on your statutes.

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 8:47-59

⁴⁷Whoever is from God hears the words of God. The reason you do not hear them is that you are not from God." ⁴⁸The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" ⁴⁹Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is one who seeks it and he is the judge.

⁵¹Very truly, I tell you, whoever keeps my word will never see death." ⁵²The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham died, and so did the prophets; yet you say, 'Whoever keeps my word will never taste death.' ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets also died. Who do you claim to be?" ⁵⁴Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, he of whom you say, 'He is our God,' ⁵⁵though you do not know him. But I know him; if I would say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you. But I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your ancestor Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day; he saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷Then the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty

years old, and have you seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, before Abraham was, I am." ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

The Word of the Lord.

Everyone

Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept after the Reading.

The Cantic

Everyone

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

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

All stand

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

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

The Prayers

Leader

God be with you.

Response

And also with you.

Leader

Let us pray.

Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or Traditional)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,

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

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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

The Suffrages

Leader

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

Response

And grant us your salvation.

Leader

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Response

Let your people sing with joy.

Leader

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

Response

For only in you can we live in safety.

Leader

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

Response

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Leader

Let your way be known upon earth;

Response

Your saving health among all nations.

Leader

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Response

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Leader

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

Response

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day: Proper 17

Leader

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 Gabonese Republic](#).

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

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

A Collect for Protection

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

Intercessions

Leader

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

Everyone sings or says

Hymn: To my humble supplication

To my humble supplication

Lord, give ear and acceptance

Save thy servant, that hath none

Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

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

For Cities

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

For Those Who Influence Public Opinion

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

For the Future of the Human Race

O God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: Increase our reverence before the mystery of life; and give us

new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: Ye watchers and ye holy ones

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

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

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

Alleluia!

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

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

A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis

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

The Ending

The General Thanksgiving

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

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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

Benediction

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Hymn: God Be With You

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

An Order for Compline

The Leader begins

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

Leader

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

Response

The maker of heaven and Earth.

Leader

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

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

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

Leader

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

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

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

The Psalm

Everyone

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*

or [Coverdale](#)

¹In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame: *

deliver me in your righteousness.

²Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

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

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

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

The Word

Leader

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

Matthew 11:28-30

Response

Thanks be to God.

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

The Responses

Leader

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

Response

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

Leader

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

Response

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

Response

Christ, have mercy.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

The Prayers

Everyone

The Lord's Prayer

or **traditional**

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Traditional Lord's Prayer

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

Leader

Lord, hear our prayer;

Response

And let our cry come to you.

Leader

Let us pray.

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

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

others toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

The Canticle

Everyone

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

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

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

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

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Jump to Compline

Thursday

Evening Prayer

Proper 17

The Opening

Opening Sentence

Leader

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

Hymn: The 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

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

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

O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*

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

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

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,

and to be glorified through all the worlds.

The Psalter

37 Part II

Novit Dominus

or Coverdale

- ¹⁹ The Lord cares for the lives of the godly, *
and their inheritance shall last for ever.
- ²⁰ They shall not be ashamed in bad times, *
and in days of famine they shall have enough.
- ²¹ As for the wicked, they shall perish, *
and the enemies of the Lord, like the glory of
the meadows, shall vanish;
they shall vanish like smoke.
- ²² The wicked borrow and do not repay, *
but the righteous are generous in giving.
- ²³ Those who are blessed by God shall possess the land, *
but those who are cursed by him shall be destroyed.
- ²⁴ Our steps are directed by the Lord; *
he strengthens those in whose way he delights.
- ²⁵ If they stumble, they shall not fall headlong, *
for the Lord holds them by the hand.
- ²⁶ I have been young and now I am old, *
but never have I seen the righteous forsaken,
or their children begging bread.
- ²⁷ The righteous are always generous in their lending, *
and their children shall be a blessing.
- ²⁸ Turn from evil, and do good, *

and dwell in the land for ever.

- 29 For the Lord loves justice; *
he does not forsake his faithful ones.
- 30 They shall be kept safe for ever, *
but the offspring of the wicked shall be destroyed.
- 31 The righteous shall possess the land *
and dwell in it for ever.
- 32 The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, *
and their tongue speaks what is right.
- 33 The law of their God is in their heart, *
and their footsteps shall not falter.
- 34 The wicked spy on the righteous *
and seek occasion to kill them.
- 35 The Lord will not abandon them to their hand, *
nor let them be found guilty when brought to trial.
- 36 Wait upon the Lord and keep his way; *
he will raise you up to possess the land,
and when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.
- 37 I have seen the wicked in their arrogance, *
flourishing like a tree in full leaf.
- 38 I went by, and behold, they were not there; *
I searched for them, but they could not be found.
- 39 Mark those who are honest;
observe the upright; *
for there is a future for the peaceable.
- 40 Transgressors shall be destroyed, one and all; *
the future of the wicked is cut off.

⁴¹ But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; *
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

⁴² The Lord will help them and rescue them; *
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in him.

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Gloria Patri

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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 9:1-17

⁹As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"
³Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

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 17

Leader

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in

our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 [Turkey](#).

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [Spanish Evangelical 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

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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 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: Where charity and love prevail

Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love,
by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear
God's charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul
now love God in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults
as we our faults confess;
And let us love each other well
in Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown,
let all contention cease;
Be God's the glory that we seek,
be ours God's holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst
dwells God's begotten Son;
As members of his body joined,
we are in Christ made one.

No race nor creed can love exclude,
if honored be God's name;
Our family embraces all
whose Father is the same.

Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love,
by love are we thus bound.

Words: Ubi Caritas, tr. Omer Westendorf

Music: Paul Benoit

Tune: *Christian Love*

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.

An Order for Compline

The Leader begins

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

Leader

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

Response

The maker of heaven and Earth.

Leader

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

We have sinned against you,

through our own fault,

in thought, and word, and deed,

and in what we have left undone.

For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,

forgive us all our offenses;

and grant that we may serve you

in newness of life,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Leader

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

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

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

The Psalm

Everyone

4 *Cum invocarem*

or *Coverdale*

¹ 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.

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

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

⁴ Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

⁵ Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.

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

⁷ You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

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

The Word

Leader

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

Matthew 11:28-30

Response

Thanks be to God.

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

The Responses

Leader

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

Response

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

Leader

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

Response

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

Response

Christ, have mercy.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

The Prayers

Everyone

The Lord's Prayer

or **traditional**

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Traditional Lord's Prayer

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

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those

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

Leader

Lord, hear our prayer;

Response

And let our cry come to you.

Leader

Let us pray.

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

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

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

The Cantic

Everyone

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

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Jump to Compline

Friday

Evening Prayer

Proper 17

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

**35 *Judica, Domine*
or Coverdale**

¹Fight those who fight me, O Lord; *
attack those who are attacking me.

²Take up shield and armor *
and rise up to help me.

³Draw the sword and bar the way against those
who pursue me; *

say to my soul, "I am your salvation."

⁴Let those who seek after my life be shamed and humbled, *
let those who plot my ruin fall back and be dismayed.

⁵Let them be like chaff before the wind, *
and let the angel of the Lord drive them away.

⁶Let their way be dark and slippery, *
and let the angel of the Lord pursue them.

⁷For they have secretly spread a net for me without a cause; *
without a cause they have dug a pit to take me alive.

⁸Let ruin come upon them unawares; *
let them be caught in the net they hid;
let them fall into the pit they dug.

⁹Then I will be joyful in the Lord; *
I will glory in his victory.

¹⁰My very bones will say, "Lord, who is like you? *
You deliver the poor from those who are too strong for them,
the poor and needy from those who rob them."

¹¹Malicious witnesses rise up against me; *
they charge me with matters I know nothing about.

¹²They pay me evil in exchange for good; *
my soul is full of despair.

¹³But when they were sick I dressed in sack-cloth *
and humbled myself by fasting;

¹⁴I prayed with my whole heart,
as one would for a friend or a brother; *
I behaved like one who mourns for his mother,
bowed down and grieving.

¹⁵But when I stumbled, they were glad and gathered together;
they gathered against me; *
strangers whom I did not know tore me to pieces and
would not stop.

¹⁶They put me to the test and mocked me; *
they gnashed at me with their teeth.

¹⁷O Lord, how long will you look on? *
rescue me from the roaring beasts,
and my life from the young lions.

¹⁸I will give you thanks in the great congregation; *
I will praise you in the mighty throng.

¹⁹Do not let my treacherous foes rejoice over me, *
nor let those who hate me without a cause
wink at each other.

²⁰For they do not plan for peace, *
but invent deceitful schemes against the
quiet in the land.

²¹They opened their mouths at me and said, *
"Aha! we saw it with our own eyes."

²²You saw it, O Lord; do not be silent; *
O Lord, be not far from me.

²³Awake, arise, to my cause! *
to my defense, my God and my Lord!

²⁴Give me justice, O Lord my God,
according to your righteousness; *
do not let them triumph over me.

²⁵Do not let them say in their hearts,

"Aha! just what we want!" *

Do not let them say, "We have swallowed him up."

²⁶Let all who rejoice at my ruin be ashamed and disgraced; *
let those who boast against me be clothed with
dismay and shame.

²⁷Let those who favor my cause sing out with joy and be glad; *
let them say always, "Great is the Lord,
who desires the prosperity of his servant."

²⁸And my tongue shall be talking of your righteousness *
and of your praise all the day long.

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Gloria Patri

|
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

Gospel

Reader

A Reading from the Gospel According to John 9:18-41

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we

know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself."

²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be

put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask

him." ²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner."

²⁵He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to

you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you

also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken

to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he

comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will.

³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do

nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir?

Tell me, so that I may believe in him." ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen

him, and the one speaking with you is he." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him.

³⁹Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?"

⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

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 17

Leader

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 [Turkmenistan](#).

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [Spanish Reformed Episcopal 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

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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 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: While Thee I seek

While Thee I seek, protecting Pow'r,
Be my vain wishes stilled,
And may this consecrated hour
With better hopes be filled.
Thy love the pow'r of thought bestowed,
To Thee my thoughts would soar;
Thy mercy o'er my life has flowed,
That mercy I adore.

In each event of life, how clear
Thy ruling hand I see!
Each blessing to my soul more dear,
Because conferred by Thee.
In ev'ry joy that crowns my days,
In ev'ry pain I bear,
My heart shall find delight in praise,

Or seek relief in prayer.

When gladness wings my favored hour,
Thy love my thoughts shall fill;
Resigned when storms of sorrow lower,
My soul shall meet Thy will.
My lifted eye, without a tear,
The gathering storm shall see:
My steadfast heart shall know no fear;
My heart shall rest on Thee.

My lifted eye, without a tear,
The gathering storm shall see:
My steadfast heart shall know no fear;
My heart shall rest on Thee.

Singers: Youth in [Cades Cove Primitive Baptist Church](#)

Words: Helen Maria Williams, 1790

Music: Joseph Pleyel

Tune: *Ignaz*

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.

An Order for Compline

The Leader begins

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

Leader

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

Response

The maker of heaven and Earth.

Leader

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

We have sinned against you,

through our own fault,

in thought, and word, and deed,

and in what we have left undone.

For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,

forgive us all our offenses;

and grant that we may serve you

in newness of life,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Leader

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

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

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

The Psalm

Everyone

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*

or *Coverdale*

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

²Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

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

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

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

The Word

Leader

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

Matthew 11:28-30

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Response

Thanks be to God.

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

The Responses

Leader

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

Response

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

Leader

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

Response

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

Response

Christ, have mercy.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

The Prayers

Everyone

The Lord's Prayer

or [traditional](#)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Traditional Lord's Prayer

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

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Leader

Lord, hear our prayer;

Response

And let our cry come to you.

Leader

Let us pray.

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

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

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

The Canticle

Everyone

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

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

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

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

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Jump to Compline

Saturday

Evening Prayer

Proper 17

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 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

42 *Quemadmodum* or Coverdale

¹ As the deer longs for the water-brooks, *
so longs my soul for you, O God.

² My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; *
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

³ My tears have been my food day and night, *
while all day long they say to me,
“Where now is your God?”

- ⁴ I pour out my soul when I think on these things: *
how I went with the multitude
and led them into the house of God,
- ⁵ With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *
among those who keep holy-day.
- ⁶ Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- ⁷ Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.
- ⁸ My soul is heavy within me; *
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,
and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.
- ⁹ One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; *
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.
- ¹⁰ The Lord grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; *
in the night season his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.
- ¹¹ I will say to the God of my strength,
“Why have you forgotten me? *
and why do I go so heavily
while the enemy oppresses me?”
- ¹² While my bones are being broken, *
my enemies mock me to my face;
- ¹³ All day long they mock me *
and say to me, “Where now is your God?”
- ¹⁴ Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *

and why are you so disquieted within me?

