

## Jump to Noonday

Sunday

Morning Prayer

Proper 17

## The Opening

### Opening Sentence

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

### Hymn: Awake, awake: fling off the night!

Awake, awake: fling off the night!

For God has sent a glorious light;  
and we who live in Christ's new day  
must works of darkness put away.

Let in the light; all sin expose  
to Christ, whose life no darkness knows.  
Before the cross expectant kneel;  
That Christ may judge, and judging heal.

Awake, and rise up from the dead,  
and Christ his light on you will shed.  
Its power will wrong desires destroy,  
and your whole nature fill with joy.

Then sing for joy, and use each day;  
give thanks for everything alway.  
Lift up your hearts; with one accord  
praise God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Words: [J.R. Peacey](#)

Tune: *Deus tuorum militum*

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

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

*Leader*

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

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Everyone*

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

**Antiphon**

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

**Jubilate**

***Psalm 100***

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

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

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

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

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

## The Psalter

### 148 *Laudate Dominum* or Coverdale

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.

<sup>2</sup> Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.

<sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.

<sup>4</sup> Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the Name of the Lord; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.

<sup>6</sup> He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

<sup>7</sup> Praise the Lord from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

<sup>8</sup> Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

<sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;

<sup>10</sup> Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and wingèd birds;

<sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;

Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \*  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup> He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Hallelujah!

## **149 *Cantate Domino***

### **Coverdale**

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!  
Sing to the Lord a new song; \*  
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; \*  
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

<sup>3</sup> Let them praise his Name in the dance; \*  
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

<sup>4</sup> For the Lord takes pleasure in his people \*  
and adorns the poor with victory.

<sup>5</sup> Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; \*  
let them be joyful on their beds.

<sup>6</sup> Let the praises of God be in their throat \*  
and a two-edged sword in their hand;

<sup>7</sup> To wreak vengeance on the nations \*  
and punishment on the peoples;

<sup>8</sup> To bind their kings in chains \*

and their nobles with links of iron;

<sup>9</sup> To inflict on them the judgment decreed; \*  
this is glory for all his faithful people.  
Hallelujah!

## **150 *Laudate Dominum*** **or Coverdale**

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!  
Praise God in his holy temple; \*  
praise him in the firmament of his power.

<sup>2</sup> Praise him for his mighty acts; \*  
praise him for his excellent greatness.

<sup>3</sup> Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; \*  
praise him with lyre and harp.

<sup>4</sup> Praise him with timbrel and dance; \*  
praise him with strings and pipe.

<sup>5</sup> Praise him with resounding cymbals; \*  
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

<sup>6</sup> Let everything that has breath \*  
praise the Lord.  
Hallelujah!

## **Gloria Patri**

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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 11:1-9, 13-20

<sup>11</sup>Then Zophar the Naamathite answered: <sup>2</sup>"Should a multitude of words go unanswered, and should one full of talk be vindicated? <sup>3</sup>Should your babble put others to silence, and when you mock, shall no one shame you? <sup>4</sup>For you say, 'My conduct is pure, and I am clean in God's sight.' <sup>5</sup>But oh, that God would speak, and open his lips to you, <sup>6</sup>and that he would tell you the secrets of wisdom! For wisdom is many-sided. Know then that God exacts of you less than your guilt deserves.

<sup>7</sup>"Can you find out the deep things of God? Can you find out the limit of the Almighty? <sup>8</sup>It is higher than heaven—what can you do? Deeper than Sheol—what can you know? <sup>9</sup>Its measure is longer than the earth, and broader than the sea.

<sup>13</sup>"If you direct your heart rightly, you will stretch out your hands toward him.

<sup>14</sup>If iniquity is in your hand, put it far away, and do not let wickedness reside in your tents. <sup>15</sup>Surely then you will lift up your face without blemish; you will be secure, and will not fear. <sup>16</sup>You will forget your misery; you will remember it as waters that have passed away. <sup>17</sup>And your life will be brighter than the noonday; its darkness will be like the morning. <sup>18</sup>And you will have confidence, because there is hope; you will be protected and take your rest in safety. <sup>19</sup>You will lie down, and no one will make you afraid; many will entreat your favor. <sup>20</sup>But the eyes of the wicked will fail; all way of escape

will be lost to them, and their hope is to breathe their last."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle M**

### **A Song of Faith**

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

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, \*

by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;

Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, \*

we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.

The ransom that was paid to free us \*

was not paid in silver or gold,

But in the precious blood of Christ, \*

the Lamb without spot or stain.

God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory \*

so that we might have faith and hope in God.

## **The New Testament Lesson**

*Reader*

A Reading from the Revelation to John 5:1-14

<sup>5</sup>Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; <sup>2</sup>and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" <sup>3</sup>And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>4</sup>And I began to weep bitterly because



no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>5</sup>Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup>He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. <sup>8</sup>When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup>They sing a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; <sup>10</sup>you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth." <sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" <sup>13</sup>Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" <sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

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

You are God: we praise you;

You are the Lord: we acclaim you;

You are the eternal Father:

All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,

Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;

Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,

the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free

you did not shun the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.

## **The Gospel**

### *Reader*

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

<sup>5</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:  
<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice 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 Apostles' Creed**

### *All stand*

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

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

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

God be with you.

### *Response*

And also with you.

### *Leader*

Let us pray.

### *Everyone*

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

Our Father in heaven,

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

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

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

## Suffrages

### *Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

### *Response*

And grant us your salvation.

### *Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

### *Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

### *Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

### *Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

### *Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

### *Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

### *Leader*

Let your way be known upon Earth;

### *Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

### *Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

### *Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

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

### **A Collect for Sundays**

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

### **A Collect for Mission**

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

### **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 acceptance

Save thy servant, that hath none

Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

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

### **For the Church**

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

### **For Church Musicians and Artists**

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



## **For Families**

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

## **Hymn: 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.

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

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

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

God be with you till we meet again.

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## **An Order of Service for Noonday**

### **The Opening**

#### *Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

#### *Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

#### *Everyone*

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

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

### **The Psalm**

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

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>6</sup> Those who sowed with tears \*

will reap with songs of joy.

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

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

## **The Word**

### *Leader*

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

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Response*

Christ, have mercy.

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

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Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,

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

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

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

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

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

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

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

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*



Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Everyone*

Amen.

**The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

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Monday

Morning Prayer

Proper 9

The Martyrs of New Guinea

## The Opening

### Opening Sentence

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

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

Awake, awake to love and work!

The lark is in the sky;

The fields are wet with diamond dew;

The worlds awake to cry

Their blessings on the Lord of life,

As He goes meekly by.

Come, let thy voice be one with theirs,

Shout with their shout of praise;

See how the giant sun soars up,

Great lord of years and days!

So let the love of Jesus come

And set thy soul ablaze.

To give and give, and give again,

What God hath given thee;

To spend thyself nor count the cost;

To serve right gloriously

The God Who gave all worlds that are,  
And all that are to be.

Words: Geoffrey Anketel Studdert Kennedy (1921)

Tune: *Morning Song*, from Kentucky Harmony, 1816

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

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

*Leader*

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

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Everyone*

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

### **Antiphon**

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

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

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.

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

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

Come let us adore him.

## **The Psalter**

**25 *Ad te, Domine, levavi***

**or Coverdale**

<sup>1</sup> To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

my God, I put my trust in you; \*

let me not be humiliated,

nor let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>2</sup> Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*

let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

<sup>3</sup> Show me your ways, O Lord, \*

and teach me your paths.

<sup>4</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*

for you are the God of my salvation;

in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>5</sup> Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*

for they are from everlasting.

<sup>6</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth

and my transgressions; \*

remember me according to your love

and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

<sup>7</sup> Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*

therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

<sup>8</sup> He guides the humble in doing right \*

and teaches his way to the lowly.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>21</sup> Deliver Israel, O God, \*

out of all his troubles.

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **The Lessons**

### **The Old Testament Lesson**

#### *Reader*

A Reading from the Book of Job 12:1-6, 13-25

<sup>12</sup>Then Job answered: <sup>2</sup>"No doubt you are the people, and wisdom will die with you. <sup>3</sup>But I have understanding as well as you; I am not inferior to you. Who does not know such things as these? <sup>4</sup>I am a laughingstock to my friends; I, who called upon God and he answered me, a just and blameless man, I am a laughingstock. <sup>5</sup>Those at ease have contempt for misfortune, but it is ready for those whose feet are unstable.

<sup>6</sup>The tents of robbers are at peace, and those who provoke God are secure, who bring their god in their hands. <sup>13</sup>"With God are wisdom and strength; he has counsel and understanding. <sup>14</sup>If he tears down, no one can rebuild; if he shuts someone in, no one can open up. <sup>15</sup>If he withholds the waters, they dry up; if he sends them out, they overwhelm the land. <sup>16</sup>With him are strength and wisdom; the deceived and the deceiver are his. <sup>17</sup>He leads counselors away stripped, and makes fools of judges. <sup>18</sup>He looses the sash of kings, and



binds a waistcloth on their loins. <sup>19</sup>He leads priests away stripped, and overthrows the mighty. <sup>20</sup>He deprives of speech those who are trusted, and takes away the discernment of the elders. <sup>21</sup>He pours contempt on princes, and looses the belt of the strong. <sup>22</sup>He uncovers the deeps out of darkness, and brings deep darkness to light. <sup>23</sup>He makes nations great, then destroys them; he enlarges nations, then leads them away. <sup>24</sup>He strips understanding from the leaders of the earth, and makes them wander in a pathless waste. <sup>25</sup>They grope in the dark without light; he makes them stagger like a drunkard.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 9**

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

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

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, \*

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The New Testament Lesson**

### *Reader*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30

<sup>19</sup>Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. <sup>20</sup>But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. <sup>21</sup>The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. <sup>22</sup>News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch.

<sup>23</sup>When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; <sup>24</sup>for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. <sup>25</sup>Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, <sup>26</sup>and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they met with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called "Christians."

<sup>27</sup>At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. <sup>28</sup>One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of

Claudius. <sup>29</sup>The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; <sup>30</sup>this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 19**

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

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

Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

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

## **The Gospel**

*Reader*

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

Again 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." <sup>22</sup>Then the Jews said, "Is he going to kill himself? Is that what he means by saying, 'Where I am going, you cannot come'?" <sup>23</sup>He said to them, "You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world. <sup>24</sup>I told you that you would die in your sins, for you will die in your sins unless you believe that I am he." <sup>25</sup>They said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Why do I speak to you at all? <sup>26</sup>I 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." <sup>27</sup>They did not understand that he was speaking to them about the Father. <sup>28</sup>So 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. <sup>29</sup>And the one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what is pleasing to him." <sup>30</sup>As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and 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 Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and Earth.

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

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

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

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

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

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

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

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

God be with you.

### *Response*

And also with you.

### *Leader*

Let us pray.

### *Everyone*

**Contemporary Lord's Prayer**  
**(or Traditional)**

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

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

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

## **Suffrages**

### *Leader*

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

### *Response*

Govern and uphold them, now and always.

### *Leader*

Day by day we bless you;

### *Response*

We praise your Name for ever.

### *Leader*

Lord, keep us from all sin today;

### *Response*

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

### *Leader*

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

### *Response*

For we put our trust in you.

### *Leader*

In you, Lord, is our hope;

### *Response*

And we shall never hope in vain.

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

### **A Collect for Mission**

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

### **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](#).

### **The Commemoration**

The Martyrs of New Guinea

New Guinea (also called Irian), one of the world's largest islands, has a difficult terrain that discourages travel between districts, Consequently, it is home to many isolated tribes, with many different cultures and at least 500 languages. Christian missionaries began work there in the 1860's, but proceeded slowly.

When World War II threatened Papua and New Guinea, it was obvious that missionaries of European origin were in danger. There was talk of leaving. Bishop Philip Strong wrote to his clergy: "We must endeavour to carry on our



work. God expects this of us. The church at home, which sent us out, will surely expect it of us. The universal church expects it of us. The people whom we serve expect it of us. We could never hold up our faces again if, for our own safety, we all forsook Him and fled, when the shadows of the Passion began to gather around Him in His spiritual and mystical body, the Church in Papua."

They stayed. Almost immediately there were arrests. Eight clergymen and two laymen were executed "as an example" on September 2, 1942. In the next few years, many Papuan Christians of all Churches risked their own lives to care for the wounded.

written by James Kiefer

## **Prayer**

Almighty God, we remember before you this day the blessed martyrs of New Guinea, who, following the example of their Savior, laid down their lives for their friends; and we pray that we, who honor their memory, may imitate their loyalty and faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

### *Leader*

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

### *Everyone sings or says*

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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).*

### **A Collect for Peace**

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

Amen.

### **For All Sorts and Conditions**

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

Amen.

### **For the Poor and Neglected**

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

poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For Those Who Live Alone**

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

### **Hymn: A mighty fortress is our God**

A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He, amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing:  
For still our ancient foe  
doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great,  
and, armed with cruel hate,  
On Earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side,  
the Man of God's own choosing:  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is He;  
Lord Sabaoth, His Name,  
from age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.

That word above all earthly powers,  
no thanks to them, abideth;

The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
through Him Who with us sideth:  
Let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still,  
His kingdom is forever.

Words and Music: Martin Luther

Tune: *Ein feste Burg*

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

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

### **The Ending**

#### **The General Thanksgiving**

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

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

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

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

### **Benediction**

#### *Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

#### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

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



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

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

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## **An Order of Service for Noonday**

### **The Opening**

#### *Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

#### *Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

#### *Everyone*

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

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

### **The Psalm**

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

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

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

<sup>107</sup> I am deeply troubled; \*

preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **The Word**

### *Leader*

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

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to traditional](#)

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

## **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

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



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

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

**The Collect**

*Leader*

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

*Everyone*

Amen.

**Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families,

friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Everyone*

Amen.

**The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## Jump to Noonday

Tuesday

Morning Prayer

Proper 17

Phoebe

## The Opening

### Opening Sentence

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

### Hymn: Awake from your slumber!

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!

A new day is dawning for all those who weep.

The people in darkness have seen a great light.

The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Let us build the city of God.

May our tears be turned into dancing!

For the Lord, our light and our Love,

has turned the night into day!

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.

The One who has loved us has brightened our way.

Let us build the city of God.

May our tears be turned into dancing!

For the Lord, our Light and our Love,

has turned the night into day!

(coda) God is Light; in him there is no darkness.

Let us walk in his Light, his children one and all.

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

Let us build the city of God.

May our tears be turned into dancing!

For the Lord, our light and our Love,  
has turned the night into day!

Words and Music: Dan Schutte

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

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

We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

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

*Leader*

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

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Everyone*

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

## **Antiphon**

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

## **Jubilate**

### ***Psalm 100***

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

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

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

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

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

## **The Psalter**

### **26 *Judica me, Domine* or Coverdale**

<sup>1</sup> Give judgment for me, O Lord,  
for I have lived with integrity; \*  
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

<sup>2</sup> Test me, O Lord, and try me; \*  
examine my heart and my mind.

<sup>3</sup> For your love is before my eyes; \*  
I have walked faithfully with you.

<sup>4</sup> I have not sat with the worthless, \*  
nor do I consort with the deceitful.

<sup>5</sup> I have hated the company of evildoers; \*  
I will not sit down with the wicked.

<sup>6</sup> I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, \*  
that I may go in procession round your altar,

<sup>7</sup> Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving \*  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

<sup>8</sup> Lord, I love the house in which you dwell \*  
and the place where your glory abides.

<sup>9</sup> Do not sweep me away with sinners, \*



- nor my life with those who thirst for blood,  
10 Whose hands are full of evil plots, \*  
and their right hand full of bribes.  
11 As for me, I will live with integrity; \*  
redeem me, O Lord, and have pity on me.  
12 My foot stands on level ground; \*  
in the full assembly I will bless the Lord.

**28 *Ad te, Domine***  
**or Coverdale**

- 1 O Lord, I call to you;  
my Rock, do not be deaf to my cry; \*  
lest, if you do not hear me,  
I become like those who go down to the Pit.  
2 Hear the voice of my prayer when I cry out to you, \*  
when I lift up my hands to your holy of holies.  
3 Do not snatch me away with the wicked or with the  
evildoers, \*  
who speak peaceably with their neighbors,  
while strife is in their hearts.  
4 Repay them according to their deeds, \*  
and according to the wickedness of their actions.  
5 According to the work of their hands repay them, \*  
and give them their just deserts.  
6 They have no understanding of the Lord's doings,  
nor of the works of his hands; \*  
therefore he will break them down and not  
build them up.

- <sup>7</sup> Blessed is the Lord! \*  
for he has heard the voice of my prayer.
- <sup>8</sup> The Lord is my strength and my shield; \*  
my heart trusts in him, and I have been helped;
- <sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart dances for joy, \*  
and in my song will I praise him.
- <sup>10</sup> The Lord is the strength of his people, \*  
a safe refuge for his anointed.
- <sup>11</sup> Save your people and bless your inheritance; \*  
shepherd them and carry them for ever.

## **Gloria Patri**

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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 12:1;13:3-17, 21-27

<sup>12</sup>Then Job answered: <sup>3</sup>But I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to argue my case with God. <sup>4</sup>As for you, you whitewash with lies; all of you are worthless physicians. <sup>5</sup>If you would only keep silent, that would be your wisdom! <sup>6</sup>Hear now my reasoning, and listen to the pleadings of my lips.

Will you speak falsely for God, and speak deceitfully for him? Will you show partiality toward him, will you plead the case for God? <sup>9</sup>Will it be well with you when he searches you out? Or can you deceive him, as one person deceives another? <sup>10</sup>He will surely rebuke you if in secret you show partiality. <sup>11</sup>Will not his majesty terrify you, and the dread of him fall upon you? <sup>12</sup>Your maxims are proverbs of ashes, your defenses are defenses of clay.

<sup>13</sup>"Let me have silence, and I will speak, and let come on me what may. <sup>14</sup>I will take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in my hand. <sup>15</sup>See, he will kill me; I have no hope; but I will defend my ways to his face. <sup>16</sup>This will be my salvation, that the godless shall not come before him. <sup>17</sup>Listen carefully to my words, and let my declaration be in your ears. <sup>21</sup>withdraw your hand far from me, and do not let dread of you terrify me. <sup>22</sup>Then call, and I will answer; or let me speak, and you reply to me.

<sup>23</sup>How many are my iniquities and my sins? Make me know my transgression and my sin. <sup>24</sup>Why do you hide your face, and count me as your enemy?

<sup>25</sup>Will you frighten a windblown leaf and pursue dry chaff? <sup>26</sup>For you write bitter things against me, and make me reap the iniquities of my youth. <sup>27</sup>You put my feet in the stocks, and watch all my paths; you set a bound to the soles of my feet.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

**Canticle 13**

**A Song of Praise**

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

Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*

you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*

on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*

in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The New Testament Lesson**

### ***Reader***

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 12:1-17

<sup>12</sup>About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. <sup>2</sup>He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. <sup>3</sup>After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) <sup>4</sup>When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover.

<sup>5</sup>While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. <sup>7</sup>Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his wrists. <sup>8</sup>The angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." <sup>9</sup>Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. <sup>10</sup>After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. <sup>11</sup>Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting." <sup>12</sup>As soon as he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many had gathered and were praying. <sup>13</sup>When he knocked at the outer gate, a maid named Rhoda came to answer. <sup>14</sup>On recognizing Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed that, instead of opening the gate, she ran in and announced that Peter was standing at the gate. <sup>15</sup>They said to her, "You are out of your mind!" But she insisted that it was so. They said, "It is his angel." <sup>16</sup>Meanwhile Peter continued knocking; and when they opened the gate, they saw him and were amazed. <sup>17</sup>He motioned to them with his hand to be silent, and described for them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he added, "Tell this to James and to the believers." Then he left and went to another place.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 18**

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

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

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

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*

are yours by right, O Lord our God,

For you created everything that is, \*

and by your will they were created and have their being;

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*

for with your blood you have redeemed for God,

From every family, language, people, and nation, \*

a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*

and to Christ the Lamb,

Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*

for ever and for evermore.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **Gospel**

### ***Reader***

A Reading from the Gospel According to John 8:33-47

<sup>33</sup>They 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'?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a

slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. <sup>37</sup>I 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.

<sup>38</sup>I declare what I have seen in the Father's presence; as for you, you should do what you have heard from the Father." <sup>39</sup>They answered him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing what Abraham did, <sup>40</sup>but 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.

<sup>41</sup>You are indeed doing what your father does." They said to him, "We are not illegitimate children; we have one father, God himself." <sup>42</sup>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. <sup>43</sup>Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot accept my word. <sup>44</sup>You 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. <sup>45</sup>But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me.

<sup>46</sup>Which of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? <sup>47</sup>Whoever 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 Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

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

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

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

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

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

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

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

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

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*



Let us pray.

*Everyone*

**The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary)  
(or Traditional)**

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

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

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

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

## **Suffrages**

### *Leader*

Help us, O God our Savior;

### *Response*

Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

### *Leader*

Look upon your congregation;

### *Response*

Give to your people the blessing of peace.

### *Leader*

Declare your glory among the nations;

### *Response*

And your wonders among all peoples.

### *Leader*

Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

### *Response*

Never forget the lives of your poor.

### *Leader*

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

### *Response*

And your favor to those who are true of heart.

*Leader*

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

*Response*

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

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

### **A Collect for Mission**

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

### **A Collect for Guidance**

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

### **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](#).

## **The Commemoration**

Phoebe (the name means "bright" or "radiant": Apollo and Diana, the god and goddess of the sun and moon respectively, were often referred to as "Phoebos" and "Phoebe"), was a DIAKONOS of the Church at Chenchreae, the eastern seaport of the city of Corinth. (Corinth was on a narrow isthmus that connected southern Greece (the Peloponessus) with northern Greece and the mainland of Europe.

Attempts had been made to dig a canal through the isthmus in order to shorten shipping routes, but no attempt was successful till modern times. Accordingly many ships were simply dragged out of the water, put on rollers, and moved across the isthmus and into the water on the other side.

Naturally, the crew got shore leave. Naturally, Corinth became famous as a port that accommodated sailors with shore leave. (This may account for the fact that Paul has a great deal more to say about sexual matters when writing to the Corinthians than he does in other connections.) When Paul mentions Phoebe, she has left the vicinity of Corinth and is in Rome, so that Paul commends her to the Church there.

There has been some dispute about whether Paul means to say that she was a "deacon" in the Church (holding the same office held later by Athanasius in Alexandria and Lawrence in Rome), or whether he refers to another office, that of the "deaconess," not the same as a female deacon (but in that event, one would have expected a feminine form of the word), or whether he is simply using the word in a non-technical sense to mean someone known for her helpfulness and service to the Church.

He calls her a DIAKONOS, a word which the KJV translates as "deacon"

three times (Philippians 1:1, 1 Timothy 3:8,12), as "servant" seven times (including the reference to Phoebe) and as "minister" twenty times (including references to Paul himself).

It is a word that originally had the meaning in secular Greek of "someone who is responsible for, attends to, ministers to, or waits on a person or group of persons or a task or area of responsibility." Later, it came to be used in a technical sense to denote a certain office in the church. One has to guess from the context whether it is being used in the technical sense or in the older, descriptive sense.

A similar problem sometimes arises with ANGELOS, which is Greek for "messenger, bringer of news." The form EUANGELOS means "bringer of good news," and gives rise to our word "evangelist." When mysterious beings gave messages to men from God, and then disappeared, they were called "messengers of God," or simply "messengers," and so ANGELOS came to mean sometimes "messenger" and sometimes "angel." Sometimes the context does not make it clear which is meant.

Again, the Greek MARTYROS means "witness," but came to refer to the particular kind of witness who says, "Jesus is Lord," when he faces death for saying it. Hence, MARTYROS is sometimes to be translated "witness" and sometimes "martyr."

Similarly, EPISCOPOS can mean "overseer" or "bishop," and PRESBYTEROS can mean "older person" or "presbyter, priest."

Phoebe was in any event a person of consequence in a congregation near Corinth, someone who had made a valuable contribution there.

written by James Kiefer

## **Prayer**

Eternal God, who raised up Phoebe as a deacon in your church and minister of

your Gospel; Grant us that same grace that, assisted by her prayers and example, we too may take the Gospel to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

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

*Everyone sings or says*

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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 Human Family**

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

### **For Prisons and Correctional Institutions**

Lord Jesus, for our sake you were condemned as a criminal: Visit our jails and

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

### **For the Victims of Addiction**

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

### **Hymn: A new commandment**

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

Singers: [St. Michael Orthodox Church Choir](#)

Directed by: Steve Jacobs

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

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

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

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

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

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks

for all your goodness and loving-kindness

to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,

and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

### **Benediction**

#### *Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

#### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

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

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

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

God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## **An Order of Service for Noonday**

### **The Opening**

#### *Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

#### *Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

#### *Everyone*

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

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

### **The Psalm**

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

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

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

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

<sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*

shall neither slumber nor sleep;

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

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

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

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

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

## **The Word**

### *Leader*

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

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Response*

Christ, have mercy.

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to traditional](#)

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

## **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

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

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

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

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

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

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

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families,

friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Everyone*

Amen.

**The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.



## Jump to Noonday

Wednesday

Morning Prayer

Proper 17

Albert Schweitzer

## The Opening

### Opening Sentence

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

### Hymn: Awake, my soul

[27 second introduction]

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

[Interlude]

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

[Interlude]

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

[Interlude]

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God, all creatures here below

Praise God above, ye heav'nly hosts

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Words: Thomas Ken

Tune: *Tallis Canon*

Arrangement: Nancy Raabe

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

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

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Everyone*

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

## **Antiphon**

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

Come let us adore him.

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

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*

my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*

that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*

my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live \*

and lift up my hands in your Name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*

and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,  
When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.  
For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.  
My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.  
The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:  
Come let us adore him.