- ¹⁵ Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

43 *Judica me, Deus*
or Coverdale

- ¹ Give judgment for me, O God,
and defend my cause against an ungodly people; *
deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.
- ² For you are the God of my strength;
why have you put me from you? *
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?
- ³ Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, *
and bring me to your holy hill
and to your dwelling;
- ⁴ That I may go to the altar of God,
to the God of my joy and gladness; *
and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.
- ⁵ Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- ⁶ Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Gloria Patri

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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 10:1-18

¹⁰"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am

the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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 17

Leader

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 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.

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 [Tuvalu](#).

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

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

Intercessions

Leader

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

Everyone sings or says

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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.

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 open 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 thou give, that men and women everywhere may give you thanks; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: Who can cheer the heart like Jesus

Who can cheer the heart like Jesus

By His presence all divine.

True and tender, pure and precious

O, how blest to call Him mine.

All that thrills my soul is Jesus.

He is more than life to me.

And the fairest of ten thousand

In my blessed Lord I see.

What a wonderful redemption

Never can a mortal know

How my sin, though red like crimson

Can be whiter than the snow.

All that thrills my soul is Jesus.

He is more than life to me.

And the fairest of ten thousand

In my blessed Lord I see.

Every need His hand supplying

Every good in Him I see.

On His strength divine relying

He is all in all to me.

All that thrills my soul is Jesus.

He is more than life to me.

And the fairest of ten thousand

In my blessed Lord I see.

Singers: Mennonite Hour Men's Chorus

Words and music: Thoro Harris

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.

An Order for Compline

The Leader begins

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

Leader

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

Response

The maker of heaven and Earth.

Leader

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

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

Leader

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

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

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

The Psalm

Everyone

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*

or **Coverdale**

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

²Incline your ear to me; *

make haste to deliver me.

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

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

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

The Word

Leader

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

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Response

Thanks be to God.

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

The Responses

Leader

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

Response

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

Leader

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

Response

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

Response

Christ, have mercy.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

The Prayers

Everyone

The Lord's Prayer

or [traditional](#)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Traditional Lord's Prayer

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

Leader

Lord, hear our prayer;

Response

And let our cry come to you.

Leader

Let us pray.

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illumine this night with
your celestial brightness; that by night as by day your people may glorify your

holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Saturdays

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

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

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

The Canticle

Everyone

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

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

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

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

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Jump to Compline

Sunday

Evening Prayer

Proper 18

The Opening

Opening Sentence

Leader

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

Hymn: Glory to thee, my God, this night

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

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

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

O may my soul on thee repose,
and with sweet sleep mine eyelids close;
sleep that may me more vigorous make

to serve my God when I awake.

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

Singers: The Chapel Choir of University College, Durham

Words: Thomas Ken, 1692

Music: Thomas Tallis Tune: *Tallis' Canon*

Confession of Sin

Leader

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone together, all kneeling:

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

Leader

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

The Invitatory

All stand.

Leader

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

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

O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*

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

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

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

The Psalter

103 *Benedic, anima mea*
or Coverdale

- ¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- ² Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.
- ³ He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
- ⁴ He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- ⁵ He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- ⁶ The Lord executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- ⁷ He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.
- ⁸ The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- ⁹ He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- ¹⁰ He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- ¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- ¹² As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- ¹³ As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

- 14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; *
he remembers that we are but dust.
- 15 Our days are like the grass; *
we flourish like a flower of the field;
- 16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, *
and its place shall know it no more.
- 17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever
on those who fear him, *
and his righteousness on children's children;
- 18 On those who keep his covenant *
and remember his commandments and do them.
- 19 The Lord has set his throne in heaven, *
and his kingship has dominion over all.
- 20 Bless the Lord, you angels of his,
you mighty ones who do his bidding, *
and hearken to the voice of his word.
- 21 Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, *
you ministers of his who do his will.
- 22 Bless the Lord, all you works of his,
in all places of his dominion; *
bless the Lord, O my soul.

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Gloria Patri

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now,

and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

The Gospel

Reader

A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew 5:13-20

¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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 18

Leader

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

For Mission

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

A Collect for Sundays

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

World Cycle of Prayer

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

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

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

Intercessions

Leader

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

Everyone sings or says

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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.

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

For Courts of Justice

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

For Those Who Suffer for the Sake of Conscience

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

we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, our merciful and righteous Judge. Amen.

For Towns and Rural Areas

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

Hymn: I greet Thee, who my sure Redeemer art

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

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

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

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

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

Words: John Calvin, Strasbourg Psalter

Tune: *Toulon*

A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

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

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

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

The Ending

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks

for all your goodness and loving-kindness

to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,

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

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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

Benediction

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of

the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

Hymn: God Be With You

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

An Order for Compline

The Leader begins

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

Leader

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

Response

The maker of heaven and Earth.

Leader

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:
We have sinned against you,
through our own fault,

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

Leader

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

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

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

The Psalm

Everyone

4 *Cum invocarem*

or [Coverdale](#)

¹ 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.

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

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

⁴ Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

⁵ Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.

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

⁷ You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

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

The Word

Leader

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

Response

Thanks be to God.

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

The Responses

Leader

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

Response

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

Leader

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

Response

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

Response

Christ, have mercy.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

The Prayers

Everyone

The Lord's Prayer

or **traditional**

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Traditional Lord's Prayer

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

Leader

Lord, hear our prayer;

Response

And let our cry come to you.

Leader

Let us pray.

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

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

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

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

The Cantic

Everyone

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

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

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

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

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Jump to Compline

Monday

Evening Prayer

Proper 18

The Opening

Opening Sentence

Leader

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

Hymn: Now 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

44 *Deus, auribus*
or Coverdale

¹We have heard with our ears, O God,
our forefathers have told us, *
the deeds you did in their days,
in the days of old.

²How with your hand you drove the peoples out
and planted our forefathers in the land; *
how you destroyed nations and made your people flourish.

³For they did not take the land by their sword,
nor did their arm win the victory for them; *
but your right hand, your arm, and the
light of your countenance,
because you favored them.

⁴You are my King and my God; *
you command victories for Jacob.

⁵Through you we pushed back our adversaries; *
through your Name we trampled on those who
rose up against us.

⁶For I do not rely on my bow, *
and my sword does not give me the victory.

⁷Surely, you gave us victory over our adversaries *
and put those who hate us to shame.

⁸Every day we gloried in God, *
and we will praise your Name for ever.

⁹Nevertheless, you have rejected and humbled us *
and do not go forth with our armies.

¹⁰You have made us fall back before our adversary, *
and our enemies have plundered us.

¹¹You have made us like sheep to be eaten *
and have scattered us among the nations.

¹²You are selling your people for a trifle *
and are making no profit on the sale of them.

- ¹³You have made us the scorn of our neighbors, *
a mockery and derision to those around us.
- ¹⁴You have made us a byword among the nations, *
a laughing-stock among the peoples.
- ¹⁵My humiliation is daily before me, *
and shame has covered my face;
- ¹⁶Because of the taunts of the mockers and blasphemers, *
because of the enemy and avenger.
- ¹⁷All this has come upon us; *
yet we have not forgotten you,
nor have we betrayed your covenant.
- ¹⁸Our heart never turned back, *
nor did our footsteps stray from your path;
- ¹⁹Though you thrust us down into a place of misery, *
and covered us over with deep darkness.
- ²⁰If we have forgotten the Name of our God, *
or stretched out our hands to some strange god,
- ²¹Will not God find it out? *
for he knows the secrets of the heart.
- ²²Indeed, for your sake we are killed all the day long; *
we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.
- ²³Awake, O Lord! why are you sleeping? *
Arise! do not reject us for ever.
- ²⁴Why have you hidden your face *
and forgotten our affliction and oppression?
- ²⁵We sink down into the dust; *
our body cleaves to the ground.

²⁶Rise up, and help us, *
and save us, for the sake of your steadfast love.

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Gloria Patri

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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 10:19-30

¹⁹Again the Jews were divided because of these words. ²⁰Many of them were saying, "He has a demon and is out of his mind. Why listen to him?" ²¹Others were saying, "These are not the words of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.

²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of

my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

The Word of the Lord.

Everyone

Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept after the Reading.

The Cantic

Everyone

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

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

All stand

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

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

The Prayers

Leader

God be with you.

Response

And also with you.

Leader

Let us pray.

Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or Traditional)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on Earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Suffrages

Leader

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

Response

And grant us your salvation.

Leader

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Response

Let your people sing with joy.

Leader

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

Response

For only in you can we live in safety.

Leader

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

Response

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Leader

Let your way be known upon earth;

Response

Your saving health among all nations.

Leader

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Response

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Leader

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

Response

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day: Proper 18

Leader

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who

make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

For Mission

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

World Cycle of Prayer

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

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of [The Church of the Lord \(Prayer Fellowship\) Worldwide](#).

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

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Hymn: To my humble supplication

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

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

For the Right Use of God's Gifts

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

For Knowledge of God's Creation

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

For the Care of Children

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

Hymn: 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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You shelter me
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With courage I will wait
Depending on Your mercy.

You alone, O Lord, will be my peace.

[Interlude]

God most high

You shelter me

And I will trust in You.

God most high

You shelter me

And I will trust in You.

Singer: Yvonne Lyon

Words and Music: David Lyon

Words based on "God Is My Strong Salvation"

by James Montgomery (1771-1854)

A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

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

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

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

The Ending

The General Thanksgiving

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

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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

Benediction

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Hymn: God Be With You

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

An Order for Compline

The Leader begins

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

Leader

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

Response

The maker of heaven and Earth.

Leader

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

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

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

Leader

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

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

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

The Psalm

Everyone

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*

or [Coverdale](#)

¹In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;

let me never be put to shame: *
deliver me in your righteousness.

²Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

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

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

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

The Word

Leader

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

Matthew 11:28-30

Response

Thanks be to God.

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

The Responses

Leader

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

Response

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

Leader

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

Response

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

Response

Christ, have mercy.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

The Prayers

Everyone

The Lord's Prayer

or [traditional](#)

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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.

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For thine is the kingdom,
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for ever and ever. Amen.

Leader

Lord, hear our prayer;

Response

And let our cry come to you.

Leader

Let us pray.

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

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and

grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

The Cantic

Everyone

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

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

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

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Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Jump to Compline

Tuesday

Evening Prayer

Proper 18

The Opening

Opening Sentence

Leader

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

Hymn: In the dark of the midnight

In the dark of the midnight,
Have I oft hid my face;
While the storm howls above me,
And there's no hiding place;
'Mid the crash of the thunder,
Precious Lord, hear my cry;
"Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by."
'Til the storm passes over,
'Til the thunder sounds no more;
'Til the clouds roll forever from the sky,
Hold me fast, let me stand,
In the hollow of Thy hand;
Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by.
Many times Satan whispers,
"There is no need to try;
For there's no end of sorrow,

There's no hope by and by";
But I know Thou art with me,
And tomorrow I'll rise;
Where the storms never darken the skies.

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

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

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

Words and Music: Traditional

Confession of Sin

Leader

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Everyone together, all kneeling:

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we confess that we have sinned against you
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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

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O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*

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

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

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

The Psalter

47 *Omnes gentes, plaudite* or Coverdale

- ¹ Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.
- ² For the Lord Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the Earth.
- ³ He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.
- ⁴ He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- ⁵ God has gone up with a shout, *
the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

⁷ For God is King of all the Earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.

⁸ God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.

⁹ The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.

¹⁰ The rulers of the Earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.

48 *Magnus Dominus* **or Coverdale**

¹ Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised; *
in the city of our God is his holy hill.

² Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the
hill of Zion, *
the very center of the world and the city of the great King.

³ God is in her citadels; *
he is known to be her sure refuge.

⁴ Behold, the kings of the earth assembled *
and marched forward together.

⁵ They looked and were astounded; *
they retreated and fled in terror.

⁶ Trembling seized them there; *
they writhed like a woman in childbirth,
like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.

⁷ As we have heard, so have we seen,

in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God; *

God has established her for ever.

⁸We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, *
in the midst of your temple.

⁹Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to
the world's end; *
your right hand is full of justice.

¹⁰Let Mount Zion be glad
and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments.

¹¹Make the circuit of Zion;
walk round about her; *
count the number of her towers.

¹²Consider well her bulwarks;
examine her strongholds; *
that you may tell those who come after.

¹³This God is our God for ever and ever; *
he shall be our guide for evermore.

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Gloria Patri

|
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

Gospel

Reader

A Reading from the Gospel According to John 10:31-42

³¹The Jews took up stones again to stone him. ³²Jesus replied, "I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these are you going to stone me?" ³³The Jews answered, "It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you, but for blasphemy, because you, though only a human being, are making yourself God." ³⁴Jesus answered, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, you are gods'? ³⁵If those to whom the word of God came were called 'gods' — and the scripture cannot be annulled— ³⁶can you say that the one whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world is blaspheming because I said, 'I am God's Son'? ³⁷If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me. ³⁸But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father."

³⁹Then they tried to arrest him again, but he escaped from their hands. ⁴⁰He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing earlier, and he remained there. ⁴¹Many came to him, and they were saying, "John performed no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true." ⁴²And many believed in him there.

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 18

Leader

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

For Mission

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

World Cycle of Prayer

We pray for the people of [United Arab Emirates](#).

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

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

A Collect for Guidance

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

Intercessions

Leader

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

Everyone sings or says

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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.

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: This is my Father's world

This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears

all nature sings and round me rings
the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
his hands the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
his hands the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world:
the battle is not done.
Jesus who died shall be satisfied
and heav'n and Earth be one.

This is my Father's world:
the battle is not done.
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Jesus who died shall be satisfied
and heav'n and Earth be one.

Singers: The Michael Curb Congregation

Words: Maltbie Davenport Babcock

Music: Franklin L. Sheppard

Tune: *Terra Beata*

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.

An Order for Compline

The Leader begins

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

Leader

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

Response

The maker of heaven and Earth.

Leader

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

We have sinned against you,

through our own fault,

in thought, and word, and deed,

and in what we have left undone.

For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,

forgive us all our offenses;

and grant that we may serve you

in newness of life,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Leader

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

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

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

The Psalm

Everyone

4 *Cum invocarem*

or **Coverdale**

¹ 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.

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

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

⁴ Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

⁵ Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.

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

⁷ You have put gladness in my heart, *

more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

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

The Word

Leader

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

Response

Thanks be to God.

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

The Responses

Leader

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

Response

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

Leader

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

Response

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

Response

Christ, have mercy.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

The Prayers

Everyone

The Lord's Prayer

or **traditional**

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Traditional Lord's Prayer

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

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

Leader

Lord, hear our prayer;

Response

And let our cry come to you.

Leader

Let us pray.

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

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

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

The Cantic

Everyone

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

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

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

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

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Jump to Compline

Wednesday

Evening Prayer

Proper 18

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: 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

49 *Audite haec, omnes*
or Coverdale

¹ Hear this, all you peoples;

hearken, all you who dwell in the world, *
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

² My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

³ I will incline my ear to a proverb *
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

⁴ Why should I be afraid in evil days, *
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

⁵ The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, *
and boast of their great riches?

⁶ We can never ransom ourselves, *
or deliver to God the price of our life;

⁷ For the ransom of our life is so great, *
that we should never have enough to pay it,

⁸ In order to live for ever and ever, *
and never see the grave.

⁹ For we see that the wise die also;
like the dull and stupid they perish *
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

¹⁰ Their graves shall be their homes for ever,
their dwelling places from generation to generation, *
though they call the lands after their own names.

¹¹ Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; *
they are like the beasts that perish.

¹² Such is the way of those who foolishly trust in themselves, *
and the end of those who delight in their own words.

¹³ Like a flock of sheep they are destined to die;

Death is their shepherd; *

they go down straightway to the grave.

¹⁴ Their form shall waste away, *
and the land of the dead shall be their home.

¹⁵ But God will ransom my life; *
he will snatch me from the grasp of death.

¹⁶ Do not be envious when some become rich, *
or when the grandeur of their house increases;

¹⁷ For they will carry nothing away at their death, *
nor will their grandeur follow them.

¹⁸ Though they thought highly of themselves while they lived, *
and were praised for their success,

¹⁹ They shall join the company of their forebears, *
who will never see the light again.

²⁰ Those who are honored, but have no understanding, *
are like the beasts that perish.

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Gloria Patri

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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 11:1-16

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." The Word of the Lord.

Everyone

Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept after the Reading.

The Canticle

Everyone

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

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

All stand

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

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

The Prayers

Leader

God be with you.

Response

And also with you.

Leader

Let us pray.

Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or Traditional)

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

now and for ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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

The Suffrages

Leader

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

Response

And grant us your salvation.

Leader

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Response

Let your people sing with joy.

Leader

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

Response

For only in you can we live in safety.

Leader

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

Response

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Leader

Let your way be known upon earth;

Response

Your saving health among all nations.

Leader

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Response

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Leader

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

Response

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day: Proper 18

Leader

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

For Mission

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

World Cycle of Prayer

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

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [Toraja 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

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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 Cities

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

For Those Who Influence Public Opinion

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

For the Future of the Human Race

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

Hymn: Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, princedoms, 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.

An Order for Compline

The Leader begins

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

Leader

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

Response

The maker of heaven and Earth.

Leader

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone

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

in newness of life,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Leader

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

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

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

The Psalm

Everyone

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*

or [Coverdale](#)

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

²Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

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

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

⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit, *

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

The Word

Leader

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

Matthew 11:28-30

Response

Thanks be to God.

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

The Responses

Leader

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

Response

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

Leader

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

Response

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

Response

Christ, have mercy.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

The Prayers

Everyone

The Lord's Prayer

or **traditional**

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Traditional Lord's Prayer

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

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those

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

Leader

Lord, hear our prayer;

Response

And let our cry come to you.

Leader

Let us pray.

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

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

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

The Cantic

Everyone

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

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Jump to Compline

Thursday

Evening Prayer

Proper 18

The Opening

Opening Sentence

Leader

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

Hymn: Joyous light of God's own glory

Joyous light of God's own glory

Light of heav'n that fills this place

Light of Son, eternal Father

Light of God, the Son of grace.

As the sun begins its setting

And the glow of dusk sets in,

We can look to heaven's glory

For the light that never ends.

From the smallest of the sparrows

To the blazing stars above,

All Creation sings your glory,

All Creation sings your love.

O Son of God most holy

O Son of God most high,

May all earth and all the heavens

Praise you for your glorious light.

O sing to God the Father,

O sing to God the Son,

O sing to God the Spirit,

To God, the Three in One.

Now let our voices rise up

In harmonies most pure

For God, you are most worthy

Of our praise forevermore.

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Of our praise forevermore.

Words: RR Ketcham

Tune: *Nettleton*

Confession of Sin

Leader

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone together, all kneeling:

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

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

Leader

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

The Invitatory

All stand.

Leader

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

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

O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*

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

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

we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

The Psalter

93 *Dominus regnavit* or Coverdale

- ¹ The Lord is King;
 he has put on splendid apparel; *
 the Lord has put on his apparel
 and girded himself with strength.
- ² He has made the whole world so sure *
 that it cannot be moved;
- ³ Ever since the world began,
 your throne has been established; *
 you are from everlasting.
- ⁴ The waters have lifted up, O Lord,
 the waters have lifted up their voice; *
 the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
- ⁵ Mightier than the sound of many waters,
 mightier than the breakers of the sea, *
 mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.
- ⁶ Your testimonies are very sure, *
 and holiness adorns your house, O Lord,
 for ever and for evermore.

96 *Cantate Domino* or Coverdale

- ¹ Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole Earth.
- ² Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- ³ Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- ⁴ For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- ⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- ⁶ Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- ⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
scribe to the Lord honor and power.
- ⁸ Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- ⁹ Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole Earth tremble before him.
- ¹⁰ Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
she will judge the peoples with equity."
- ¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the Earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- ¹² Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the Earth.

¹³ He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Gloria Patri

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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 11:17-29

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of

God, the one coming into the world." ²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.
The Word of the Lord.

Everyone

Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept after the Reading.

The Cantic

Everyone

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

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

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

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

The Apostles' Creed

All stand

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

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

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

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

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

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

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

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Leader

God be with you.

Response

And also with you.

Leader

Let us pray.

Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or Traditional)

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

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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

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

The Suffrages

Leader

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

Response

We entreat you, O Lord.

Leader

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

Response

We entreat you, O Lord.

Leader

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

Response

We entreat you, O Lord.

Leader

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

Response

We entreat you, O Lord.

Leader

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

Response

We entreat you, O Lord.

Leader

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

Response

We entreat you, O Lord.

The Collect of the Day: Proper 18

Leader

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

For Mission

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

World Cycle of Prayer

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

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [United Reformed](#)

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

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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.

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

For Those Who Need Continuing Care

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

For the Absent

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

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

Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns, adore Him;

Praise Him, angels, in the height.

Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;

Praise Him, all ye stars of light.

Praise the Lord! for He hath spoken;

Worlds His mighty voice obeyed.

Laws which never shall be broken

For their guidance He hath made.

Praise the Lord for He is glorious;

Never shall His promise fail.

God hath made His saints victorious;

Sin and death shall not prevail.

Praise the God of our salvation!

Hosts on high, His power proclaim,

Heav'n and Earth and all creation

Laud and magnify His name.

A Prayer of Self-Dedication

Almighty and eternal God,

so draw our hearts to you,

so guide our minds,

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

The Ending

The General Thanksgiving

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

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God be with you till we meet again.
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Leader

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O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

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

The Psalm

Everyone

4 *Cum invocarem*

or Coverdale

¹ 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.

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

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

⁴ Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

⁵ Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.

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

⁷ You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

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

The Word

Leader

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

Matthew 11:28-30

Response

Thanks be to God.

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

The Responses

Leader

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Response

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Leader

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Response

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Leader

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Response

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Leader

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The Prayers

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or **traditional**

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for ever and ever. Amen.

Leader

Lord, hear our prayer;

Response

And let our cry come to you.

Leader

Let us pray.

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

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

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The Canticle

Everyone

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

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

and the glory of your people Israel.

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

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with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Jump to Compline

Friday

Evening Prayer

Proper 18

The Opening

Opening Sentence

Leader

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

Hymn: Night is come

Night is come; stars shine down
twinkling over field and town.

Now we stop here to pray:

"Thank you, God, for this day."

This one sleeps; this one wakes.

And each one comfort takes
from the Joy that surrounds
all Creation without bounds.

Day by day, year by year,
let us know You are near.

Night by night from above
teach us mercy, peace, and love.

Tune: *Night is come*

Confession of Sin

Leader

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

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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

51 *Miserere mei, Deus* or Coverdale

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your
loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- ² Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- ³ For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.

- ⁴ Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
- ⁵ And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.
- ⁶ Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- ⁷ For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly
- ⁸ Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- ⁹ Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- ¹⁰ Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
- ¹¹ Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
- ¹² Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- ¹³ Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- ¹⁴ I shall teach your ways to the wicked, *
and sinners shall return to you.
- ¹⁵ Deliver me from death, O God, *
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
O God of my salvation.
- ¹⁶ Open my lips, O Lord, *
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

- ¹⁷ Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, *
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
- ¹⁸ The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
- ¹⁹ Be favorable and gracious to Zion, *
and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
- ²⁰ Then you will be pleased with the appointed sacrifices,
with burnt-offerings and oblations; *
then shall they offer young bullocks upon your altar.

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Gloria Patri

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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 11:30-44

³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if

you had been here, my brother would not have died."

³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The Word of the Lord.

Everyone

Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept after the Reading.

The Cantic

Everyone

The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis*

Luke 2:29-32

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

All stand

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

and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Leader

God be with you.

Response

And also with you.

Leader

Let us pray.

Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or Traditional)

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

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven,

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

The Suffrages

Leader

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

Response

And grant us your salvation.

Leader

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Response

Let your people sing with joy.

Leader

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

Response

For only in you can we live in safety.

Leader

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

Response

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Leader

Let your way be known upon earth;

Response

Your saving health among all nations.

Leader

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Response

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Leader

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

Response

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day: Proper 18

Leader

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

For Mission

O God, 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 [Bermuda](#).

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

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

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

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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.

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: 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.

An Order for Compline

The Leader begins

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

Leader

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

Response

The maker of heaven and Earth.

Leader

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

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

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

Leader

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and

comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

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

The Psalm

Everyone

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*

or [Coverdale](#)

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

²Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

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

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

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

The Word

Leader

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

Matthew 11:28-30

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Response

Thanks be to God.