## **The Psalter**

### **38 *Domine, ne in furore* or Coverdale**

- <sup>1</sup> O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger; \*  
do not punish me in your wrath.
- <sup>2</sup> For your arrows have already pierced me, \*  
and your hand presses hard upon me.
- <sup>3</sup> There is no health in my flesh,  
because of your indignation; \*  
there is no soundness in my body, because of my sin.
- <sup>4</sup> For my iniquities overwhelm me; \*  
like a heavy burden they are too much for me to bear.
- <sup>5</sup> My wounds stink and fester \*  
by reason of my foolishness.
- <sup>6</sup> I am utterly bowed down and prostrate; \*  
I go about in mourning all the day long.
- <sup>7</sup> My loins are filled with searing pain; \*  
there is no health in my body.

<sup>8</sup> I am utterly numb and crushed; \*

I wail, because of the groaning of my heart.

<sup>9</sup> O Lord, you know all my desires, \*

and my sighing is not hidden from you.

<sup>10</sup> My heart is pounding, my strength has failed me, \*

and the brightness of my eyes is gone from me.

<sup>11</sup> My friends and companions draw back from my affliction; \*

my neighbors stand afar off.

<sup>12</sup> Those who seek after my life lay snares for me; \*

those who strive to hurt me speak of my ruin

and plot treachery all the day long.

<sup>13</sup> But I am like the deaf who do not hear, \*

like those who are mute and do not open their mouth.

<sup>14</sup> I have become like one who does not hear \*

and from whose mouth comes no defense.

<sup>15</sup> For in you, O Lord, have I fixed my hope; \*

you will answer me, O Lord my God.

<sup>16</sup> For I said, "Do not let them rejoice at my expense, \*

those who gloat over me when my foot slips."

<sup>17</sup> Truly, I am on the verge of falling, \*

and my pain is always with me.

<sup>18</sup> I will confess my iniquity \*

and be sorry for my sin.

<sup>19</sup> Those who are my enemies without cause are mighty, \*

and many in number are those who wrongfully hate me.

<sup>20</sup> Those who repay evil for good slander me, \*

because I follow the course that is right.

<sup>21</sup> O Lord, do not forsake me; \*  
be not far from me, O my God.

<sup>22</sup> Make haste to help me, \*  
O Lord of my salvation.

## **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 12:1;14:1-22

<sup>12</sup>Then Job answered:

<sup>14</sup>"A mortal, born of woman, few of days and full of trouble, <sup>2</sup>comes up like a flower and withers, flees like a shadow and does not last. <sup>3</sup>Do you fix your eyes on such a one? Do you bring me into judgment with you? <sup>4</sup>Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? No one can. <sup>5</sup>Since their days are determined, and the number of their months is known to you, and you have appointed the bounds that they cannot pass, <sup>6</sup>look away from them, and desist, that they may enjoy, like laborers, their days.

<sup>7</sup>"For there is hope for a tree, if it is cut down, that it will sprout again, and that its shoots will not cease. <sup>8</sup>Though its root grows old in the earth, and its

stump dies in the ground, <sup>9</sup>yet at the scent of water it will bud and put forth branches like a young plant. <sup>10</sup>But mortals die, and are laid low; humans expire, and where are they? <sup>11</sup>As waters fail from a lake, and a river wastes away and dries up, <sup>12</sup>so mortals lie down and do not rise again; until the heavens are no more, they will not awake or be roused out of their sleep. <sup>13</sup>Oh that you would hide me in Sheol, that you would conceal me until your wrath is past, that you would appoint me a set time, and remember me! <sup>14</sup>If mortals die, will they live again? All the days of my service I would wait until my release should come. <sup>15</sup>You would call, and I would answer you; you would long for the work of your hands.

<sup>16</sup>For then you would not number my steps, you would not keep watch over my sin; <sup>17</sup>my transgression would be sealed up in a bag, and you would cover over my iniquity. <sup>18</sup>"But the mountain falls and crumbles away, and the rock is removed from its place; <sup>19</sup>the waters wear away the stones; the torrents wash away the soil of the earth; so you destroy the hope of mortals. <sup>20</sup>You prevail forever against them, and they pass away; you change their countenance, and send them away. <sup>21</sup>Their children come to honor, and they do not know it; they are brought low, and it goes unnoticed. <sup>22</sup>They feel only the pain of their own bodies, and mourn only for themselves."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

**Canticle 11 The Third Song of Isaiah**  
**Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19**

## ***Surge, illuminare***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **The New Testament Lesson**

### ***Reader***

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 12:18-25



<sup>18</sup>When morning came, there was no small commotion among the soldiers over what had become of Peter. <sup>19</sup>When Herod had searched for him and could not find him, he examined the guards and ordered them to be put to death. Then he went down from Judea to Caesarea and stayed there.

<sup>20</sup>Now Herod was angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon. So they came to him in a body; and after winning over Blastus, the king's chamberlain, they asked for a reconciliation, because their country depended on the king's country for food. <sup>21</sup>On an appointed day Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat on the platform, and delivered a public address to them. <sup>22</sup>The people kept shouting, "The voice of a god, and not of a mortal!" <sup>23</sup>And immediately, because he had not given the glory to God, an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died. <sup>24</sup>But the word of God continued to advance and gain adherents. <sup>25</sup>Then after completing their mission Barnabas and Saul returned to Jerusalem and brought with them John, whose other name was Mark.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle J**

### **A Song of Judith**

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

I will sing a new song to my God, \*

for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.

Let the whole creation serve you, \*

for you spoke and all things came into being.

You sent your breath and it formed them, \*

no one is able to resist your voice.

Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, \*

rocks melt like wax at your presence.

But to those who fear you, \*

you continue to show mercy.

No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, \*

but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **Gospel**

### *Reader*

A Reading from the Gospel According to John 8:47-59

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

<sup>51</sup>Very truly, I tell you, whoever keeps my word will never see death." <sup>52</sup>The 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.' <sup>53</sup>Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets also died. Who do you claim to be?" <sup>54</sup>Jesus 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,' <sup>55</sup>though 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. <sup>56</sup>Your ancestor Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day; he saw it and was glad." <sup>57</sup>Then the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" <sup>58</sup>Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, before Abraham was, I am." <sup>59</sup>So 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 Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

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

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

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

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

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

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

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

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,

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

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

God be with you.

### *Response*

And also with you.

### *Leader*

Let us pray.

### *Everyone*

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

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

now and for ever. Amen.

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

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

## **Suffrages**

### *Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

### *Response*

And grant us your salvation.

### *Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

### *Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

### *Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

*Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon Earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

**The Collect of the Day: Proper 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.*

### **A Collect for Mission**

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

### **A Collect for Peace**

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

### **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](#).

### **The Commemoration**

Albert Schweitzer, theologian, philosopher, organist, authority on Bach, physician, and missionary, was born in 1875, son of a Lutheran pastor, in Alsace, then German but now French. (Alsace and Lorraine are two provinces lying between France and Germany, and for centuries they have belonged to whoever won the last war.) He studied at Strasbourg and at Paris, and around 1900 he became a doctor of philosophy and a doctor of theology, and was ordained to the Lutheran ministry and became a preacher and a lecturer in

philosophy. He became an outstanding organist, and in 1905 published a study of Johann Sebastian Bach. He simultaneously wrote a book called *The Quest of the Historical Jesus*, in which he argued that, of all the sayings attributed to Jesus in the Gospels, the ones that are most certainly His are the ones that give the impression that the end of the world is at hand. (Interestingly, the well-known group called the Jesus Seminar, which likewise sets out to rate the sayings attributed to Jesus with different degrees of certainty, has drawn the opposite conclusion, and rejects all the so-called apocalyptic sayings of Jesus as unauthentic.) Schweitzer himself drew the conclusion that Jesus believed in the imminent end of the world, that he was wrong, and that therefore he was not infallible or inspired or divine. In 1905 he announced his intention of becoming a missionary doctor, and resigned his positions, giving up a brilliant career, to go to medical school. In 1913 he and his wife set out for Lambarene in Gabon (then part of French Equatorial Africa), where they built a hospital. His work there was interrupted by World War I. Since he was a German citizen, he was interned by the French as an enemy alien, and spent his prison time writing. He published his *Philosophy of Civilization*, in which he urged "reverence for life," a philosophy of compassion for all living things. (A visitor to Lambarene saw a mosquito on his arm and was about to swat it. Schweitzer saw it and said: "Think twice. Remember that you are a guest in its country.") After the war, Schweitzer returned to Lambarene and rebuilt his hospital, adding a leper colony. His autobiography, *Out of My Life and Thought*, was published in 1933. In 1952 he received the Nobel Peace Prize. He died 4 September 1965.

A student of Schweitzer's thought has written:

We typically use 'optimism' or 'pessimism' to describe our Intellectual predispositions in how we view the world. For Schweitzer, however, those words relate not to the intellect only, but also to the will and to the positive actions which we may take: "True optimism has nothing to do with any sort



of lenient judgment. It consists in contemplating and willing the ideal in the light of a deep and self-consistent affirmation of life and the world. ...

Optimism and pessimism, therefore, do not consist in counting with more or less confidence on a future for the existing state of things, but in what the will desires the future to be. They are qualities not of the judgment, but of the will."

Schweitzer also distinguished between how individuals and societies approach their ethical roles: "The ethic of ethical personality is personal, incapable of regulation, and absolute; the system established by society for its prosperous existence is supra-personal, regulated, and relative. Hence the ethical personality cannot surrender to it, but lives always in continuous conflict with it, obliged again and again to oppose it because it finds its focus too short." Schweitzer also holds that "even a society whose ethical standard is relatively high, is dangerous to the ethics of its members", because the individual spiritual ethic may be corrupted and overwhelmed by the more practical ethic of the society.

I think the challenge for the Christian is to try to develop a reflective, compassionate understanding of life which will lead to devotion to others. As Greg Singleton said, "Schweitzer was looking for method, not answers." We need to find methods by which we can become "optimistic" actors in the world.

Society will not resolve the world's problems. I guess that leaves it up to us as individuals to try, however futile the goal may be. But I think that Schweitzer would say that the ethical person must not consider whether the goal is reasonable, but rather, must act according to the necessity of his own inner compulsion to do good in the world.

Schweitzer was not without his critics.

Some of them were shocked by his hospital, which they found primitive. Instead of hospital wards, there were rows of huts. When a patient came to

stay there, his family came along and moved in with him, bringing a few chickens and a goat and some pots and pans, and they cooked their own meals, which the patient shared. His critics said that this was no way to run a hospital. He replied that if the patients were isolated from their families and fed from the hospital kitchen, most of them would not come to the hospital at all. Life on a 20th century European-style hospital ward would have been unfamiliar and terrifying. He admitted that his hospital was practicing nineteenth-century medicine, but said that this was better than the alternative, and that until his critics were prepared to finance and maintain a better hospital themselves, they ought to shut up.

Some of them were shocked by his racism. In an age when everyone was denouncing colonialism as an unmixed evil, he said bluntly that the European rulers were managing African affairs better than the Africans had managed them when left to themselves, and that it was in the interests of the Africans that the Europeans should continue to be in charge. He said that the European ought to say to the African, "I am your brother, but your elder brother."

Some of them were shocked by his personal autocracy. He ran his hospital as he saw fit, and expected others, black and white alike, to fall in line. It was, perhaps, a natural attitude for a man who was in fact considerably more intelligent than almost anyone else he met, black or white.

Some were shocked by his religious beliefs, his forsaking of traditional Christianity; for although he continued to regard himself as in some sense a Christian, his views on the deity of Jesus Christ were at best shaky.

The fact remains that he was a dedicated humanitarian, one who had the world at his feet, and gave up everything to serve Christ in the person of the least of His brethren. He prodded the conscience of the world. Without believing in the deity of Christ, he did more in the service of Christ than most of those who do; and without believing in the right of all peoples to instant self-

government, he did more to improve the lives of Africans than most of those who do.

## **Prayer**

O God, who endowed your servant Albert Schweitzer with a multitude of gifts for learning, beauty, and service: Inspire your Church that we, following his example, may be utterly dedicated to you that all our works might be done to your glory and the welfare of your people; through Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

### *Leader*

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

### *Everyone sings or says*

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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 our Country**

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion us into one united people. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to

whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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

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

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

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

[Interlude]

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

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Every hill and mountain be made low  
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Singers: Ordinary Time

Words: Peter La Grand

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

Almighty and eternal God,

so draw our hearts to you,

so guide our minds,

so fill our imaginations,

so control our wills,

that we may be wholly yours,

utterly dedicated unto you;

and then use us, we pray you, as you will,

and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;

through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **The Ending**

#### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks

for all your goodness and loving-kindness

to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,

and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

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

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

God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## **An Order of Service for Noonday**

### **The Opening**

#### *Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

#### *Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

#### *Everyone*

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

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

### **The Psalm**

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

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

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

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



The Lord has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.

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

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

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

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

## **The Word**

### *Leader*

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

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Response*

Christ, have mercy.

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to traditional](#)

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

## **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

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

but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

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

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

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

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families,

friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Everyone*

Amen.

**The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## Jump to Noonday

Thursday

Morning Prayer

Proper 17

Katharina Schütz Zell

## The Opening

### Opening Sentence

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

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

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

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

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

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

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South Africa

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

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

*Leader*

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

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*



*Leader*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Everyone*

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

**Antiphon**

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

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

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.

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

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

God is the Rock of our salvation:

O come let us worship.

## **The Psalter**

### **37 Part I *Noli æmulari***

#### **or Coverdale**

- <sup>1</sup> Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; \*  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- <sup>2</sup> For they shall soon wither like the grass, \*  
and like the green grass fade away.
- <sup>3</sup> Put your trust in the Lord and do good; \*  
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- <sup>4</sup> Take delight in the Lord, \*  
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- <sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, \*  
and he will bring it to pass.
- <sup>6</sup> He will make your righteousness as clear as the light \*  
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- <sup>7</sup> Be still before the Lord \*  
and wait patiently for him.
- <sup>8</sup> Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, \*  
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- <sup>9</sup> Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; \*  
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- <sup>10</sup> For evildoers shall be cut off, \*  
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.
- <sup>11</sup> In a little while the wicked shall be no more; \*

you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

<sup>12</sup> But the lowly shall possess the land; \*  
they will delight in abundance of peace.

<sup>13</sup> The wicked plot against the righteous \*  
and gnash at them with their teeth.

<sup>14</sup> The Lord laughs at the wicked, \*  
because he sees that their day will come.

<sup>15</sup> The wicked draw their sword and bend their bow  
to strike down the poor and needy, \*  
to slaughter those who are upright in their ways.

<sup>16</sup> Their sword shall go through their own heart, \*  
and their bow shall be broken.

<sup>17</sup> The little that the righteous has \*  
is better than great riches of the wicked.

<sup>18</sup> For the power of the wicked shall be broken, \*  
but the Lord upholds the righteous.

## **Gloria Patri**

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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 16:16-22; 17:1, 13-16

<sup>16</sup>My face is red with weeping, and deep darkness is on my eyelids,  
<sup>17</sup>though there is no violence in my hands, and my prayer is pure. <sup>18</sup>"O earth,  
do not cover my blood; let my outcry find no resting place. <sup>19</sup>Even now, in  
fact, my witness is in heaven, and he that vouches for me is on high. <sup>20</sup>My  
friends scorn me; my eye pours out tears to God, <sup>21</sup>that he would maintain the  
right of a mortal with God, as one does for a neighbor. <sup>22</sup>For when a few  
years have come, I shall go the way from which I shall not return.

<sup>17</sup>My spirit is broken, my days are extinct, the grave is ready for me. <sup>13</sup>If I  
look for Sheol as my house, if I spread my couch in darkness, <sup>14</sup>if I say to the  
Pit, 'You are my father,' and to the worm, 'My mother,' or 'My sister,' <sup>15</sup>where  
then is my hope? Who will see my hope? <sup>16</sup>Will it go down to the bars of  
Sheol? Shall we descend together into the dust?"

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 9**

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

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

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The New Testament Lesson**

### *Reader*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 13:1-12

<sup>13</sup>Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul. <sup>2</sup>While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." <sup>3</sup>Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

<sup>4</sup>So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia; and from there they sailed to Cyprus. <sup>5</sup>When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John also to assist them. <sup>6</sup>When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they met a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet, named Bar-Jesus. <sup>7</sup>He

was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and wanted to hear the word of God. <sup>8</sup>But the magician Elymas (for that is the translation of his name) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul away from the faith. <sup>9</sup>But Saul, also known as Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him <sup>10</sup>and said, "You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord? <sup>11</sup>And now listen—the hand of the Lord is against you, and you will be blind for a while, unable to see the sun." Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he went about groping for someone to lead him by the hand. <sup>12</sup>When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was astonished at the teaching about the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 19**

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

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

Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*

for you only are the holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*

because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **Gospel**

### *Reader*

A Reading from the Gospel According to John 9:1-17

<sup>9</sup>As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

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

<sup>8</sup>The 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?" <sup>9</sup>Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup>But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?"

<sup>11</sup>He 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." <sup>12</sup>They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now

it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>Then 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." <sup>16</sup>Some 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. <sup>17</sup>So 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 Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

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

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

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

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

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

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

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

I believe in the Holy Spirit,



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

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

God be with you.

### *Response*

And also with you.

### *Leader*

Let us pray.

### *Everyone*

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

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

and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

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

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

### **Suffrages**

*Leader*

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

*Response*

Govern and uphold them, now and always.

*Leader*

Day by day we bless you;

*Response*

We praise your Name for ever.

*Leader*

Lord, keep us from all sin today;

*Response*

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

*Response*

For we put our trust in you.

*Leader*

In you, Lord, is our hope;

*Response*

And we shall never hope in vain.

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

## **A Collect for Mission**

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

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

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

## **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](#).

## **The Commemoration**

Katharina Schütz Zell (1497/8 - September 5, 1562) was a Protestant reformer and writer during the Protestant Reformation. She was one of the first Protestant women to marry a clergyman. Katharina lived all of her life in Strasbourg, now part of France.

Katharina Schütz Zell was most likely born in early 1498 in Strasbourg. Her family was not overly wealthy, but probably lived comfortably.

Katharina received an excellent vernacular education. She read and wrote German fluently, and eventually developed basic knowledge of Latin. She continued independent learning throughout her life.

When Katharina was still fairly young, the teachings and writings of [Martin Luther](#) gained fame and began to spread. Katharina was introduced to much of these new teachings and views of religion by Matthew Zell, the pastor who took charge of the St. Lawrence Cathedral in Strasbourg in 1518. Katharina eventually started to take these beliefs as her own through Zell's sermons and Luther's teachings.

A few years after Matthew Zell came to Strasbourg, he and Katharina were married by Martin Bucer on December 3, 1523. Katharina Schütz was convinced that she was called to marry Matthew Zell as an expression of her faith in God and her love for others. Katharina was one of the first people to get married to a pastor (something that was not thought too highly of at the time), even before the marriage of Martin Luther. .

Her marriage was what would be seen as a true equal partnership by a society that required that the good wife be silent and obedient, and in which wives usually only achieved independence as widows.

Katharina had two children with Matthew, although they both died at very young ages. Mathew died on January 9, 1548. Though Katharina mourned and grieved his death, this did not stop her work. Katharina herself became ill in 1561 and died on September 5, 1562.

Katharina is noted greatly for her writings and unique personal beliefs. She was very open-minded for a person of her time period and showed it through her actions and writings.

One of Katharina's occupations was that of a pamphleteer. Pamphlets were essential for Protestantism during the Reformation. The pamphlets served to inform a wide audience about current affairs quickly and with dogmatic effectiveness.

As a woman of this time period, Katharina faced challenges that male pamphleteers did not. Katharina would remind her critics that she never forgot her responsibility as a wife and that she was her husband's partner. "This is why my pious husband only called me his curate, although I never stood on the pulpit--something I did not have to do in my line of duties."

Katharina's experiences do not reflect those of the majority of women during the Reformation. Women of this time period were expected to conform to certain roles and rules which were institutionally and socially enforced on

them. Katharina broke through these barriers to get her beliefs out to the public.

Katharina also differs from other women reformers in that she was not subject to much threatening opposition as was [Argula von Grumbach](#), another influential pamphleteer.

more at [Wikipedia](#)

## **Prayer**

Almighty God, we thank you for those women and men in our midst who, like Katharina Zell, work to build up your kingdom not only with words but with deeds--not only the work of the mind but also the work of the heart--not only with pens but with their presence. Fill us, like her, with the wisdom to speak out in defense of your truth. Fill us, like her, with love for you and for our neighbor, that we may serve you and welcome all your people with a mother's heart. 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 Peace Among Nations**

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

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

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

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

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

## **Hymn: Beauty for brokenness**

Beauty for brokenness

Hope for despair

Lord, in your suffering world

This is our prayer

Bread for the children

Justice, joy, peace

Sunrise to sunset

Your kingdom increase!

God of the poor  
Friend of the weak  
Give us compassion we pray  
Melt our cold hearts  
Let tears fall like rain  
Come, change our love  
From a spark to a flame  
Lighten our darkness  
Breathe on this flame  
Until your justice burns  
Brightly again  
Until the nations  
Learn of your ways  
Seek your salvation  
And bring you their praise

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

Words and music: Graham Kendrick

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

Almighty and eternal God,  
so draw our hearts to you,  
so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations,



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

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

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

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

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make

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

## **Benediction**

### *Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

### *Leader*

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

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

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

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## **An Order of Service for Noonday**

### **The Opening**

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

**The Psalm**

**Psalm 119 *Lucerna pedibus meis***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

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

## **The Word**

### *Leader*

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

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Response*

Christ, have mercy.

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to traditional](#)

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

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

### *Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

### *Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

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

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

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

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*



Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## Jump to Noonday

Friday

Morning Prayer

Proper 17

Hannah More

## The Opening

### Opening Sentence

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the Earth keep silence before him.

*Habakkuk 2:20*

### Hymn: Lord God of morning and of night

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

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

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

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

Singers: Harvard University Choir

Text: Francis Turner Palgrave

Music: M. Lee Sutor

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

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

*Leader*

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

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Everyone*

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

### **Antiphon**

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

### **Jubilate**

#### ***Psalm 100***

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

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

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

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

The Holy One is in our midst:

O come let us worship.

## **The Psalter**

### **31 *In te, Domine, speravi* or Coverdale**

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

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

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

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

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

## **Gloria Patri**

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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 19:1-7, 14-27

<sup>19</sup>Then Job answered: <sup>2</sup>"How long will you torment me, and break me in pieces with words? <sup>3</sup>These ten times you have cast reproach upon me; are you not ashamed to wrong me? <sup>4</sup>And even if it is true that I have erred, my error remains with me. <sup>5</sup>If indeed you magnify yourselves against me, and make my humiliation an argument against me, <sup>6</sup>know then that God has put me in the wrong, and closed his net around me. <sup>7</sup>Even when I cry out, 'Violence!' I am not answered; I call aloud, but there is no justice. <sup>14</sup>My relatives and my close friends have failed me; <sup>15</sup>the guests in my house have forgotten me; my serving girls count me as a stranger; I have become an alien in their eyes. <sup>16</sup>I call to my servant, but he gives me no answer; I must myself plead with him. <sup>17</sup>My breath is repulsive to my wife; I am loathsome to my own family. <sup>18</sup>Even young children despise me; when I rise, they talk against me. <sup>19</sup>All my intimate friends abhor me, and those whom I loved have turned against me. <sup>20</sup>My bones cling to my skin and to my flesh, and I have escaped by the skin of my teeth. <sup>21</sup>Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends, for the hand of God has touched me! <sup>22</sup>Why do you, like God, pursue me, never satisfied with my flesh?

<sup>23</sup>"O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! <sup>24</sup>O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! <sup>25</sup>For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; <sup>26</sup>and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, <sup>27</sup>whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle Q**

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

#### **Anselm of Canterbury**

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you; \*  
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

Often you weep over our sins and our pride, \*  
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.

You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, \*  
in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.

Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life; \*  
by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.

Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; \*  
through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.

Your warmth gives life to the dead, \*  
your touch makes sinners righteous.

Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us; \*  
in your love and tenderness, remake us.

In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness, \*  
for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.

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

## **The New Testament Lesson**

*Reader*

## A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 13:13-25

<sup>13</sup>Then Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. John, however, left them and returned to Jerusalem;

<sup>14</sup>but they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. <sup>15</sup>After the reading of the law and the prophets, the officials of the synagogue sent them a message, saying, "Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, give it." <sup>16</sup>So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak: "You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. <sup>17</sup>The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. <sup>18</sup>For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. <sup>19</sup>After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance <sup>20</sup>for about four hundred fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. <sup>21</sup>Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. <sup>22</sup>When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, 'I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes.' <sup>23</sup>Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised; <sup>24</sup>before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. <sup>25</sup>And as John was finishing his work, he said, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet.'"

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*



Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 18**

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

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

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

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

## **Gospel**

### ***Reader***

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

<sup>18</sup>The 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 <sup>19</sup>and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he

now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; <sup>21</sup>but 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."

<sup>22</sup>His 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. <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask

him." <sup>24</sup>So 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."

<sup>25</sup>He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup>They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup>He 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?" <sup>28</sup>Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." <sup>30</sup>The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will.

<sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." <sup>34</sup>They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup>He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have seen

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

<sup>39</sup>Jesus 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." <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?"

<sup>41</sup>Jesus 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 Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

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

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

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

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

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

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

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

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,

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

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

God be with you.

### *Response*

And also with you.

### *Leader*

Let us pray.

### *Everyone*

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

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

now and for ever. Amen.

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

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

## **Suffrages**

### *Leader*

Help us, O God our Savior;

### *Response*

Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

### *Leader*

Look upon your congregation;

### *Response*

Give to your people the blessing of peace.

### *Leader*

Declare your glory among the nations;

*Response*

And your wonders among all peoples.

*Leader*

Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

*Response*

Never forget the lives of your poor.

*Leader*

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

*Response*

And your favor to those who are true of heart.

*Leader*

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

*Response*

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

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

### **A Collect for Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the

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

### **A Collect for Fridays**

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

### **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](#).

### **The Commemoration**

Hannah More (2 February 1745 7 September 1833) was an English religious writer and philanthropist, remembered as a poet and playwright in the circle of Johnson, Reynolds, and Garrick; as a writer on moral and religious subjects; and as a practical philanthropist.