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

The Responses

Leader

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

Response

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

Leader

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

Response

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

Response

Christ, have mercy.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

The Prayers

Everyone

The Lord's Prayer

or **traditional**

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Traditional Lord's Prayer

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

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

Leader

Lord, hear our prayer;

Response

And let our cry come to you.

Leader

Let us pray.

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

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

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

The Cantic

Everyone

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

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

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

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

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Jump to Compline

Saturday

Evening Prayer

The Evening of Holy Cross Day

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 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 Heavn, 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

118 *Confitemini Domino* or Coverdale

¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

² Let Israel now proclaim, *
“His mercy endures for ever.”

³ Let the house of Aaron now proclaim, *
“His mercy endures for ever.”

⁴ Let those who fear the Lord now proclaim, *
“His mercy endures for ever.”

⁵ I called to the Lord in my distress; *
the Lord answered by setting me free.

- The Lord is at my side, therefore I will not fear; *
what can anyone do to me?
- ⁷ The Lord is at my side to help me; *
I will triumph over those who hate me.
- ⁸ It is better to rely on the Lord *
than to put any trust in flesh.
- ⁹ It is better to rely on the Lord *
than to put any trust in rulers.
- ¹⁰ All the ungodly encompass me; *
in the name of the Lord I will repel them.
- ¹¹ They hem me in, they hem me in on every side; *
in the name of the Lord I will repel them.
- ¹² They swarm about me like bees;
they blaze like a fire of thorns; *
in the name of the Lord I will repel them.
- ¹³ I was pressed so hard that I almost fell, *
but the Lord came to my help.
- ¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- ¹⁵ There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- ¹⁶ “The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!”
- ¹⁷ I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the Lord.
- ¹⁸ The Lord has punished me sorely, *

but he did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.

20 “This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter.”

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord’s doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! *
Lord, send us now success.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

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

28 “You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you.”

29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
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.

The Lessons

The First Lesson

A reading from Genesis 3:1-15

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. ⁸They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

⁹But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."

¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."

¹⁴The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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 Second Lesson

A reading from 1 Peter 3:17-22

¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Song of Mary

Luke 1:46-55

Magnificat

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: Holy Cross Day

Leader

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one

God, in glory everlasting. 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 [British Indian Ocean Territory](#).

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

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

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa](#).

Intercessions

Leader

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

Everyone sings or says

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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.

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.

An Order for Compline

The Leader begins

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

Leader

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

Response

The maker of heaven and Earth.

Leader

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:
We have sinned against you,
through our own fault,

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

Leader

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

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

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

The Psalm

Everyone

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*

or [Coverdale](#)

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

²Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,

for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

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

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

The Word

Leader

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

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Response

Thanks be to God.

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

The Responses

Leader

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

Response

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

Leader

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

Response

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

Response

Christ, have mercy.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

The Prayers

Everyone

The Lord's Prayer

or **traditional**

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Traditional Lord's Prayer

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

Leader

Lord, hear our prayer;

Response

And let our cry come to you.

Leader

Let us pray.

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

A Collect for Saturdays

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

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

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

The Canticle

Everyone

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

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

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

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

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Jump to Compline

Sunday

Evening Prayer

Proper 19

The Opening

Opening Sentence

Leader

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

Hymn: Sleep my child and peace attend thee

Sleep my child and peace attend thee

All through the night

Guardian angels God will send thee

All through the night

Soft the drowsy hours are creeping

Hill and dale in slumber sleeping

I, my loving vigil keeping

All through the night

While the moon her watch is keeping

All through the night

While the weary world is sleeping

All through the night

O'er thy spirit gently stealing

Visions of delight revealing

Breathes a pure and holy feeling

All through the night

Singer: John Whitehead

Tune: *Ar hy d nos* (Welsh traditional)

Confession of Sin

Leader

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone together, all kneeling:

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

Leader

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

The Invitatory

All stand.

Leader

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

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

O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*

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

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

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

The Psalter

8 Domine, Dominus noster or Coverdale

¹ O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

² Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.

³ You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *

to quell the enemy and the avenger.

⁴ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁵ What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?

⁶ You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;

⁷ You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:

⁸ All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,

⁹ The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

¹⁰ O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

84 *Quam dilecta!*

or **Coverdale**

¹ How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of
the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

² The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

³ Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

- ⁴ Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- ⁵ Those who go through the desolate valley will find
it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- ⁶ They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- ⁷ Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- ⁸ Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- ⁹ For one day in your courts is better than
a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- ¹⁰ For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;
- ¹¹ No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
- ¹² O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Gloria Patri

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now,

and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

The Gospel

Reader

A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew 5:21-26

²¹"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.

²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

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

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Response

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Leader

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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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as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

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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 19

Leader

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

For Mission

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

A Collect for Sundays

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

World Cycle of Prayer

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

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa](#).

Intercessions

Leader

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

Everyone sings or says

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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 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 are my salvation

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

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

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

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And I will trust in You.

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

[Interlude]

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You shelter me
And I will trust in You.

Singer: Yvonne Lyon

Words and Music: David Lyon

Words based on "God Is My Strong Salvation"
by James Montgomery (1771-1854)

A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis

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

where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.

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

The Ending

The General Thanksgiving

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

We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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

Benediction

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Hymn: God Be With You

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

The Leader begins

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

Leader

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

Response

The maker of heaven and Earth.

Leader

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

We have sinned against you,

through our own fault,

in thought, and word, and deed,

and in what we have left undone.

For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,

forgive us all our offenses;

and grant that we may serve you

in newness of life,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Leader

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

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

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

The Psalm

Everyone

4 *Cum invocarem*

or *Coverdale*

¹ 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.

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

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

⁴ Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

⁵ Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.

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

⁷ You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

⁸ I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *

for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

The Word

Leader

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

Response

Thanks be to God.

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

The Responses

Leader

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

Response

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

Leader

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

Response

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

Response

Christ, have mercy.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

The Prayers

Everyone

The Lord's Prayer

or **traditional**

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hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Traditional Lord's Prayer

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

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Leader

Lord, hear our prayer;

Response

And let our cry come to you.

Leader

Let us pray.

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

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

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

The Canticle

Everyone

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

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

and the glory of your people Israel.

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

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with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Jump to Compline

Monday

Evening Prayer

Proper 19

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: The day you gave us

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
the darkness falls at thy behest;
to thee our morning hymns ascended,
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank thee that thy Church, unsleeping
while Earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping
and rests not now by day nor night.

As o'er each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking
our brethren 'neath the western sky,

and hour by hour fresh lips are making
thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,
like Earth's proud empires, pass away;
thy kingdom stands, and grows forever,
till all thy creatures own thy sway.

Words: John Ellerton

Music: Clement E. Scholefield

Tune: *St. Clement*

Confession of Sin

Leader

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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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

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Everyone

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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

64 *Exaudi, Deus*

or Coverdale

- ¹ Hear my voice, O God, when I complain; *
protect my life from fear of the enemy.
- ² Hide me from the conspiracy of the wicked, *
from the mob of evildoers.
- ³ They sharpen their tongue like a sword, *
and aim their bitter words like arrows,
- ⁴ That they may shoot down the blameless from ambush; *
they shoot without warning and are not afraid.
- ⁵ They hold fast to their evil course; *
they plan how they may hide their snares.
- ⁶ They say, "Who will see us?
who will find out our crimes? *
we have thought out a perfect plot."
- ⁷ The human mind and heart are a mystery; *
but God will loose an arrow at them,
and suddenly they will be wounded.
- ⁸ He will make them trip over their tongues, *
and all who see them will shake their heads.
- ⁹ Everyone will stand in awe and declare God's deeds; *
they will recognize his works.
- ¹⁰ The righteous will rejoice in the Lord and put their trust in him, *
and all who are true of heart will glory.

65 *Te decet hymnus*

or Coverdale

- ¹ You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *

to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

² To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
because of their transgressions.

³ Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot them out.

⁴ Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.

⁵ Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.

⁶ You make fast the mountains by your power; *
they are girded about with might.

⁷ You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸ Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your
marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.

¹⁰ You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.

¹¹ You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *

with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

¹² You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹³ May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.

¹⁴ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Gloria Patri

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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 11:55-12:8

⁵⁵Now the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went up from the country to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves. ⁵⁶They were looking for Jesus and were asking one another as they stood in the temple, "What do you think? Surely he will not come to the festival, will he?" ⁵⁷Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that anyone who knew where Jesus was should let them know, so that they might arrest him.

¹²Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus,

whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Word of the Lord.

Everyone

Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept after the Reading.

The Cantic

Everyone

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

Lord, you now have set your servant free *

to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *

whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations, *

and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

All stand

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

The Prayers

Leader

God be with you.

Response

And also with you.

Leader

Let us pray.

**Contemporary Lord's Prayer
(or Traditional)**

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

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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hallowed be thy Name,
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who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
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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 19

Leader

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

For Mission

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

World Cycle of Prayer

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

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa](#).

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

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Hymn: To my humble supplication

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

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

For the Right Use of God's Gifts

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

For Knowledge of God's Creation

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

purpose; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Care of Children

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

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

[Interlude]

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

A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis

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

where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.

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

The Ending

The General Thanksgiving

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

We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
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The Psalm

Everyone

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*

or **Coverdale**

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

²Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

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

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

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

The Word

Leader

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and

you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

Response

Thanks be to God.

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

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Leader

Lord, hear our prayer;

Response

And let our cry come to you.

Leader

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

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

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Leader

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Response

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Leader

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Jump to Compline

Tuesday

Evening Prayer

Proper 19

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

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the darkness falls at thy behest;
to thee our morning hymns ascended,
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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

68: 1-20; 24-36 *Exsurgat Deus*
or Coverdale

- ¹Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.
- ²Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at
the presence of God.
- ³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.
- ⁴Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- ⁵Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!
- ⁶God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners
into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- ⁷O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,
- ⁸The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- ⁹You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- ¹⁰Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision
for the poor.
- ¹¹The Lord gave the word; *
great was the company of women who bore the tidings:

- ¹²"Kings with their armies are fleeing away; *
the women at home are dividing the spoils."
- ¹³Though you lingered among the sheepfolds, *
you shall be like a dove whose wings are covered with silver,
whose feathers are like green gold.
- ¹⁴When the Almighty scattered kings, *
it was like snow falling in Zalmon.
- ¹⁵O mighty mountain, O hill of Bashan! *
O rugged mountain, O hill of Bashan!
- ¹⁶Why do you look with envy, O rugged mountain,
at the hill which God chose for his resting place? *
truly, the Lord will dwell there for ever.
- ¹⁷The chariots of God are twenty thousand,
even thousands of thousands; *
the Lord comes in holiness from Sinai.
- ¹⁸You have gone up on high and led captivity captive;
you have received gifts even from your enemies, *
that the Lord God might dwell among them.
- ¹⁹Blessed be the Lord day by day, *
the God of our salvation, who bears our burdens.
- ²⁰He is our God, the God of our salvation; *
God is the Lord, by whom we escape death.
- ²⁴They see your procession, O God, *
your procession into the sanctuary, my God and my King.
- ²⁵The singers go before, musicians follow after, *
in the midst of maidens playing upon the hand-drums.
- ²⁶Bless God in the congregation; *

bless the Lord, you that are of the fountain of Israel.

²⁷There is Benjamin, least of the tribes, at the head;
the princes of Judah in a company; *
and the princes of Zebulon and Naphtali.

²⁸Send forth your strength, O God; *
establish, O God, what you have wrought for us.

²⁹Kings shall bring gifts to you, *
for your temple's sake at Jerusalem.

³⁰Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds, *
and the peoples, a herd of wild bulls with its calves.

³¹Trample down those who lust after silver; *
scatter the peoples that delight in war.

³²Let tribute be brought out of Egypt; *
let Ethiopia stretch out her hands to God.

³³Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.

³⁴He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

³⁵Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.

³⁶How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Gloria Patri

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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 12:9-19

⁹When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ¹⁰So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, ¹¹since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

¹²The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!" ¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: ¹⁵"Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. ¹⁷So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. ¹⁸It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. ¹⁹The Pharisees then said to one another, "You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!"

The Word of the Lord.

Everyone

Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept after the Reading.

The Cantic

Everyone

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

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

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

All stand

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

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

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

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

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

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

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

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Leader

God be with you.

Response

And also with you.

Leader

Let us pray.

Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or Traditional)

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

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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

but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Suffrages

Leader

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

Response

We entreat you, O Lord.

Leader

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

Response

We entreat you, O Lord.