Born in Bristol, she taught at a school established there by her father and began writing plays. Her plays and poetry became more evangelical and she joined a group campaigning against the slave trade. In the 1790s she wrote several [Cheap Repository Tracts](#) on moral, religious and political topics, for distribution to the literate poor.

Hannah More was the fourth of five daughters of Jacob More (1700-1783), a schoolmaster. In 1758 Jacob established his own girls' boarding school in

Bristol for the elder sisters, Mary and Elizabeth to run. Hannah More became a pupil when she was twelve years old, and taught at the school in her early adulthood.

Hannah More's first literary efforts were pastoral plays, written while she was teaching at the school and suitable for young ladies to act, the first being written in 1762 under the title of *The Search after Happiness*. By the mid-1780s over 10,000 copies of this play had been sold.

In 1767 More gave up her share in the school which freed her for literary pursuits, and in the winter of 1773-74 she went to London in the company of her sisters, Sarah and Martha--the first of many such trips she made at yearly intervals.

In London, More attempted to associate herself with the literary elite, including Samuel Johnson, Joshua Reynolds, and Edmund Burke.

In the 1780s Hannah More became a friend of James Oglethorpe, who had long been concerned with slavery as a moral issue. More published *Sacred Dramas* in 1782 and it rapidly ran through nineteen editions. These and the poems *Bas-Bleu* and *Florio* (1786) mark her gradual transition to more serious views of life.

By this point she was intimate with [William Wilberforce](#) and Zachary Macaulay, with whose evangelical views she was in sympathy. She published a poem on [Slavery](#) in 1788, and was drawn into the group of prominent campaigners against the slave trade such as Wilberforce.

In the late 1780s, Hannah and Martha More did philanthropic work in the Mendip area, following encouragement by Wilberforce, who saw the poor conditions of the local people when he visited Cheddar in 1789.

Hannah was instrumental in setting up twelve schools by 1800, where reading, the Bible, and the catechism were taught to local children. She also donated money to Bishop [Philander Chase](#) for the founding of Kenyon College, and a



portrait of her hangs there in Peirce Hall.

The More sisters met with a good deal of opposition in their works: the farmers thought that education, even to the limited extent of learning to read, would be fatal to agriculture, and the clergy, whose neglect she was making good, accused her of Methodist tendencies.

In her old age, philanthropists from all parts made pilgrimages to see the bright and amiable old lady, and she retained all her faculties until within two years of her death.

more at [Wikipedia](#)

## **Prayer**

Almighty God, whose only-begotten Son led captivity captive: Multiply among us faithful witnesses like your servant Hannah More, who will fight for all who are oppressed or held in bondage; and bring us all, we pray, into the glorious liberty that you have promised to all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

### *Leader*

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

### *Everyone sings or says*

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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 Our Enemies**

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

### **For Social Justice**

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

### **For Young Persons**

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

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

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

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
The Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord,  
Is shining all around.

He burns with holy fire,  
With splendour He is crowned.

How awesome is the sight,  
Our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord,  
Is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord,  
Is moving in this place.

He comes to cleanse and heal,  
To minister His grace.

No work too hard for Him,  
In faith receive from Him.

Be still, for the power of the Lord,  
Is moving in this place.

Choir: Beverley Minster

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

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

and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

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

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

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

the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## **Benediction**

### *Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

### *Leader*

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

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

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

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## **An Order of Service for Noonday**

### **The Opening**

#### *Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

#### *Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

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

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

**Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **The Word**

### *Leader*

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

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Response*

Christ, have mercy.

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to traditional](#)

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those

who sin against us.

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

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

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

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

#### *Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

#### *Response*

And let our cry come to you.

#### *Leader*



Let us pray.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

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

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## Jump to Noonday

Saturday

Morning Prayer

Proper 17

Kassiani

## The Opening

### Opening Sentence

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tune: *Christe sanctorum*

Recorded for The Mission of St. Clare

## Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

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

*Leader*

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

## The Invitatory

*All stand.*

*Leader*

Lord, open our lips.

## *Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

## *Everyone*

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

## **Antiphon**

The Earth is the Lords, for he made it:

Come let us adore him.

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

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Earth is the Lords, for he made it:

Come let us adore him.

## The Psalter

### 30 *Exaltabo te, Domine* or Coverdale

- <sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, O Lord,  
because you have lifted me up \*  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- <sup>2</sup> O Lord my God, I cried out to you, \*  
and you restored me to health.
- <sup>3</sup> You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; \*  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- <sup>4</sup> Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; \*  
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- <sup>5</sup> For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, \*  
his favor for a lifetime.
- <sup>6</sup> Weeping may spend the night, \*  
but joy comes in the morning.
- <sup>7</sup> While I felt secure, I said,  
"I shall never be disturbed. \*  
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as  
the mountains."
- <sup>8</sup> Then you hid your face, \*  
and I was filled with fear.
- <sup>9</sup> I cried to you, O Lord; \*  
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
- <sup>10</sup> "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? \*  
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
- <sup>11</sup> Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; \*



O Lord, be my helper."

<sup>12</sup> You have turned my wailing into dancing; \*  
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; \*  
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

### **32 *Beati quorum***

#### **or Coverdale**

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!

<sup>2</sup> Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, \*  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

<sup>3</sup> While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.

<sup>4</sup> For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.

<sup>6</sup> I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." \*  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in  
time of trouble; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

<sup>8</sup> You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

<sup>9</sup> "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you

should go; \*

I will guide you with my eye.

<sup>10</sup> Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you."

<sup>11</sup> Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

<sup>12</sup> Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; \*  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

## **Gloria Patri**

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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 22:1-4, 21-23:7

<sup>22</sup>Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered: <sup>2</sup>"Can a mortal be of use to God? Can even the wisest be of service to him? <sup>3</sup>Is it any pleasure to the Almighty if you are righteous, or is it gain to him if you make your ways blameless? <sup>4</sup>Is it for your piety that he reproves you, and enters into judgment with you?

<sup>21</sup>"Agree with God, and be at peace; in this way good will come to you.

<sup>22</sup>Receive instruction from his mouth, and lay up his words in your heart. <sup>23</sup>If

you return to the Almighty, you will be restored, if you remove unrighteousness from your tents, <sup>24</sup>if you treat gold like dust, and gold of Ophir like the stones of the torrent-bed, <sup>25</sup>and if the Almighty is your gold and your precious silver, <sup>26</sup>then you will delight yourself in the Almighty, and lift up your face to God. <sup>27</sup>You will pray to him, and he will hear you, and you will pay your vows. <sup>28</sup>You will decide on a matter, and it will be established for you, and light will shine on your ways. <sup>29</sup>When others are humiliated, you say it is pride; for he saves the humble. <sup>30</sup>He will deliver even those who are guilty; they will escape because of the cleanness of your hands."

<sup>23</sup>Then Job answered: <sup>2</sup>"Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. <sup>3</sup>Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! <sup>4</sup>I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. <sup>5</sup>I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. <sup>6</sup>Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. <sup>7</sup>There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge. The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

**Canticle S**  
**A Song of Our True Nature**  
**Julian of Norwich**

Christ revealed our frailty and our falling, \*  
our trespasses and our humiliations.

Christ also revealed his blessed power, \*

his blessed wisdom and love.

He protects us as tenderly and as sweetly when we are in greatest need; \*

he raises us in spirit

and turns everything to glory and joy without ending.

God is the ground and the substance, the very essence of nature; \*

God is the true father and mother of natures.

We are all bound to God by nature, \*

and we are all bound to God by grace.

And this grace is for all the world, \*

because it is our precious mother, Christ.

For this fair nature was prepared by Christ

for the honor and nobility of all, \*

and for the joy and bliss of salvation

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The New Testament Lesson**

### *Reader*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 13:26-43

<sup>26</sup>"My brothers, you descendants of Abraham's family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent. <sup>27</sup>Because the residents of Jerusalem and their leaders did not recognize him or understand the words of the prophets that are read every sabbath, they fulfilled those words by condemning him. <sup>28</sup>Even though they found no cause for a sentence of death, they asked Pilate to have him killed. <sup>29</sup>When they had carried out everything that was written about him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. <sup>30</sup>But God raised him from the dead; <sup>31</sup>and for many days he

appeared to those who came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, and they are now his witnesses to the people. <sup>32</sup>And we bring you the good news that what God promised to our ancestors <sup>33</sup>he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising Jesus; as also it is written in the second psalm, 'You are my Son; today I have begotten you.' <sup>34</sup>As to his raising him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, he has spoken in this way, 'I will give you the holy promises made to David.' <sup>35</sup>Therefore he has also said in another psalm, 'You will not let your Holy One experience corruption.' <sup>36</sup>For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, died, was laid beside his ancestors, and experienced corruption; <sup>37</sup>but he whom God raised up experienced no corruption. <sup>38</sup>Let it be known to you therefore, my brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you; <sup>39</sup>by this Jesus everyone who believes is set free from all those sins from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses. <sup>40</sup>Beware, therefore, that what the prophets said does not happen to you: <sup>41</sup>'Look, you scoffers! Be amazed and perish, for in your days I am doing a work, a work that you will never believe, even if someone tells you.'"

<sup>42</sup>As Paul and Barnabas were going out, the people urged them to speak about these things again the next sabbath. <sup>43</sup>When the meeting of the synagogue broke up, many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who spoke to them and urged them to continue in the grace of God.  
The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 19**

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

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

Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

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

## **Gospel**

### ***Reader***

A Reading from the Gospel According to John 10:1-18

<sup>10</sup>"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. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not

understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. <sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The 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. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I 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. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No 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 Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and Earth.

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

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

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

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

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

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

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

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

God be with you.

### *Response*

And also with you.

### *Leader*

Let us pray.

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

Our Father in heaven,



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

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

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

## Suffrages

### *Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

### *Response*

And grant us your salvation.

### *Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

### *Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

### *Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

### *Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

### *Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

### *Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

### *Leader*

Let your way be known upon Earth;

### *Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

### *Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

### *Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

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

### **A Collect for Mission**

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

### **A Collect for Saturdays**

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

## **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](#).

## **The Commemoration**

Kassia or Kassiani (Greek: Κασσιανή; 805/810 - before 865) was an Eastern Roman abbess, poet, composer, and hymnographer. She is one of the first medieval composers whose scores are both extant and able to be interpreted by modern scholars and musicians. Approximately fifty of her hymns are extant and twenty-three are included in Orthodox Church liturgical books. The exact number is difficult to assess, as many hymns are ascribed to different authors in different manuscripts and are often identified as anonymous.

Additionally, some 789 of her non-liturgical verses survive. Many are epigrams or aphorisms called "gnomic verse", for example, "I hate the rich man moaning as if he were poor."

Kassia is notable as one of only two Eastern Roman women known to have written in their own names during the Middle Ages, the other being [Anna Comnena](#).

Kassia was born between 805 and 810 in Constantinople into a wealthy family and grew to be exceptionally beautiful and intelligent. Three Byzantine chroniclers claim that she was a participant in the "bride show" (the means by which Byzantine princes/emperors sometimes chose a bride, by giving a golden apple to his choice) organized for the young bachelor Theophilos by his stepmother, the Empress Dowager Euphrosyne.

When next we hear of Kassia in 843 she had founded a convent in the west of Constantinople, near the Constantinian Walls, and became its first abbess. It had a close relationship with the nearby monastery of Stoudios, which was to

play a central role in re-editing the Byzantine liturgical books in the 9th and 10th centuries, thus ensuring the survival of her work.

The Emperor Theophilos was a fierce iconoclast, and any residual feelings he may have had for Kassia did not preserve her from the imperial policy of persecution for her defence of the veneration of icons. Among other things, she was subjected to scourging with a lash. In spite of this, she remained outspoken in defence of the Orthodox Faith, at one point saying, "I hate silence, when it is time to speak."

Kassia eventually settled on the Greek Island of Kasos where she died sometime between 867 and 890 CE.

Kassiani wrote many hymns which are still used in the Byzantine liturgy to this day. She not only wrote spiritual poetry, but composed music to accompany it. She is regarded as an "exceptional and rare phenomenon" among composers of her day. At least twenty-three genuine hymns are ascribed to her. The most famous of her compositions is the eponymous Hymn of Kassia (also known as the Troparion of Kassiani), which is chanted each year at matins on Holy Wednesday (which in usual parish practice is sung Tuesday evening).

Among the other hymns she composed are the following:

The Doxastichon chanted at the Vesperal Divine Liturgy on Christmas Eve  
Numerous hymns in honor of saints found in the Menaion (fixed cycle of the Eastern Orthodox liturgical calendar), such as Feast of the Nativity of the Forerunner, 24 June. Among her hymns in the Triodion (liturgical book used during Great Lent) are the irmoi for the Matins Canon of Great Thursday. Her longest composition is a Canon for the Departed, consisting of 32 strophes, to be chanted at a Parastas (memorial services).

more at [Wikipedia](#)

**Prayer**

O God of boundless mercy, whose handmaiden Kassiani brought forth poetry and song: Inspire in your church a new song, that following her most excellent example, we may boldly proclaim the truth of your Word, even Jesus Christ, our Savior and Deliverer. 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 Joy in God's Creation**

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

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

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

## **For the Unemployed**

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

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

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on thy side;

Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;

Leave to thy God to order and provide;

In every change He faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul; thy best, thy heavenly, Friend

Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul; the Lord doth undertake

To guide the future as He did the past.

Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake;

All now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know

His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul; the hour is hastening on

When we shall be forever with the Lord.

When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,

Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.

Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,

All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Words: Catharina von Schlegel

Translated by Jane Borthwick

Music: Jean Sibelius

Singers: Congregation of Salisbury Cathedral Close

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

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

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

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

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

### **The Ending**

#### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks

for all your goodness and loving-kindness

to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,

and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love

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

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

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



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

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

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

### **Benediction**

#### *Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

#### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

#### *Leader*

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

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

God be with you till we meet again;

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

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## **An Order of Service for Noonday**

### **The Opening**

#### *Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

#### *Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

#### *Everyone*

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

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

### **The Psalm**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **The Word**

### *Leader*

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

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Response*

Christ, have mercy.

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to traditional](#)

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

## **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

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

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

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

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

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

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

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy,

peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Everyone*

Amen.

**The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.



## Jump to Noonday

Sunday

Morning Prayer

Proper 18

## The Opening

### Opening Sentence

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

### Hymn: Lord, the Light of Your Love is shining

Lord, the Light of Your Love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness shining,  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,  
Shine on me. Shine on me.

Shine, Jesus shine,  
Fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit blaze,  
Set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river flow,  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth Your word,  
Lord and let there be light.

Lord I come to Your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into Your radiance.  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.

Shine on me. Shine on me.

Shine, Jesus shine,

Fill this land with the Father's glory.

Blaze, Spirit blaze,

Set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river flow,

Flood the nations with grace and mercy.

Send forth Your word,

Lord and let there be light.

As we gaze on Your kindly brightness.

So our faces display Your likeness.

Ever changing from glory to glory,

Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.

Shine on me. Shine on me.

Shine, Jesus shine,

Fill this land with the Father's glory.

Blaze, Spirit blaze,

Set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river flow,

Flood the nations with grace and mercy.

Send forth Your word,

Lord and let there be light.

Shine, Jesus shine,

Fill this land with the Father's glory.

Blaze, Spirit blaze,

Set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river flow,

Flood the nations with grace and mercy.

Send forth Your word,  
Lord and let there be light.  
Let there be light.

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

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

*Leader*

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

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Everyone*

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

### **Antiphon**

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

### **Jubilate**

#### ***Psalm 100***

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

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

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

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

The Earth is the Lords, for he made it:

Come let us adore him.

## **The Psalter**

### **63 *Deus, Deus meus***

- <sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,.  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- <sup>2</sup> Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- <sup>3</sup> For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.
- <sup>4</sup> So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- <sup>5</sup> My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,.
- <sup>6</sup> When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- <sup>7</sup> For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- <sup>8</sup> My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.
- <sup>9</sup> May those who seek my life to destroy it \*  
go down into the depths of the Earth;.
- <sup>10</sup> Let them fall upon the edge of the sword, \*  
and let them be food for jackals.
- <sup>11</sup> But the king will rejoice in God;  
all those who swear by him will be glad; \*

for the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.

## **98 *Cantate Domino* or Coverdale**

- <sup>1</sup> Sing to the Lord a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- <sup>2</sup> With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.
- <sup>3</sup> The Lord has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he  
openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- <sup>4</sup> He remembers his mercy and  
faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the Earth  
have seen the victory of our God.
- <sup>5</sup> Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- <sup>6</sup> Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- <sup>7</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- <sup>8</sup> Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- <sup>9</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- <sup>10</sup> In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

## **Gloria Patri**

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

## **The Lessons**

### **The Old Testament Lesson**

#### *Reader*

A Reading from the Book of Job 25:1-6; 27:1-6

<sup>25</sup>Then Bildad the Shuhite answered: <sup>2</sup>"Dominion and fear are with God; he makes peace in his high heaven. <sup>3</sup>Is there any number to his armies? Upon whom does his light not arise? <sup>4</sup>How then can a mortal be righteous before God? How can one born of woman be pure? <sup>5</sup>If even the moon is not bright and the stars are not pure in his sight, <sup>6</sup>how much less a mortal, who is a maggot, and a human being, who is a worm!"

<sup>27</sup>Job again took up his discourse and said: <sup>2</sup>"As God lives, who has taken away my right, and the Almighty, who has made my soul bitter, <sup>3</sup>as long as my breath is in me and the spirit of God is in my nostrils, <sup>4</sup>my lips will not speak falsehood, and my tongue will not utter deceit. <sup>5</sup>Far be it from me to say that you are right; until I die I will not put away my integrity from me. <sup>6</sup>I hold fast my righteousness, and will not let it go; my heart does not reproach me for any of my days.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle M**

### **A Song of Faith**

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

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, \*

by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;

Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, \*

we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.

The ransom that was paid to free us \*

was not paid in silver or gold,

But in the precious blood of Christ, \*

the Lamb without spot or stain.

God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory \*

so that we might have faith and hope in God.

## **The New Testament Lesson**

*Reader*

A Reading from the Revelation to John 14:1-7, 13

<sup>14</sup>Then I looked, and there was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion! And with him were one hundred forty-four thousand who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. <sup>2</sup>And I heard a voice from heaven like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder; the voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps, <sup>3</sup>and they sing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the one hundred forty-four thousand who have been redeemed from the earth. <sup>4</sup>It is these who have not



defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins; these follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They have been redeemed from humankind as first fruits for God and the Lamb, <sup>5</sup>and in their mouth no lie was found; they are blameless.

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying in midheaven, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup>He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, for the hour of his judgment has come; and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

<sup>13</sup>And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

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

You are God: we praise you;

You are the Lord: we acclaim you;

You are the eternal Father:

All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,

Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;  
    Father, of majesty unbounded,  
    your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
    and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you became man to set us free  
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
    Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
    bought with the price of your own blood,  
    and bring us with your saints  
    to glory everlasting.

## **The Gospel**

### *Reader*

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

<sup>13</sup>"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. <sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In 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.

<sup>17</sup>"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For 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. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, 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. <sup>20</sup>For 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 Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

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

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

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

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

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

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

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

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

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

God be with you.

### *Response*

And also with you.

### *Leader*

Let us pray.

### *Everyone*

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

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

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

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

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

### **Suffrages**

#### *Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

#### *Response*

And grant us your salvation.

#### *Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

#### *Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

*Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

*Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon Earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

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

### **A Collect for Sundays**

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

### **A Collect for Mission**

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

### **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 the Church**


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

### **For Church Musicians and Artists**

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

### **For Families**

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





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

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

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

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

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

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

Words: Irish (8thC) versified by Mary Elizabeth Byrne

Tune: *Slane* Irish ballad

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

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

where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

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

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

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

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

We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

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

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

### **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

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

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

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

## **An Order of Service for Noonday**

### **The Opening**

#### *Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

#### *Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

#### *Everyone*

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

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

### **The Psalm**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **The Word**

### *Leader*

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

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Response*

Christ, have mercy.

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to traditional](#)

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

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

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

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

### ***Leader***

Lord, hear our prayer;

### *Response*

And let our cry come to you.

### *Leader*

Let us pray.

## **The Collect**

### *Leader*

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

### *Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

### *Leader*

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

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

### *Response*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Leader*

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

### *Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.



*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that

place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Everyone*

Amen.

**The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## Jump to Noonday

Monday

Morning Prayer

Proper 18

The Martyrs of Memphis

## The Opening

### Opening Sentence

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

### Hymn: Morning glory, starlit sky

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

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

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

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

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

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

Singers: The choir of All Saints' Church, Wokingham, United Kingdom

Soloist: Chloe Price

Music: Barry Rose

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

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

and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

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

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Everyone*

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

## **Antiphon**

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

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

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Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!  
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:  
Come let us adore him.

## **The Psalter**

### **41 *Beatus qui intelligit*** **or Coverdale**

- <sup>1</sup> Happy are they who consider the poor and needy! \*  
the Lord will deliver them in the time of trouble.
- <sup>2</sup> The Lord preserves them and keeps them alive,  
so that they may be happy in the land; \*  
he does not hand them over to the will of their enemies.
- <sup>3</sup> The Lord sustains them on their sickbed \*  
and ministers to them in their illness.
- <sup>4</sup> I said, “Lord, be merciful to me; \*  
heal me, for I have sinned against you.”
- <sup>5</sup> My enemies are saying wicked things about me: \*  
“When will he die, and his name perish?”
- <sup>6</sup> Even if they come to see me, they speak empty words; \*  
their heart collects false rumors;

they go outside and spread them.

<sup>7</sup> All my enemies whisper together about me \*  
and devise evil against me.

<sup>8</sup> “A deadly thing,” they say, “has fastened on him; \*  
he has taken to his bed and will never get up again.”

<sup>9</sup> Even my best friend, whom I trusted,  
who broke bread with me, \*  
has lifted up his heel and turned against me.

<sup>10</sup> But you, O Lord, be merciful to me and raise me up, \*  
and I shall repay them.

<sup>11</sup> By this I know you are pleased with me, \*  
that my enemy does not triumph over me.

<sup>12</sup> In my integrity you hold me fast, \*  
and shall set me before your face for ever.

<sup>13</sup> Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, \*  
from age to age. Amen. Amen.

## **52 *Quid gloriaris?***

**or Coverdale**

<sup>1</sup> You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness \*  
against the godly all day long?

<sup>2</sup> You plot ruin;  
your tongue is like a sharpened razor, \*  
O worker of deception.

<sup>3</sup> You love evil more than good \*  
and lying more than speaking the truth.

<sup>4</sup> You love all words that hurt, \*  
O you deceitful tongue.

- <sup>5</sup> Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, \*  
topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling,  
and root you out of the land of the living!
- <sup>6</sup> The righteous shall see and tremble, \*  
and they shall laugh at him, saying,
- <sup>7</sup> “This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, \*  
but trusted in great wealth  
and relied upon wickedness.”
- <sup>8</sup> But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; \*  
I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.
- <sup>9</sup> I will give you thanks for what you have done \*  
and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the godly.

## **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 32:1-10, 19-33:1, 19-28

<sup>32</sup>So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes. <sup>2</sup>Then Elihu son of Barachel the Buzite, of the family of Ram,



became angry. He was angry at Job because he justified himself rather than God; <sup>3</sup>he was angry also at Job's three friends because they had found no answer, though they had declared Job to be in the wrong. <sup>4</sup>Now Elihu had waited to speak to Job, because they were older than he. <sup>5</sup>But when Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouths of these three men, he became angry.

<sup>6</sup>Elihu son of Barachel the Buzite answered: "I am young in years, and you are aged; therefore I was timid and afraid to declare my opinion to you. <sup>7</sup>I said, 'Let days speak, and many years teach wisdom.' <sup>8</sup>But truly it is the spirit in a mortal, the breath of the Almighty, that makes for understanding. <sup>9</sup>It is not the old that are wise, nor the aged that understand what is right.

<sup>10</sup>Therefore I say, 'Listen to me; let me also declare my opinion.' <sup>19</sup>My heart is indeed like wine that has no vent; like new wineskins, it is ready to burst.

<sup>20</sup>I must speak, so that I may find relief; I must open my lips and answer. <sup>21</sup>I will not show partiality to any person or use flattery toward anyone. <sup>22</sup>For I do not know how to flatter— or my Maker would soon put an end to me!

<sup>33</sup>"But now, hear my speech, O Job, and listen to all my words.

<sup>19</sup>They are also chastened with pain upon their beds, and with continual strife in their bones, <sup>20</sup>so that their lives loathe bread, and their appetites dainty food. <sup>21</sup>Their flesh is so wasted away that it cannot be seen; and their bones, once invisible, now stick out. <sup>22</sup>Their souls draw near the Pit, and their lives to those who bring death. <sup>23</sup>Then, if there should be for one of them an angel, a mediator, one of a thousand, one who declares a person upright, <sup>24</sup>and he is gracious to that person, and says, 'Deliver him from going down into the Pit; I have found a ransom; <sup>25</sup>let his flesh become fresh with youth; let him return to the days of his youthful vigor.' <sup>26</sup>Then he prays to God, and is accepted by

him, he comes into his presence with joy, and God repays him for his righteousness. <sup>27</sup>That person sings to others and says, 'I sinned, and perverted what was right, and it was not paid back to me. <sup>28</sup>He has redeemed my soul from going down to the Pit, and my life shall see the light.'

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 9**

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

*Ecce, Deus*

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, \*

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The New Testament Lesson**

### *Reader*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 13:44-52

<sup>44</sup>The next sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. <sup>45</sup>But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy; and blaspheming, they contradicted what was spoken by Paul. <sup>46</sup>Then both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken first to you. Since you reject it and judge yourselves to be unworthy of eternal life, we are now turning to the Gentiles. <sup>47</sup>For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, 'I have set you to be a light for the Gentiles, so that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.'" <sup>48</sup>When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and praised the word of the Lord; and as many as had been destined for eternal life became believers. <sup>49</sup>Thus the word of the Lord spread throughout the region. <sup>50</sup>But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, and stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their region. <sup>51</sup>So they shook the dust off their feet in protest against them, and went to Iconium. <sup>52</sup>And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

### *Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 19**

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

## ***Magna et mirabilia***

Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

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

## **The Gospel**

### ***Reader***

A Reading from the Gospel According to John 10:19-30

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

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

<sup>24</sup>So 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." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's

name testify to me; <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

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

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

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

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

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

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

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

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,

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

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

God be with you.

### *Response*

And also with you.

### *Leader*

Let us pray.

### *Everyone*

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

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

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

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

## **Suffrages**

### *Leader*

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

### *Response*

Govern and uphold them, now and always.

### *Leader*

Day by day we bless you;

### *Response*

We praise your Name for ever.

### *Leader*

Lord, keep us from all sin today;

### *Response*

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

### *Leader*

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

### *Response*

For we put our trust in you.

### *Leader*

In you, Lord, is our hope;

### *Response*

And we shall never hope in vain.

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

## **A Collect for Mission**

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

## **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](#).

### **The Commemoration**

In 1878 the American city of Memphis on the Mississippi River was struck by an epidemic of yellow fever, which so depopulated the area that the city lost its charter and was not reorganized for fourteen years. Almost everyone who could afford to do so left the city and fled to higher ground away from the river. (It was not yet known that the disease was mosquito-borne, but it was observed that high and dry areas were safe.) There were in the city several communities of nuns, Anglican or Roman Catholic, who had the opportunity of leaving, but chose to stay and nurse the sick. Most of them, thirty-eight in all, were themselves killed by the fever. One of the first to die (on 9 September 1878) was Constance, head of the (Anglican) [Community of St Mary](#).

[Note: a short, unpublished book about the epidemic written not long after it occurred is available from [Project Canterbury](#).]

written by James Kiefer

### **Prayer**

We give you thanks and praise, O God of compassion, for the heroic witness of the Martyrs of Memphis, who, in a time of plague and pestilence, were steadfast in their care for the sick and dying, and loved not their own lives, even unto death; Inspire in us a like love and commitment to those in need, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Intercessions**

*Leader*

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

*Everyone sings or says*

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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).*

### **A Collect for Peace**

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

Amen.

### **For All Sorts and Conditions**

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

several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

### **For the Poor and Neglected**

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

### **For Those Who Live Alone**

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

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

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

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

Still to the lowly soul  
He doth Himself impart;

And for His dwelling and His throne  
Chooseth the pure in heart.

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

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

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

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

### **The Ending**

#### **The General Thanksgiving**

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

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

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

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

### **Benediction**

#### *Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

#### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

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



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

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

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## **An Order of Service for Noonday**

### **The Opening**

#### *Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

#### *Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

#### *Everyone*

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

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

### **The Psalm**

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

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

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

<sup>107</sup> I am deeply troubled; \*

preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **The Word**

### *Leader*

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

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to traditional](#)

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

## **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

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



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

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

**The Collect**

*Leader*

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

*Everyone*

Amen.

**Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families,

friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Everyone*

Amen.

**The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## Jump to Noonday

Tuesday

Morning Prayer

Proper 18

Alexander Crummell

## The Opening

### Opening Sentence

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

### Hymn: Morning has broken

Morning has broken like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!  
  
Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass,  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where His feet pass.  
  
Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation, of the new day!  
Of the new day!

Singers: [Saint Mary's Cathedral Choristers, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Words: Eleanor Farjeon

Tune: *Bunessan*, Gaelic melody

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

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

*Leader*

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

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

Lord, open our lips.

## *Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

## *Everyone*

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

## **Antiphon**

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

## **Jubilate**

### ***Psalm 100***

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

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

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

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

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

## **The Psalter**

### ***45 Eructavit cor meum***

## or Coverdale

- <sup>1</sup> My heart is stirring with a noble song;  
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; \*  
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
- <sup>2</sup> You are the fairest of men; \*  
grace flows from your lips,  
because God has blessed you for ever.
- <sup>3</sup> Strap your sword upon your thigh, O mighty warrior, \*  
in your pride and in your majesty.
- <sup>4</sup> Ride out and conquer in the cause of truth \*  
and for the sake of justice.
- <sup>5</sup> Your right hand will show you marvelous things; \*  
your arrows are very sharp, O mighty warrior.
- <sup>6</sup> The peoples are falling at your feet, \*  
and the king's enemies are losing heart.
- <sup>7</sup> Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, \*  
a scepter of righteousness  
is the scepter of your kingdom;  
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.
- <sup>8</sup> Therefore God, your God, has anointed you \*  
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
- <sup>9</sup> All your garments are fragrant with myrrh,  
aloes, and cassia, \*  
and the music of strings from ivory palaces  
makes you glad.
- <sup>10</sup> Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; \*  
on your right hand is the queen,



adorned with the gold of Ophir.

- <sup>11</sup> “Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; \*  
forget your people and your father’s house.
- <sup>12</sup> The king will have pleasure in your beauty; \*  
he is your master; therefore do him honor.
- <sup>13</sup> The people of Tyre are here with a gift; \*  
the rich among the people seek your favor.”
- <sup>14</sup> All glorious is the princess as she enters; \*  
her gown is cloth-of-gold.
- <sup>15</sup> In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; \*  
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.
- <sup>16</sup> With joy and gladness they are brought, \*  
and enter into the palace of the king.
- <sup>17</sup> “In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; \*  
you shall make them princes over all the earth.
- <sup>18</sup> I will make your name to be remembered  
from one generation to another; \*  
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever.”

## **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 29:1-20

<sup>29</sup>Job again took up his discourse and said: <sup>2</sup>"Oh, that I were as in the months of old, as in the days when God watched over me; <sup>3</sup>when his lamp shone over my head, and by his light I walked through darkness; <sup>4</sup>when I was in my prime, when the friendship of God was upon my tent; <sup>5</sup>when the Almighty was still with me, when my children were around me; <sup>6</sup>when my steps were washed with milk, and the rock poured out for me streams of oil!

<sup>7</sup>When I went out to the gate of the city, when I took my seat in the square, <sup>8</sup>the young men saw me and withdrew, and the aged rose up and stood; <sup>9</sup>the nobles refrained from talking, and laid their hands on their mouths; <sup>10</sup>the voices of princes were hushed, and their tongues stuck to the roof of their mouths. <sup>11</sup>When the ear heard, it commended me, and when the eye saw, it approved; <sup>12</sup>because I delivered the poor who cried, and the orphan who had no helper. <sup>13</sup>The blessing of the wretched came upon me, and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy. <sup>14</sup>I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; my justice was like a robe and a turban. <sup>15</sup>I was eyes to the blind, and feet to the lame. <sup>16</sup>I was a father to the needy, and I championed the cause of the stranger. <sup>17</sup>I broke the fangs of the unrighteous, and made them drop their prey from their teeth.

<sup>18</sup>Then I thought, 'I shall die in my nest, and I shall multiply my days like the phoenix; <sup>19</sup>my roots spread out to the waters, with the dew all night on my branches; <sup>20</sup>my glory was fresh with me, and my bow ever new in my hand.'

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 13**

### **A Song of Praise**

***Benedictus es, Domine***

Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*

you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*

on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*

in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The New Testament Lesson**

*Reader*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 14:1-18

<sup>14</sup>The same thing occurred in Iconium, where Paul and Barnabas went into the Jewish synagogue and spoke in such a way that a great number of both Jews

and Greeks became believers. <sup>2</sup>But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers. <sup>3</sup>So they remained for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord, who testified to the word of his grace by granting signs and wonders to be done through them. <sup>4</sup>But the residents of the city were divided; some sided with the Jews, and some with the apostles. <sup>5</sup>And when an attempt was made by both Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to mistreat them and to stone them, <sup>6</sup>the apostles learned of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding country; <sup>7</sup>and there they continued proclaiming the good news.

<sup>8</sup>In Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet and had never walked, for he had been crippled from birth. <sup>9</sup>He listened to Paul as he was speaking. And Paul, looking at him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, <sup>10</sup>said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And the man sprang up and began to walk. <sup>11</sup>When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!" <sup>12</sup>Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. <sup>13</sup>The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates; he and the crowds wanted to offer sacrifice. <sup>14</sup>When the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting, <sup>15</sup>"Friends, why are you doing this? We are mortals just like you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. <sup>16</sup>In past generations he allowed all the nations to follow their own ways; <sup>17</sup>yet he has not left himself without a witness in doing good—giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, and filling you with food and your hearts with

joy." <sup>18</sup>Even with these words, they scarcely restrained the crowds from offering sacrifice to them.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 18**

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

*Dignus es*

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

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

## **Gospel**

*Reader*

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

<sup>31</sup>The Jews took up stones again to stone him. <sup>32</sup>Jesus replied, "I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these are you going to stone me?" <sup>33</sup>The 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." <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, you are gods'? <sup>35</sup>If those to whom the word of God came were called 'gods' — and the scripture cannot be annulled— <sup>36</sup>can 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'? <sup>37</sup>If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me. <sup>38</sup>But 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."

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

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

**The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

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

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

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

God be with you.

### *Response*

And also with you.

### *Leader*

Let us pray.

### *Everyone*

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

Our Father in heaven,

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

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

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



## Suffrages

### *Leader*

Help us, O God our Savior;

### *Response*

Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

### *Leader*

Look upon your congregation;

### *Response*

Give to your people the blessing of peace.

### *Leader*

Declare your glory among the nations;

### *Response*

And your wonders among all peoples.

### *Leader*

Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

### *Response*

Never forget the lives of your poor.

### *Leader*

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

### *Response*

And your favor to those who are true of heart.

### *Leader*

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

### *Response*

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

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

### **A Collect for Mission**

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

### **A Collect for Guidance**

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

### **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](#).

### **The Commemoration**

Alexander Crummell was born in New York City in 1819, and wished to study for the priesthood, but received many rebuffs because he was black. He

was ordained in the Diocese of Massachusetts in 1844, when he was 25 years old, but was excluded from a meeting of priests of the diocese, and decided to go to England. After graduating from Cambridge, he went to Liberia, an African country founded under American auspices for the repatriation of freed slaves. Crummell hoped to see established in Liberia a black Christian republic, combining the best of European and African culture, and led by a Western-educated black bishop. He visited the United States and urged blacks to join him in Liberia and swell the ranks of the church there. His work in Liberia ran into opposition and indifference, and he returned to the United States, where he undertook the founding and strengthening of urban black congregations that would provide worship, education, and social services for their communities. When some bishops proposed a separate missionary district for black parishes, he organized a group, now known as the Union of Black Episcopalians, to fight the proposal.

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[More information can be found [on a site devoted to Black history](#); also available is [a profile on him](#), from WEB DuBois' *The Souls of Black Folk*.]

## **Prayer**

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for your servant Alexander Crummell, whom you called to preach the gospel to those who were far off and to those who were near. Raise up in this and every land, evangelists and heralds of your kingdom, that your Church may proclaim the unsearchable riches of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

### *Leader*

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

*Everyone sings or says*

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

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

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

### **For the Human Family**

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

### **For Prisons and Correctional Institutions**

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

## **For the Victims of Addiction**

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

### **Hymn: Breathe on me, breath of God**

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love,  
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until with Thee I will one will,  
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
'Til I am wholly Thine,  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glow with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
So shall I never die,  
But live with Thee the perfect life  
Of Thine eternity. Amen.

Words: Edwin Hatch

Music: Robert Jackson

Tune: *Trentham*

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

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

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

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

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

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks

for all your goodness and loving-kindness

to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,

and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Benediction**

#### *Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

#### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

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

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

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

God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## **An Order of Service for Noonday**

### **The Opening**

#### *Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

#### *Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

#### *Everyone*

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

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

### **The Psalm**

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

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

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

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

<sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*



shall neither slumber nor sleep;

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

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

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

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

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

## **The Word**

### *Leader*

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

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Response*

Christ, have mercy.

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to traditional](#)

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

## **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

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

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

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

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

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

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

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families,

friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

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

*Everyone*

Amen.

**The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## Jump to Noonday

Wednesday

Morning Prayer

Proper 18

Henry "Harry" Thacker Burleigh

## The Opening

### Opening Sentence

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

### Hymn: Sun of my soul

Sun of my soul, Thou Saviour dear,  
It is not night if Thou be near;  
Oh may no earth-born cloud arise  
To hide Thee from Thy servant's eyes!

When the soft dews of kindly sleep  
My weary eyelids gently steep,  
Be my last thought how sweet to rest  
Forever on my Saviour's breast!

Abide with me from morn till eve,  
For without Thee I cannot live;  
Abide with me when night is nigh,  
For without Thee I dare not die.

If some poor wandering child of Thine  
Have spurned to-day the voice divine,  
Now, Lord, the gracious work begin;  
Let him no more lie down in sin.

Watch by the sick; enrich the poor  
With blessings from Thy boundless store;  
Be every mourner's sleep to-night,  
Like infant slumbers, pure and light.

Come near and bless us when we wake,  
Ere through the world our way we take,  
Till in the ocean of Thy love  
We lose ourselves in heaven above.