Leader

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

Response

We entreat you, O Lord.

Leader

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

Response

We entreat you, O Lord.

Leader

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

Response

We entreat you, O Lord.

Leader

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

Response

We entreat you, O Lord.

The Collect of the Day: Proper 19

Leader

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

For Mission

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

World Cycle of Prayer

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

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [United Reformed 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

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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.

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: We thank the Lord

We thank the Lord of heav'n and Earth,
Who hath preserved us from our birth.

For present joys, for present joys, for blessings past,
And for the hope of heav'n at last.

And for the hope of heav'n at last.

For present joys, for blessings past,
And for the hope of heav'n at last.

For present joys, for present joys, for blessings past,
And for the hope of heav'n at last.

And for the hope of heav'n at last.

For present joys, for blessings past,
And for the hope of heav'n at last.

Singers: Alabama Sacred Harp Singers

Tune: *Present Joys*

A Prayer of Self-Dedication

Almighty and eternal God,
so draw our hearts to you,
so guide our minds,
so fill our imaginations,
so control our wills,
that we may be wholly yours,
utterly dedicated unto you;

and then use us, we pray you, as you will,
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Ending

The General Thanksgiving

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

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make
our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-
beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you

will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

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.

An Order for Compline

The Leader begins

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

Leader

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

Response

The maker of heaven and Earth.

Leader

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

We have sinned against you,

through our own fault,

in thought, and word, and deed,

and in what we have left undone.

For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,

forgive us all our offenses;

and grant that we may serve you

in newness of life,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Leader

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

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

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

The Psalm

Everyone

4 *Cum invocarem*

or *Coverdale*

¹ 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.

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

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

⁴ Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

⁵ Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.

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

⁷ You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

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

The Word

Leader

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the

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

Response

Thanks be to God.

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

The Responses

Leader

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

Response

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

Leader

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

Response

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

Response

Christ, have mercy.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

The Prayers

Everyone

The Lord's Prayer

or [traditional](#)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Traditional Lord's Prayer

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

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Leader

Lord, hear our prayer;

Response

And let our cry come to you.

Leader

Let us pray.

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

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

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

The Canticle

Everyone

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

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

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Jump to Compline

Wednesday

Evening Prayer

Proper 19

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*

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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

119:73-96

or Coverdale

Yodh *Manus tuæ fecerunt me*

- 73 Your hands have made me and fashioned me; *
give me understanding, that I may learn your
commandments.
- 74 Those who fear you will be glad when they see me, *
because I trust in your word.
- 75 I know, O Lord, that your judgments are right *
and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.
- 76 Let your loving-kindness be my comfort, *
as you have promised to your servant.
- 77 Let your compassion come to me, that I may live, *
for your law is my delight.
- 78 Let the arrogant be put to shame, for they wrong me
with lies; *
but I will meditate on your commandments.
- 79 Let those who fear you turn to me, *
and also those who know your decrees.
- 80 Let my heart be sound in your statutes, *
that I may not be put to shame.

Kaph *Defecit in salutare*

- 81 My soul has longed for your salvation; *
I have put my hope in your word.
- 82 My eyes have failed from watching for your promise, *
and I say, “When will you comfort me?”
- 83 I have become like a leather flask in the smoke, *
but I have not forgotten your statutes.

84 How much longer must I wait? *
when will you give judgment against those who
persecute me?

85 The proud have dug pits for me; *
they do not keep your law.

86 All your commandments are true; *
help me, for they persecute me with lies.

87 They had almost made an end of me on earth, *
but I have not forsaken your commandments.

88 In your loving-kindness, revive me, *
that I may keep the decrees of your mouth.

Lamedh *In Æternum, Domine*

89 O Lord, your word is everlasting; *
it stands firm in the heavens.

90 Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another; *
you established the earth, and it abides.

91 By your decree these continue to this day, *
for all things are your servants.

92 If my delight had not been in your law, *
I should have perished in my affliction.

93 I will never forget your commandments, *
because by them you give me life.

94 I am yours; oh, that you would save me! *
for I study your commandments.

95 Though the wicked lie in wait for me to destroy me, *
I will apply my mind to your decrees.

⁹⁶ I see that all things come to an end, *
but your commandment has no bounds.

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Gloria Patri

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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 12:20-26

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

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.

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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)

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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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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 19

Leader

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus

Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

For Mission

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

World Cycle of Prayer

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

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

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

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

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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.

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

For Cities

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

For Those Who Influence Public Opinion

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

For the Future of the Human Race

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

Hymn: Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,

Bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, princedoms, 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!

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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,
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An Order for Compline

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Leader

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

Response

The maker of heaven and Earth.

Leader

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone

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

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

Leader

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

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

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

The Psalm

Everyone

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*

or **Coverdale**

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

²Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

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

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

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

The Word

Leader

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

Matthew 11:28-30

Response

Thanks be to God.

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

The Responses

Leader

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

Response

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

Leader

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

Response

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

Response

Christ, have mercy.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

The Prayers

Everyone

The Lord's Prayer

or *traditional*

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Traditional Lord's Prayer

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

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

Leader

Lord, hear our prayer;

Response

And let our cry come to you.

Leader

Let us pray.

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

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

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

The Canticle

Everyone

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

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Jump to Compline

Thursday

Evening Prayer

Proper 19

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

74 *Ut quid, Deus?*

or **Coverdale**

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

Remember your congregation that you purchased long ago, *
the tribe you redeemed to be your inheritance,
and Mount Zion where you dwell.

³ Turn your steps toward the endless ruins; *
the enemy has laid waste everything in your sanctuary.

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

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

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

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

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

⁹ How long, O God, will the adversary scoff? *
will the enemy blaspheme your Name for ever?

¹⁰ Why do you draw back your hand? *
why is your right hand hidden in your bosom?

¹¹ Yet God is my King from ancient times, *
victorious in the midst of the earth.

¹² You divided the sea by your might *

and shattered the heads of the dragons upon the waters;

13 You crushed the heads of Leviathan *
and gave him to the people of the desert for food.

14 You split open spring and torrent; *
you dried up ever-flowing rivers.

15 Yours is the day, yours also the night; *
you established the moon and the sun.

16 You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; *
you made both summer and winter.

17 Remember, O Lord, how the enemy scoffed, *
how a foolish people despised your Name.

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

19 Look upon your covenant; *
the dark places of the earth are haunts of violence.

20 Let not the oppressed turn away ashamed; *
let the poor and needy praise your Name.

21 Arise, O God, maintain your cause; *
remember how fools revile you all day long.

22 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

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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 12:27-36a

²⁷"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. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. ³⁴The 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?" ³⁵Jesus 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. ³⁶While 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.

Everyone

Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept after the Reading.

The Canticale

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 19

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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 [Montserrat](#).

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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.

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Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

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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.

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Hymn: Unto the hills

Unto the hills around do I lift up my longing eyes
O whence for me shall my salvation come, from whence arise?
From God, the Lord, doth come my certain aid,
From God, the Lord, who heaven and Earth hath made.
He will not suffer that thy foot be moved: safe shalt thou be.
No careless slumber shall His eyelids close, who keepeth thee.
Behold, He sleepeth not, He slumbereth ne'er,
Who keepeth Israel in His holy care.
From every evil shall He keep thy soul, from every sin;
Jehovah shall preserve thy going out, thy coming in.
Above thee watching, He Whom we adore
Shall keep thee henceforth, yea, forevermore.

Singers: Altar of Praise Chorale

Words: John D. Campbell

Music: Charles H. Purday

Tune: *Sandon*

A Prayer of Self-Dedication

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

The Ending

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

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Response

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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

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The Psalm

Everyone

4 *Cum invocarem*

or [Coverdale](#)

¹ 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.

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

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

⁴ Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

⁵ Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.

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

⁷ You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

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

The Word

Leader

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

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Leader

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Response

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Leader

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Response

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Leader

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and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours

now and for ever. Amen.

Traditional Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Leader

Lord, hear our prayer;

Response

And let our cry come to you.

Leader

Let us pray.

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

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

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

The Canticle

Everyone

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

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

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

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

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Jump to Compline

Friday

Evening Prayer

Proper 19

The Opening

Opening Sentence

Leader

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

Hymn: Night is come

Night is come; stars shine down
twinkling over field and town.

Now we stop here to pray:

"Thank you, God, for this day."

This one sleeps; this one wakes.

And each one comfort takes
from the Joy that surrounds
all Creation without bounds.

Day by day, year by year,
let us know You are near.

Night by night from above
teach us mercy, peace, and love.

Tune: *Night is come*

Confession of Sin

Leader

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone together, all kneeling:

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

Leader

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

The Invitatory

All stand.

Leader

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

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

O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*

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

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

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

The Psalter

73 *Quam bonus Israel!*

or **Coverdale**

¹Truly, God is good to Israel, *
to those who are pure in heart.

²But as for me, my feet had nearly slipped; *
I had almost tripped and fallen;

³Because I envied the proud *
and saw the prosperity of the wicked:

⁴For they suffer no pain, *

and their bodies are sleek and sound;

⁵In the misfortunes of others they have no share; *
they are not afflicted as others are;

⁶Therefore they wear their pride like a necklace *
and wrap their violence about them like a cloak.

⁷Their iniquity comes from gross minds, *
and their hearts overflow with wicked thoughts.

⁸They scoff and speak maliciously; *
out of their haughtiness they plan oppression.

⁹They set their mouths against the heavens, *
and their evil speech runs through the world.

¹⁰And so the people turn to them *
and find in them no fault.

¹¹They say, "How should God know? *
is there knowledge in the Most High?"

¹²So then, these are the wicked; *
always at ease, they increase their wealth.

¹³In vain have I kept my heart clean, *
and washed my hands in innocence.

¹⁴I have been afflicted all day long, *
and punished every morning.

¹⁵Had I gone on speaking this way, *
I should have betrayed the generation of your children.

¹⁶When I tried to understand these things, *
it was too hard for me;

¹⁷Until I entered the sanctuary of God *
and discerned the end of the wicked.

- ¹⁸ Surely, you set them in slippery places; *
you cast them down in ruin.
- ¹⁹ Oh, how suddenly do they come to destruction, *
come to an end, and perish from terror!
- ²⁰ Like a dream when one awakens, O Lord, *
when you arise you will make their image vanish.
- ²¹ When my mind became embittered, *
I was sorely wounded in my heart.
- ²² I was stupid and had no understanding; *
I was like a brute beast in your presence.
- ²³ Yet I am always with you; *
you hold me by my right hand.
- ²⁴ You will guide me by your counsel, *
and afterwards receive me with glory.
- ²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but you? *
and having you I desire nothing upon earth.
- ²⁶ Though my flesh and my heart should waste away, *
God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.
- ²⁷ Truly, those who forsake you will perish; *
you destroy all who are unfaithful.
- ²⁸ But it is good for me to be near God; *
I have made the Lord GOD my refuge.
- ²⁹ 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

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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 12:36b-43

³⁶While 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.

³⁷Although he had performed so many signs in their presence, they did not believe in him. ³⁸This was to fulfill the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "Lord, who has believed our message, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" ³⁹And so they could not believe, because Isaiah also said, ⁴⁰"He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, so that they might not look with their eyes, and understand with their heart and turn— and I would heal them." ⁴¹Isaiah said this because he saw his glory and spoke about him.

⁴²Nevertheless many, even of the authorities, believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they did not confess it, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³for they loved human glory more than the glory that comes from 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 19

Leader

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus

Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

For Mission

O God, 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 [Pitcairn Islands](#).

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa](#).

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

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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.

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: Thou, Whose Almighty word

Thou, Whose Almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight,
Hear us, we humbly pray;
And, where the Gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!

Thou Who didst come to bring
On Thy redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,
O now, to all mankind
Let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy Dove,
Speed forth Thy flight!
Move on the waters' face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And, in Earth's darkest place,
Let there be light!

Blesséd and Holy Three,
Glorious Trinity:
Wisdom, Love, Might;
Boundless as ocean's tide,

Rolling in fullest pride
Through the world, far and wide,
Let there be light!

Singers: Scottish Festival Singers

Words: John Marriott

Music: Felice de Giardini

Tune: *Moscow*

A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

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

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

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

The Ending

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks

for all your goodness and loving-kindness

to us and to all whom you have made.

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

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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

Benediction

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Hymn: God Be With You

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

An Order for Compline

The Leader begins

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

Leader

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

Response

The maker of heaven and Earth.

Leader

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:
We have sinned against you,

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

Leader

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

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

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

The Psalm

Everyone

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*

or [Coverdale](#)

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

²Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

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

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

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

The Word

Leader

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

Matthew 11:28-30

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Response

Thanks be to God.

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

The Responses

Leader

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

Response

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

Leader

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

Response

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

Response

Christ, have mercy.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

The Prayers

Everyone

The Lord's Prayer

or **traditional**

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

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

Leader

Lord, hear our prayer;

Response

And let our cry come to you.

Leader

Let us pray.

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

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

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to go in peace as you have promised;
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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.

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Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Jump to Compline

Saturday

Evening Prayer

The Evening of the Commemoration of Saint Matthew

The Opening

Opening Sentence

Leader

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

Hymn: Now rest beneath night's shadow

Now rest beneath night's shadow

The woodland, field, and meadow,

The world in slumber lies;

But you, my heart, awake thee,

To prayer and song betake thee;

Let praise to the Creator rise.

Let praise to the Creator rise.

Lord Jesus, You do love me,

Oh, spread Your wings above me

And shield me from alarm!

Though Satan would devour me,

Let angel-guards sing o'er me:

This child of God shall meet no harm!

This child of God shall meet no harm!

Composer: Paul Gerhardt, 1653

Tune: *Nun ruhen alle Wlder*

Confession of Sin

Leader

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone together, all kneeling:

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
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We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
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and walk in your ways,
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Leader

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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 *Caeli enarrant* or Coverdale

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

² One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

³ Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

⁴ Their sound has gone out into all lands, *

and their message to the ends of the world.

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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.

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

⁸ The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.

⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.

¹¹ By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

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.

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

112 *Beatus vir*
or Coverdale

- ¹ Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!
- ² Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- ³ Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- ⁴ Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- ⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- ⁶ For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- ⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.
- ⁸ Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰ The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Gloria Patri

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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 Job 28:12-28

¹²"But where shall wisdom be found? And where is the place of
understanding? ¹³Mortals do not know the way to it, and it is not found in the
land of the living.

¹⁴The deep says, 'It is not in me,' and the sea says, 'It is not with me.' ¹⁵It
cannot be gotten for gold, and silver cannot be weighed out as its price. ¹⁶It
cannot be valued in the gold of Ophir, in precious onyx or sapphire. ¹⁷Gold
and glass cannot equal it, nor can it be exchanged for jewels of fine gold.

No mention shall be made of coral or of crystal; the price of wisdom is above pearls. ¹⁹The chrysolite of Ethiopia cannot compare with it, nor can it be valued in pure gold.

²⁰"Where then does wisdom come from? And where is the place of understanding? ²¹It is hidden from the eyes of all living, and concealed from the birds of the air. ²²Abaddon and Death say, 'We have heard a rumor of it with our ears.' ²³"God understands the way to it, and he knows its place. ²⁴For he looks to the ends of the earth, and sees everything under the heavens. ²⁵When he gave to the wind its weight, and apportioned out the waters by measure; ²⁶when he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the thunderbolt; ²⁷then he saw it and declared it; he established it, and searched it out. ²⁸And he said to humankind, 'Truly, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.'"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept after the Reading.

The Cantic

Everyone

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 Gospel

Reader

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 13:44-52

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

The Word of the Lord.

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 19

Leader

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

For Mission

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

A Collect for 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 [South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands](#).

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa](#).

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 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.

An Order for Compline

The Leader begins

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

Leader

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

Response

The maker of heaven and Earth.

Leader

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

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

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

Leader

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

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

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

The Psalm

Everyone

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*

or [Coverdale](#)

¹In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame: *

deliver me in your righteousness.

²Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

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

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

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

The Word

Leader

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

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Response

Thanks be to God.

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

The Responses

Leader

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

Response

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

Leader

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

Response

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

Response

Christ, have mercy.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

The Prayers

Everyone

The Lord's Prayer

or **traditional**

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Traditional Lord's Prayer

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

Leader

Lord, hear our prayer;

Response

And let our cry come to you.

Leader

Let us pray.

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

A Collect for Saturdays

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

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

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

The Canticle

Everyone

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

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

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

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

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Jump to Compline

Sunday

Evening Prayer

Proper 20

The Opening

Opening Sentence

Leader

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

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

34 *Benedicam Dominum* or Coverdale

- ¹ I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- ² I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- ³ Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.
- ⁴ I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.

- ⁵ Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- ⁶ I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
- ⁷ The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
- ⁸ Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!
- ⁹ Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- ¹⁰ The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
- ¹¹ Come, children, and listen to me; *
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- ¹² Who among you loves life *
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?
- ¹³ Keep your tongue from evil-speaking *
and your lips from lying words.
- ¹⁴ Turn from evil and do good; *
seek peace and pursue it.
- ¹⁵ The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, *
and his ears are open to their cry.
- ¹⁶ The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, *
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
- ¹⁷ The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them *
and delivers them from all their troubles.

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted *
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

¹⁹ Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.

²⁰ He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.

²¹ Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

²² 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

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

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

World without end. Amen. Amen.

The Gospel

Reader

A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

⁶"Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. ²"So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let

your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁶"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

The Word of the Lord.

Everyone

Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept after the Reading.

The Cantic

Everyone

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

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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.

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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

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Leader

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who sin against us.
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and deliver us from evil.
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and the glory are yours,
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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 20

Leader

Grant us, Lord, not to anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things which are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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

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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 [Turks and Caicos Islands](#).

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

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

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

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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: Though I may speak

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship, and are freed.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Singers: The Kindred Hearts Quartet

Tune: *O Waly, Waly*

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,
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An Order for Compline

The Leader begins

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

Leader

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

Response

The maker of heaven and Earth.

Leader

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

We have sinned against you,

through our own fault,

in thought, and word, and deed,

and in what we have left undone.

For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,

forgive us all our offenses;

and grant that we may serve you

in newness of life,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Leader

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

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

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

The Psalm

Everyone

4 *Cum invocarem*

or Coverdale

¹ 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.

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

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

⁴ Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

⁵ Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.

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

⁷ You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

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

The Word

Leader

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

Response

Thanks be to God.

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

The Responses

Leader

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

Response

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

Leader

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

Response

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

Response

Christ, have mercy.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

The Prayers

Everyone

The Lord's Prayer

or [traditional](#)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Traditional Lord's Prayer

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

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Leader

Lord, hear our prayer;

Response

And let our cry come to you.

Leader

Let us pray.

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

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

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

The Cantic

Everyone

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

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

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

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

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Jump to Compline

Monday

Evening Prayer

Proper 20

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: 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

77 Voce mea ad Dominum

or Coverdale

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

- 13 Your way, O God, is holy; *
who is so great a god as our God?
- 14 You are the God who works wonders *
and have declared your power among the peoples.
- 15 By your strength you have redeemed your people, *
the children of Jacob and Joseph.
- 16 The waters saw you, O God;
the waters saw you and trembled; *
the very depths were shaken.
- 17 The clouds poured out water;
the skies thundered; *
your arrows flashed to and fro;
- 18 The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
your lightnings lit up the world; *
the earth trembled and shook.
- 19 Your way was in the sea,
and your paths in the great waters, *
yet your footsteps were not seen.
- 20 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

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

The Gospel

Reader

A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke 1:1-4; 3:1-14

¹Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, ²just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, ³I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

³In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" ⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not

bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." ¹⁰And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" ¹¹In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" ¹³He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

The Word of the Lord.

Everyone

Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept after the Reading.

The Cantic

Everyone

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

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

All stand

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

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

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

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

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

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

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

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Leader

God be with you.

Response

And also with you.

Leader

Let us pray.

Contemporary Lord's Prayer

(or Traditional)

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

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Suffrages

Leader

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

Response

And grant us your salvation.

Leader

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Response

Let your people sing with joy.

Leader

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

Response

For only in you can we live in safety.

Leader

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

Response

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Leader

Let your way be known upon earth;

Response

Your saving health among all nations.

Leader

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Response

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Leader

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

Response

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day: Proper 20

Leader

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things which are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 [British Antarctic Territory](#).

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

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

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

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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.

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: There is a place of quiet rest

There is a place of quiet rest,
near to the heart of God;
a place where sin cannot molest,
near to the heart of God.

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
sent from the heart of God,
hold us who wait before thee
near to the heart of God.

There is a place of comfort sweet,
near to the heart of God;
a place where we our Savior meet,
near to the heart of God.

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
sent from the heart of God,
hold us who wait before thee
near to the heart of God.

There is a place of full release,
near to the heart of God;
a place where all is joy and peace,
near to the heart of God.

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
sent from the heart of God,
hold us who wait before thee

near to the heart of God.

Near to the heart of God.

Singers: Sharon Mennonite Bible Institute Singers

Words and music: Cleland B. McAfee

A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis

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to be loved as to love.

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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.

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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-
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may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in
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Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

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Leader

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Response

The maker of heaven and Earth.

Leader

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through our own fault,
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Leader

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Response

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Everyone

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

The Psalm

Everyone

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*

or **Coverdale**

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

²Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

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

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

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

The Word

Leader

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

Matthew 11:28-30

Response

Thanks be to God.

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

The Responses

Leader

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

Response

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

Leader

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

Response

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

Response

Christ, have mercy.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

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Everyone

The Lord's Prayer

or [traditional](#)

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your kingdom come,
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as we forgive those who sin against us.

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and deliver us from evil.

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and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

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Leader

Lord, hear our prayer;

Response

And let our cry come to you.

Leader

Let us pray.

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

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

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

The Cantic

Everyone

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

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Jump to Compline

Tuesday

Evening Prayer

Proper 20

The Opening

Opening Sentence

Leader

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

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

Psalm 78 Part II *Quoties exacerbaverunt* or Coverdale

- 40 How often the people disobeyed him in the wilderness *
and offended him in the desert!
- 41 Again and again they tempted God *
and provoked the Holy One of Israel.
- 42 They did not remember his power *

in the day when he ransomed them from the enemy;

- 43 How he wrought his signs in Egypt *
and his omens in the field of Zoan.
- 44 He turned their rivers into blood, *
so that they could not drink of their streams.
- 45 He sent swarms of flies among them, which ate them up, *
and frogs, which destroyed them.
- 46 He gave their crops to the caterpillar, *
the fruit of their toil to the locust.
- 47 He killed their vines with hail *
and their sycamores with frost.
- 48 He delivered their cattle to hailstones *
and their livestock to hot thunderbolts.
- 49 He poured out upon them his blazing anger: *
fury, indignation, and distress,
a troop of destroying angels.
- 50 He gave full rein to his anger;
he did not spare their souls from death; *
but delivered their lives to the plague.
- 51 He struck down all the firstborn of Egypt, *
the flower of manhood in the dwellings of Ham.
- 52 He led out his people like sheep *
and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.
- 53 He led them to safety, and they were not afraid; *

but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

- 54 He brought them to his holy land, *
the mountain his right hand had won.
- 55 He drove out the Canaanites before them
and apportioned an inheritance to them by lot; *
he made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.
- 56 But they tested the Most High God, and defied him, *
and did not keep his commandments.
- 57 They turned away and were disloyal like their fathers; *
they were undependable like a warped bow.
- 58 They grieved him with their hill-altars *
and provoked his displeasure with their idols.
- 59 When God heard this, he was angry *
and utterly rejected Israel.
- 60 He forsook the shrine at Shiloh, *
the tabernacle where he had lived among his people.
- 61 He delivered the ark into captivity, *
his glory into the adversary's hand.
- 62 He gave his people to the sword *
and was angered against his inheritance.
- 63 The fire consumed their young men; *
there were no wedding songs for their maidens.
- 64 Their priests fell by the sword, *
and their widows made no lamentation.

- 65 Then the Lord woke as though from sleep, *
like a warrior refreshed with wine.
- 66 He struck his enemies on the backside *
and put them to perpetual shame.
- 67 He rejected the tent of Joseph *
and did not choose the tribe of Ephraim;
- 68 He chose instead the tribe of Judah *
and Mount Zion, which he loved.
- 69 He built his sanctuary like the heights of heaven, *
like the earth which he founded for ever.
- 70 He chose David his servant, *
and took him away from the sheepfolds.
- 71 He brought him from following the ewes, *
to be a shepherd over Jacob his people
and over Israel his inheritance.
- 72 So he shepherded them with a faithful and true heart *
and guided them with the skillfulness of his hands.

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Gloria Patri

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

Gospel

Reader

A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke 3:15-22

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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 20

Leader

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things which are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 [Guernsey](#).

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

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

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: There is a hope

There is a hope that burns within my heart,

That gives me strength for every passing day;
A glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part,
Yet drives all doubt away:
I stand in Christ, with sins forgiven;
And Christ in me, the hope of heaven!
My highest calling and my deepest joy,
To make His will my home.

There is a hope that stands the test of time,
That lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,
To see the matchless beauty of a day divine
When I behold His face!
When sufferings cease and sorrows die,
And every longing satisfied.
Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,
For I am truly home.

Singers: Choirs and congregation, St. Thomas', Belfast, Ireland
Composer: Stuart Townsend

A Prayer of Self-Dedication

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

The Ending

The General Thanksgiving

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

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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

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.

An Order for Compline

The Leader begins

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

Leader

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

Response

The maker of heaven and Earth.

Leader

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

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

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

Leader

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

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

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

The Psalm

Everyone

4 *Cum invocarem*

or [Coverdale](#)

¹ 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.

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

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

⁴ Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

⁵ Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.

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

⁷ You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

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

The Word

Leader

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

Response

Thanks be to God.

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

The Responses

Leader

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

Response

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

Leader

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

Response

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

Response

Christ, have mercy.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

The Prayers

Everyone

The Lord's Prayer

or **traditional**

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours

now and for ever. Amen.

Traditional Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Leader

Lord, hear our prayer;

Response

And let our cry come to you.

Leader

Let us pray.

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

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

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The Canticle

Everyone

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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.

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Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Jump to Compline

Wednesday

Evening Prayer

Proper 20

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: 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

81 *Exultate Deo*
or Coverdale

¹Sing with joy to God our strength *
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

²Raise a song and sound the timbrel, *
the merry harp, and the lyre.

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

⁴For this is a statute for Israel, *
a law of the God of Jacob.

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

⁶I heard an unfamiliar voice saying *
"I eased his shoulder from the burden;
his hands were set free from bearing the load.â€

⁷You 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.

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

⁹There shall be no strange god among you; *
you shall not worship a foreign god.

¹⁰I 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.â€

¹¹And yet my people did not hear my voice, *
and Israel would not obey me.

¹²So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, *
to follow their own devices.

¹³Oh, that my people would listen to me! *
that Israel would walk in my ways!

¹⁴I should soon subdue their enemies *

and turn my hand against their foes.

¹⁵ Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, *
and their punishment would last for ever.

¹⁶ But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat *
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

82 *Deus stetit* or Coverdale

¹ God takes his stand in the council of heaven; *
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

² "How long will you judge unjustly, *
and show favor to the wicked?

³ Save the weak and the orphan; *
defend the humble and needy;

⁴ Rescue the weak and the poor; *
deliver them from the power of the wicked.

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

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

⁷ Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *
and fall like any prince."

⁸ 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

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

Gospel

Reader

A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke 4:1-13

⁴Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" ⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" ⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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 20

Leader

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things which are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 [Isle of Man](#).

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [African Inland Church of South Sudan and Sudan](#).

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

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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 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: Spirit of God

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from Earth; through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.

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

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

A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

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

The Ending

The General Thanksgiving

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

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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

Benediction

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Hymn: God Be With You

God be with you till we meet again;

By his counsels guide, uphold you;

With his sheep securely fold you.

God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet,

Till we meet at Jesus' feet,

Till we meet, till we meet,

God be with you till we meet again.

An Order for Compline

The Leader begins

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

Leader

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

Response

The maker of heaven and Earth.

Leader

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

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

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

Leader

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

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

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

The Psalm

Everyone

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*

or Coverdale

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

²Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

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

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

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

The Word

Leader

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

Matthew 11:28-30

Response

Thanks be to God.

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

The Responses

Leader

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

Response

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

Leader

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

Response

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

Response

Christ, have mercy.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

The Prayers

Everyone

The Lord's Prayer

or **traditional**

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Traditional Lord's Prayer

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

Leader

Lord, hear our prayer;

Response

And let our cry come to you.

Leader

Let us pray.

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

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

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

The Cantic

Everyone

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

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

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

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

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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

Jump to Compline

Thursday

Evening Prayer

Proper 20

The Opening

Opening Sentence

Leader

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

Hymn: Joyous light of God's own glory

Joyous light of God's own glory

Light of heav'n that fills this place

Light of Son, eternal Father

Light of God, the Son of grace.

As the sun begins its setting

And the glow of dusk sets in,

We can look to heaven's glory

For the light that never ends.

From the smallest of the sparrows

To the blazing stars above,

All Creation sings your glory,

All Creation sings your love.

O Son of God most holy

O Son of God most high,

May all earth and all the heavens

Praise you for your glorious light.

O sing to God the Father,

O sing to God the Son,

O sing to God the Spirit,

To God, the Three in One.

Now let our voices rise up

In harmonies most pure

For God, you are most worthy

Of our praise forevermore.

Now let our voices rise up

In harmonies most pure

For God, you are most worthy

Of our praise forevermore.

Words: RR Ketcham

Tune: *Nettleton*

Confession of Sin

Leader

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone together, all kneeling:

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

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

Leader

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

The Invitatory

All stand.

Leader

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*

O gracious Light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vespertine 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

- ¹ You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- ² You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.
- ³ You have withdrawn all your fury *
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.
- ⁴ Restore us then, O God our Savior; *
let your anger depart from us.
- ⁵ Will you be displeased with us for ever? *
will you prolong your anger from age to age?
- ⁶ Will you not give us life again, *
that your people may rejoice in you?
- ⁷ Show us your mercy, O Lord, *
and grant us your salvation.
- ⁸ 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.
- ⁹ Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *

that his glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰ Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹ Truth shall spring up from the Earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

¹² The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

86 *Inclina, Domine*
or Coverdale

¹ Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me, *
for I am poor and in misery.

² Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; *
save your servant who puts his trust in you.

³ Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; *
I call upon you all the day long.

⁴ Gladden the soul of your servant, *
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

⁵ For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, *
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.

⁶ Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, *
and attend to the voice of my supplications.

⁷ In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, *
for you will answer me.

⁸ Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, *

nor anything like your works.

⁹ All nations you have made will come and
worship you, O Lord, *
and glorify your Name.

¹⁰ For you are great;
you do wondrous things; *
and you alone are God.

¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord,
and I will walk in your truth; *
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.

¹² I will thank you, O Lord my God,
with all my heart, *
and glorify your Name for evermore.

¹³ For great is your love toward me; *
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

¹⁴ 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.

¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

¹⁶ Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.

¹⁷ 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 Luke 4:14-30

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your

hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown.

²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff.

³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The Word of the Lord.

Everyone

Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept after the Reading.

The Canticle

Everyone

The Song of Mary *Magnificat*
Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *

for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *

in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *

he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *

and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *

and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *

for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *

to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

All stand

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Leader

God be with you.

Response

And also with you.

Leader

Let us pray.

Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or Traditional)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on Earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Suffrages

Leader

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 20

Leader

Grant us, Lord, not to anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things which are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 [Jersey](#).

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [African Israel Nineveh 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

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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 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: Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

[One minute, 30 second introduction]

Sing praise to God, the highest good,

The author of creation,

The God of love who understood

Our need for his salvation.

With healing balm our souls he fills

And every faithless murmur stills:

To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made,

In mercy he is keeping;

By morning glow or evening shade
His eye is never sleeping;
Within the kingdom of his might
All things are just and good and right:
To God all praise and glory!

We sought the Lord in our distress;
O God, in mercy hear us.
Our Savior saw our helplessness
And came with peace to cheer us.
For this we thank and praise the Lord,
Who is by one and all adored:
To God all praise and glory!

Words: Melchior Vulpus

Music: Johann J. Schutz

Tune: *Lot Gott Den Herren, Ihr*

A Prayer of Self-Dedication

Almighty and eternal God,
so draw our hearts to you,
so guide our minds,
so fill our imaginations,
so control our wills,
that we may be wholly yours,
utterly dedicated unto you;
and then use us, we pray you, as you will,
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Ending

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make
our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-
beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you
will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as
may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in
the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Benediction

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

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.

An Order for Compline

The Leader begins

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

Leader

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

Response

The maker of heaven and Earth.

Leader

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

We have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.

For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
forgive us all our offenses;
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Leader

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

The Psalm

Everyone

4 *Cum invocarem*

or **Coverdale**

¹ 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.

² "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"

³ Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

⁴ Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

⁵ Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.

⁶ Many are saying,
"Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

⁷ You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

⁸ I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

The Word

Leader

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

Response

Thanks be to God.

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

The Responses

Leader

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

Response

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

Leader

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

Response

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

Response

Christ, have mercy.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

The Prayers

Everyone

The Lord's Prayer

or **traditional**

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Traditional Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Leader

Lord, hear our prayer;

Response

And let our cry come to you.

Leader

Let us pray.

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.

The Cantic

Everyone

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.

Jump to Compline

Friday

Evening Prayer

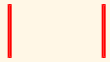
Proper 20

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: Since Jesus my Savior

Since Jesus my Savior from sin rescued me
Life's pathway shines brighter because I am free.
No harm can befall me though foes should assail;
My refuge is Jesus, his love cannot fail.
His love cannot fail. His love cannot fail.
There's no one like Jesus, his love cannot fail.
My heart overflows with a wondrous delight
For Jesus is with me by day and by night.
His love ever flowing so boundless and free.
It never can fail, 'tis for you and for me.
His love cannot fail. His love cannot fail.
There's no one like Jesus, his love cannot fail.
There's no one like Jesus to comfort and bless
There's no one like him in the hour of distress

He knows every trial on life's upward way.
His love cannot fail, 'tis a joy day by day.
His love cannot fail. His love cannot fail.
There's no one like Jesus, his love cannot fail.

Singers: Altar of Praise Chorale
Words and music: James M. Black

Confession of Sin

Leader

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone together, all kneeling:

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Leader

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord
Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy

Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

The Invitatory

All stand.

Leader

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*

O gracious Light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

The Psalter

91 *Qui habitat*
or Coverdale

¹ He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *

abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

² He shall say to the Lord,

"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."

³ He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *
and from the deadly pestilence.

⁴ He shall cover you with his pinions,
and you shall find refuge under his wings; *
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

⁵ You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, *
nor of the arrow that flies by day;

⁶ Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, *
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.

⁷ A thousand shall fall at your side
and ten thousand at your right hand, *
but it shall not come near you.

⁸ Your eyes have only to behold *
to see the reward of the wicked.

⁹ Because you have made the Lord your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰ There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

¹¹ For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.

¹² They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

¹³ You shall tread upon the lion and the adder; *

you shall trample the young lion and the serpent
under your feet.

¹⁴ Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

¹⁵ 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.

¹⁶ With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

92 *Bonum est confiteri*
or Coverdale

¹ It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, *
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;

² To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning *
and of your faithfulness in the night season;

³ On the psaltery, and on the lyre, *
and to the melody of the harp.

⁴ For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; *
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

⁵ Lord, how great are your works! *
your thoughts are very deep.

⁶ The dullard does not know,
nor does the fool understand, *
that though the wicked grow like weeds,
and all the workers of iniquity flourish,

⁷ They flourish only to be destroyed for ever; *

but you, O Lord, are exalted for evermore.

⁸ For lo, your enemies, O Lord,
lo, your enemies shall perish, *
and all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

⁹ But my horn you have exalted like the horns of wild bulls; *
I am anointed with fresh oil.

¹⁰ My eyes also gloat over my enemies, *
and my ears rejoice to hear the doom of the wicked who
rise up against me.

¹¹ The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, *
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

¹² Those who are planted in the house of the Lord *
shall flourish in the courts of our God;

¹³ They shall still bear fruit in old age; *
they shall be green and succulent;

¹⁴ 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

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen. Amen.

Gospel

Reader

A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke 4:31-37

³¹He went down to Capernaum, a city in Galilee, and was teaching them on the sabbath. ³²They were astounded at his teaching, because he spoke with authority. ³³In the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴"Let us alone! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ³⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" When the demon had thrown him down before them, he came out of him without having done him any harm. ³⁶They were all amazed and kept saying to one another, "What kind of utterance is this? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and out they come!" ³⁷And a report about him began to reach every place in the region.

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 20

Leader

Grant us, Lord, not to anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things which are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 [United States](#).

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [African Methodist Episcopal 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

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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 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: 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.

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beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you
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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;
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Leader

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Response

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Everyone

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

The Psalm

Everyone

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*

or [Coverdale](#)

¹In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame: *

deliver me in your righteousness.

²Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

⁴Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.

The Word

Leader

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith. *1 Peter 5:8-9a*

Response

Thanks be to God.

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

The Responses

Leader

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

Response

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

Leader

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

Response

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Leader

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Leader

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but deliver us from evil.
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and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Leader

Lord, hear our prayer;

Response

And let our cry come to you.

Leader

Let us pray.

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your

holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.

The Cantic

Everyone

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.

Jump to Compline

Saturday

Evening Prayer

Proper 20

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 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

136 *Confitemini* or Coverdale

¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

² Give thanks to the God of gods, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

³ Give thanks to the Lord of lords, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

⁴ Who only does great wonders, *

- for his mercy endures for ever;
- ⁵ Who by wisdom made the heavens, *
- for his mercy endures for ever;
- ⁶ Who spread out the earth upon the waters, *
- for his mercy endures for ever;
- ⁷ Who created great lights, *
- for his mercy endures for ever;
- ⁸ The sun to rule the day, *
- for his mercy endures for ever;
- ⁹ The moon and the stars to govern the night, *
- for his mercy endures for ever.
- ¹⁰ Who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, *
- for his mercy endures for ever;
- ¹¹ And brought out Israel from among them, *
- for his mercy endures for ever;
- ¹² With a mighty hand and a stretched-out arm, *
- for his mercy endures for ever;
- ¹³ Who divided the Red Sea in two, *
- for his mercy endures for ever;
- ¹⁴ And made Israel to pass through the midst of it, *
- for his mercy endures for ever;
- ¹⁵ But swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea, *
- for his mercy endures for ever;
- ¹⁶ Who led his people through the wilderness, *
- for his mercy endures for ever.
- ¹⁷ Who struck down great kings, *
- for his mercy endures for ever;

- 18 And slew mighty kings, *
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 19 Sihon, king of the Amorites, *
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 20 And Og, the king of Bashan, *
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 21 And gave away their lands for an inheritance, *
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 22 An inheritance for Israel his servant, *
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 23 Who remembered us in our low estate, *
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 24 And delivered us from our enemies, *
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 25 Who gives food to all creatures, *
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 26 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

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen. Amen.

Gospel

Reader

A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke 4:38-44

³⁸After leaving the synagogue he entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked him about her.

³⁹Then he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately

she got up and began to serve them. ⁴⁰As the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various kinds of diseases brought them to him;

and he laid his hands on each of them and cured them. ⁴¹Demons also came out of many, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Messiah.

⁴²At daybreak he departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowds were looking for him; and when they reached him, they wanted to prevent him from leaving them. ⁴³But he said to them, "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other cities also; for I was sent for this purpose."

⁴⁴So he continued proclaiming the message in the synagogues of Judea.

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 20

Leader

Grant us, Lord, not to anxious about earthly things, but to love things

heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things which are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 [American Samoa](#).

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church](#).

Intercessions

Leader

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

Everyone sings or says

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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.

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: Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and ye shall find.
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Singer and musician: Jack Marti

A Prayer 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.

An Order for Compline

The Leader begins

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

Leader

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

Response

The maker of heaven and Earth.

Leader

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

We have sinned against you,

through our own fault,

in thought, and word, and deed,

and in what we have left undone.

For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,

forgive us all our offenses;

and grant that we may serve you

in newness of life,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Leader

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

The Psalm

Everyone

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*

or *Coverdale*

¹In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame: *
deliver me in your righteousness.

²Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

⁴Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.

The Word

Leader

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the

great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Hebrews 13:20-21*

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith. *1 Peter 5:8-9a*

Response

Thanks be to God.

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

The Responses

Leader

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

Response

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

Leader

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

Response

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

Response

Christ, have mercy.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

The Prayers

Everyone

The Lord's Prayer

or **traditional**

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Traditional Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Leader

Lord, hear our prayer;

Response

And let our cry come to you.

Leader

Let us pray.

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illumine this night with your celestial brightness; that by night as by day your people may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Saturdays

We give you thanks, O God, for revealing your Son Jesus Christ to us by the light of his resurrection: Grant that as we sing your glory at the close of this day, our joy may abound in the morning as we celebrate the Paschal mystery; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.

The Canticle

Everyone

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.

Jump to Compline

Sunday

Evening Prayer

Proper 21

The Opening

Opening Sentence

Leader

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

Hymn: Glory to thee, my God, this night

Glory to thee, my God, this night,
for all the blessings of the light:
keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
beneath thine own almighty wings.

Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,
the ill that I this day have done;
that with the world, myself, and thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

Teach me to live, that I may dread
the grave as little as my bed;
teach me to die, that so I may
rise glorious at the awful day.

O may my soul on thee repose,
and with sweet sleep mine eyelids close;
sleep that may me more vigorous make

to serve my God when I awake.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Singers: The Chapel Choir of University College, Durham

Words: Thomas Ken, 1692

Music: Thomas Tallis Tune: *Tallis' Canon*

Confession of Sin

Leader

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone together, all kneeling:

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Leader

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

The Invitatory

All stand.

Leader

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*

O gracious Light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

The Psalter

19 *Caeli enarrant* or

Coverdale

- ¹The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- ²One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- ³Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- ⁴Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- ⁵In 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.
- ⁶It 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.
- ⁷The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- ⁸The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
- ⁹The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold,

more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.

¹¹ By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³ 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.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Psalm 46 *Deus noster refugium*
or Coverdale

¹ God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.

² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

³ Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

⁴ The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁵ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁶ God is in the midst of her;

she shall not be overthrown; *

God shall help her at the break of day.

⁷ The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

⁸ The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁹ Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ "Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."

¹² 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

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost:

as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

The Gospel

Reader

A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew 13:44-52

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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

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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.

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All stand

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and Earth.

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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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on earth as it is in heaven.
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And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Suffrages

Leader

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

Response

We entreat you, O Lord.

Leader

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

Response

We entreat you, O Lord.

Leader

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

Response

We entreat you, O Lord.

Leader

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

Response

We entreat you, O Lord.

Leader

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

Response

We entreat you, O Lord.

Leader

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

Response

We entreat you, O Lord.

The Collect of the Day: Proper 21

Leader

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever

and ever. Amen.

The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.

For Mission

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

A Collect for 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 [Guam](#).

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [African Protestant Church](#).

Intercessions

Leader

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

Everyone sings or says

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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.

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 are salt for the Earth

You are salt for the Earth, O people:
salt for the kingdom of God!

Share the flavor of life, O people:
life in the kingdom of God!

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the kingdom of justice,
bring forth the City of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people:
light for the City of God!

Shine so holy and bright, O people:
shine for the kingdom of God!

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the kingdom of justice,
bring forth the City of God!

You are a seed of the Word, O people:
bring forth the City of God!

Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
grow in the kingdom of God!

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the kingdom of justice,

bring forth the City of God!

You are a blessed and a pilgrim people:

bound for the kingdom of God!

Love our journey and love our homeland:

love is the kingdom of God!

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,

bring forth the kingdom of peace;

Bring forth the kingdom of justice,

bring forth the City of God!

Singers: Crossroads Lutheran Church

Words and Music: Marty Haugen

A Prayer 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.

An Order for Compline

The Leader begins

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

Leader

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

Response

The maker of heaven and Earth.

Leader

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

We have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.

For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
forgive us all our offenses;
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Leader

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and
comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the
beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

The Psalm

Everyone

4 *Cum invocarem*

or **Coverdale**

¹ 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.

² "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"

³ Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

⁴ Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

⁵ Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.

⁶ Many are saying,
"Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

⁷ You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

⁸ I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

The Word

Leader

Lord, you are in the midst of us, and we are called by your Name: Do not
forsake us, O Lord our God. *Jeremiah 14:9, 22*

Response

Thanks be to God.

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

The Responses

Leader

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

Response

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

Leader

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

Response

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

Response

Christ, have mercy.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

The Prayers

Everyone

The Lord's Prayer

or [traditional](#)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Traditional Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Leader

Lord, hear our prayer;

Response

And let our cry come to you.

Leader

Let us pray.

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from

all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.

The Cantic

Everyone

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.

Jump to Compline

Monday

Evening Prayer

The Evening of the Feast of Michael and all Angels (Michaelmas) transferred

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: Praise to the Lord

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear,

Brothers and sisters draw near,

Praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen

All that is needful has been

Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!

Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;

Ponder anew

What the Almighty can do,

Who with his love doth befriend thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the "Amen"
Sound from his people again;
Gladly for aye we adore him.

Lobe den Herren den mächtigen König

Words: Joachim Neander (1680)

Translation: Catherine Winkworth

Confession of Sin

Leader

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone together, all kneeling:

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Leader

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

The Invitatory

All stand.

Leader

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*

O gracious Light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

The Psalter

34 *Benedicam Dominum*
or Coverdale

- ¹ I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- ² I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- ³ Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.
- ⁴ I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- ⁵ Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- ⁶ I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
- ⁷ The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
- ⁸ Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!
- ⁹ Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- ¹⁰ The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
- ¹¹ Come, children, and listen to me; *
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- ¹² Who among you loves life *
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?
- ¹³ Keep your tongue from evil-speaking *
and your lips from lying words.

- 14 Turn from evil and do good; *
seek peace and pursue it.
- 15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, *
and his ears are open to their cry.
- 16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, *
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
- 17 The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them *
and delivers them from all their troubles.
- 18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted *
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.
- 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.
- 20 He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.
- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
- 22 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

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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 Lesson

The Old Testament Lesson

Reader

A reading from the Second Book of Kings 6:8-17

⁸Once when the king of Aram was at war with Israel, he took counsel with his officers. He said, “At such and such a place shall be my camp.” ⁹But the man of God sent word to the king of Israel, “Take care not to pass this place, because the Arameans are going down there.” ¹⁰The king of Israel sent word to the place of which the man of God spoke. More than once or twice he warned such a place so that it was on the alert. ¹¹The mind of the king of Aram was greatly perturbed because of this; he called his officers and said to them, “Now tell me who among us sides with the king of Israel?” ¹²Then one of his officers said, “No one, my lord king. It is Elisha, the prophet in Israel, who tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedchamber.” ¹³He said, “Go and find where he is; I will send and seize him.” He was told, “He is in Dothan.” ¹⁴So he sent horses and chariots there and a great army; they came by night, and surrounded the city. ¹⁵When an attendant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. His servant said, “Alas, master! What shall we do?” ¹⁶He replied, “Do not be afraid, for there are more with us than there are with them.” ¹⁷Then Elisha prayed: “O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see.” So the Lord opened the eyes of the servant, and he saw; the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

The Word of the Lord.

Everyone

Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept after the Reading.

The Cantic

Everyone

The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis* Luke 2:29-32

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Gospel

Reader

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark 13:21-27

²¹And if anyone says to you at that time, ‘Look! Here is the Messiah!’ or
‘Look! There he is!’ do not believe it. ²²False messiahs and false prophets
will appear and produce signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, the elect.
²³But be alert; I have already told you everything.
²⁴“But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept after the Reading.

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

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: Michael and All Angels

Leader

Everlasting God, who has ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; 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 [Northern Mariana Islands](#).

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [American Baptist Churches in the USA](#).

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

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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.

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: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above,

Praise Him above,

Praise Him above,

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts.

Praise Him above,

Praise Him above,

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Amen. Amen.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Amen.

Alleluia. Amen. Alleluia. Amen.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Singers: Streams of Inspiration

A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Ending

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks

for all your goodness and loving-kindness

to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,

and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love

in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;

for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Benediction

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

Hymn: God Be With You

God be with you till we meet again;
By his counsels guide, uphold you;
With his sheep securely fold you.
God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

An Order for Compline

The Leader begins

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

Leader

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

Response

The maker of heaven and Earth.

Leader

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Everyone

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:
We have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
forgive us all our offenses;

and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Leader

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and
comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

Response

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Everyone

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the
beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

The Psalm

Everyone

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*

or [Coverdale](#)

¹In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame: *
deliver me in your righteousness.

²Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

⁴Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.

The Word

Leader

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

Response

Thanks be to God.

A hymn suitable for the evening may be sung.

The Responses

Leader

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

Response

For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

Leader

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

Response

Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

Response

Christ, have mercy.

Leader

Lord, have mercy.

The Prayers

Everyone

The Lord's Prayer

or **traditional**

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Traditional Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Leader

Lord, hear our prayer;

Response

And let our cry come to you.

Leader

Let us pray.

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illumine this night with your celestial brightness; that by night as by day your people may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.

The Cantic

Everyone

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free *

to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *

whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations, *

and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Leader

Let us bless the Lord.

Response

Thanks be to God.

Leader

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.