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

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

*Leader*



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

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Everyone*

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

## **Antiphon**

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

Come let us adore him.

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

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*

my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*

that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*

my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live \*

and lift up my hands in your Name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*

and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,  
When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.  
For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.  
My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.  
The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:  
Come let us adore him.

## **The Psalter**

**119:49-72**

**or Coverdale**

**Zayin** *Memor esto verbi tui*

- <sup>49</sup> Remember your word to your servant, \*  
because you have given me hope.
- <sup>50</sup> This is my comfort in my trouble, \*  
that your promise gives me life.
- <sup>51</sup> The proud have derided me cruelly, \*  
but I have not turned from your law.
- <sup>52</sup> When I remember your judgments of old, \*  
O Lord, I take great comfort.
- <sup>53</sup> I am filled with a burning rage, \*  
because of the wicked who forsake your law.
- <sup>54</sup> Your statutes have been like songs to me \*  
wherever I have lived as a stranger.
- <sup>55</sup> I remember your Name in the night, O Lord, \*  
and dwell upon your law.

56 This is how it has been with me, \*  
because I have kept your commandments.

**Heth** *Portio mea, Domine*

57 You only are my portion, O Lord; \*  
I have promised to keep your words.

58 I entreat you with all my heart, \*  
be merciful to me according to your promise.

59 I have considered my ways \*  
and turned my feet toward your decrees.

60 I hasten and do not tarry \*  
to keep your commandments.

61 Though the cords of the wicked entangle me, \*  
I do not forget your law.

62 At midnight I will rise to give you thanks, \*  
because of your righteous judgments.

63 I am a companion of all who fear you; \*  
and of those who keep your commandments.

64 The Earth, O Lord, is full of your love; \*  
instruct me in your statutes.

**Teth** *Bonitatem fecisti*

65 O Lord, you have dealt graciously with your servant, \*  
according to your word.

66 Teach me discernment and knowledge, \*  
for I have believed in your commandments.

67 Before I was afflicted I went astray, \*  
but now I keep your word.

- <sup>68</sup> You are good and you bring forth good; \*  
instruct me in your statutes.
- <sup>69</sup> The proud have smeared me with lies, \*  
but I will keep your commandments  
with my whole heart.
- <sup>70</sup> Their heart is gross and fat, \*  
but my delight is in your law.
- <sup>71</sup> It is good for me that I have been afflicted, \*  
that I might learn your statutes.
- <sup>72</sup> The law of your mouth is dearer to me \*  
than thousands in gold and silver.

## **Gloria Patri**

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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 29:1;30:1-2, 16-31

<sup>29</sup> Job again took up his discourse and said:

<sup>30</sup> "But now they make sport of me, those who are younger than I, whose  
fathers I would have disdained to set with the dogs of my flock. <sup>2</sup> What could I

gain from the strength of their hands? All their vigor is gone. "And now my soul is poured out within me; days of affliction have taken hold of me. <sup>17</sup>The night racks my bones, and the pain that gnaws me takes no rest. <sup>18</sup>With violence he seizes my garment; he grasps me by the collar of my tunic. <sup>19</sup>He has cast me into the mire, and I have become like dust and ashes. <sup>20</sup>I cry to you and you do not answer me; I stand, and you merely look at me. <sup>21</sup>You have turned cruel to me; with the might of your hand you persecute me. <sup>22</sup>You lift me up on the wind, you make me ride on it, and you toss me about in the roar of the storm. <sup>23</sup>I know that you will bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living. <sup>24</sup>"Surely one does not turn against the needy, when in disaster they cry for help. <sup>25</sup>Did I not weep for those whose day was hard? Was not my soul grieved for the poor? <sup>26</sup>But when I looked for good, evil came; and when I waited for light, darkness came. <sup>27</sup>My inward parts are in turmoil, and are never still; days of affliction come to meet me. <sup>28</sup>I go about in sunless gloom; I stand up in the assembly and cry for help. <sup>29</sup>I am a brother of jackals, and a companion of ostriches. <sup>30</sup>My skin turns black and falls from me, and my bones burn with heat. <sup>31</sup>My lyre is turned to mourning, and my pipe to the voice of those who weep.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

**Canticle 11 The Third Song of Isaiah**

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

***Surge, illuminare***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **The New Testament Lesson**

*Reader*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 14:19-28

<sup>19</sup>But Jews came there from Antioch and Iconium and won over the crowds.

Then they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. <sup>20</sup>But when the disciples surrounded him, he got up and went into the city. The next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe. <sup>21</sup>After they had proclaimed the good news to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, then on to Iconium and Antioch. <sup>22</sup>There they strengthened the souls of the disciples and encouraged them to continue in the faith, saying, "It is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God." <sup>23</sup>And after they had appointed elders for them in each church, with prayer and fasting they entrusted them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. <sup>24</sup>Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. <sup>25</sup>When they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. <sup>26</sup>From there they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had completed. <sup>27</sup>When they arrived, they called the church together and related all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith for the Gentiles. <sup>28</sup>And they stayed there with the disciples for some time.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

**Canticle J**

**A Song of Judith**

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

I will sing a new song to my God, \*

for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.

Let the whole creation serve you, \*

for you spoke and all things came into being.

You sent your breath and it formed them, \*  
no one is able to resist your voice.  
Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, \*  
rocks melt like wax at your presence.  
But to those who fear you, \*  
you continue to show mercy.  
No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, \*  
but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **Gospel**

### *Reader*

A Reading from the Gospel According to John 11:1-16

<sup>1</sup>Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup>But 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." <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. <sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup>Jesus 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.



<sup>10</sup>But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them."

<sup>11</sup>After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." <sup>13</sup>Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup>For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup>Thomas, 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 Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

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

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

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

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

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

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

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

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

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

God be with you.

### *Response*

And also with you.

### *Leader*

Let us pray.

### *Everyone*

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

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

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

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

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

Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.

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

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

### **Suffrages**

#### *Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

#### *Response*

And grant us your salvation.

#### *Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

#### *Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

*Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

*Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon Earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

**The Collect of the Day: Proper 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.*

### **A Collect for Mission**

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

### **A Collect for Peace**

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

### **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](#).

### **The Commemoration**

Henry "Harry" Thacker Burleigh (December 2, 1866 September 12, 1949), a baritone, was an African American classical composer, arranger, and professional singer.

In 1894, he became a soloist for St. George's Episcopal church in New York City. There was opposition to hiring Burleigh at the all-white church from some parishioners, because of his race, at a time when other white New York

Episcopal churches were forbidding black people to worship. J. P. Morgan, a member of St. George's at that time, cast the deciding vote to hire Burleigh. In spite of the initial problems obtaining the appointment, Burleigh became close to many of the members during his long tenure as a soloist at the church.

Burleigh also made the first formal orchestral arrangements for more than 100 Negro spirituals, including Nobody Knows (the Trouble I've Seen). Burleigh's best-known compositions are his arrangements of these spirituals, as art songs. They were so popular during the late 1910s and 1920s, that almost no vocal recitalist gave a concert in a major city without occasionally singing them. In many ways, the popularity of Burleigh's settings contributed to an explosion of popularity for the genre during the 1920s. Through the 1920s and 1930s, Burleigh continued to promote the spirituals through publications, lectures, and arrangements. His life-long advocacy for the spiritual eclipsed his singing career, and his arrangements of art songs.

He was the first black composer to be instrumental in the development of a characteristically American music and he helped to make black music available to classically-trained artists both by introducing them to the music and by arranging the music in a more classical form.

(more from [Wikipedia](#))

## **Prayer**

God, our strong deliverer: We bless your Name for the grace given to Harry Thacker Burleigh, who lifted up in song the struggles of your people. Let that Spirit of love which spurred him draw us and your whole Church to raise our distinct voices into one great harmony of praise; through the same Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

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

*Everyone sings or says*

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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 our Country**

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion us into one united people. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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

### **Hymn: Christ is made the sure foundation**

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
binding all the Church in one;  
holy Zion's help for ever,  
and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,  
Dearly loved of God on high,  
In exultant jubilation  
Pours perpetual melody;  
God the One in Thee adoring  
In glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call Thee,  
come, O Lord of hosts, today:  
With Thy wonted loving-kindness,  
hear Thy people as they pray;  
and Thy fullest benediction  
Shed within its walls alway.



Here vouchsafe to all Thy servants  
What they ask of Thee to gain,  
what they gain from Thee for ever  
with the blessed to retain,  
And hereafter in Thy glory  
evermore with Thee to reign.

Words: Latin, c7th--8th century, translated by John Mason Neale

Singers: Harvard University Choir

Music: Henry Purcell

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

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

### **The Ending**

#### **The General Thanksgiving**

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

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

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

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

### **Benediction**

#### *Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

#### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

#### *Leader*

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

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

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

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## **An Order of Service for Noonday**

### **The Opening**

#### *Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

#### *Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

#### *Everyone*

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

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

### **The Psalm**

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

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

<sup>2</sup> Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*

and our tongue with shouts of joy.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **The Word**

### *Leader*

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

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to traditional](#)

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

## **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

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

And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*



Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## Jump to Noonday

Thursday

Morning Prayer

Proper 18

John Henry Hobart

## The Opening

### Opening Sentence

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. *John 4:23*

### Hymn: Today I awake

Today I awake and God is before me.

At night, as I dreamt, God summoned the day;  
For God never sleeps but patterns the morning  
with slithers of gold or glory in grey.

Today I arise and Christ is beside me.  
He walked through the dark to scatter new light,  
Yes, Christ is alive, and beckons his people  
to hope and to heal, resist and invite.

Today I affirm the Spirit within me  
at worship and work, in struggle and rest.  
The Spirit inspires all life which is changing  
from fearing to faith, from broken to blest.

Today I enjoy the Trinity round me,  
above and beneath, before and behind;  
The Maker, the Son, the Spirit together  
they called me to life and call me their friend.

Words and Music: John Bell

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

**Antiphon**

God is the Rock of our salvation:

O come let us worship.

**Venite *Psalm 95:1-7***

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

God is the Rock of our salvation:

O come let us worship.

## **The Psalter**

### **50 *Deus deorum***

#### **or Coverdale**

- <sup>1</sup> The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
he has called the Earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- <sup>2</sup> Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
God reveals himself in glory.
- <sup>3</sup> Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
before him there is a consuming flame,  
and round about him a raging storm.
- <sup>4</sup> He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
to witness the judgment of his people.
- <sup>5</sup> “Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me  
and sealed it with sacrifice.”
- <sup>6</sup> Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
for God himself is judge.
- <sup>7</sup> Hear, O my people, and I will speak:  
“O Israel, I will bear witness against you; \*  
for I am God, your God.
- <sup>8</sup> I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; \*  
your offerings are always before me.
- <sup>9</sup> I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, \*  
nor he-goats out of your pens;

- For all the beasts of the forest are mine, \*  
the herds in their thousands upon the hills.
- 11 I know every bird in the sky, \*  
and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.
- 12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, \*  
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.
- 13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, \*  
or drink the blood of goats?
- 14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and make good your vows to the Most High.
- 15 Call upon me in the day of trouble; \*  
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.”
- 16 But to the wicked God says: \*  
“Why do you recite my statutes,  
and take my covenant upon your lips;
- 17 Since you refuse discipline, \*  
and toss my words behind your back?
- 18 When you see a thief, you make him your friend, \*  
and you cast in your lot with adulterers.
- 19 You have loosed your lips for evil, \*  
and harnessed your tongue to a lie.
- 20 You are always speaking evil of your brother \*  
and slandering your own mother’s son.
- 21 These things you have done, and I kept still, \*  
and you thought that I am like you.”
- 22 “I have made my accusation; \*  
I have put my case in order before your eyes.

<sup>23</sup> Consider this well, you who forget God, \*  
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

<sup>24</sup> Whoever offers me the sacrifice of  
thanksgiving honors me; \*  
but to those who keep in my way  
will I show the salvation of God.”

## **Gloria Patri**

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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 29:1;31:1-23

<sup>29</sup>Job again took up his discourse and said:

<sup>31</sup>"I have made a covenant with my eyes; how then could I look upon a  
virgin? <sup>2</sup>What would be my portion from God above, and my heritage from  
the Almighty on high? <sup>3</sup>Does not calamity befall the unrighteous, and disaster  
the workers of iniquity? <sup>4</sup>Does he not see my ways, and number all my steps?  
<sup>5</sup>"If I have walked with falsehood, and my foot has hurried to deceit <sup>6</sup>let me  
be weighed in a just balance, and let God know my integrity! <sup>7</sup>if my step has  
turned aside from the way, and my heart has followed my eyes, and if any

spot has clung to my hands; then let me sow, and another eat; and let what grows for me be rooted out.

<sup>9</sup>"If my heart has been enticed by a woman, and I have lain in wait at my neighbor's door; <sup>10</sup>then let my wife grind for another, and let other men kneel over her. <sup>11</sup>For that would be a heinous crime; that would be a criminal offense; <sup>12</sup>for that would be a fire consuming down to Abaddon, and it would burn to the root all my harvest. <sup>13</sup>"If I have rejected the cause of my male or female slaves, when they brought a complaint against me; <sup>14</sup>what then shall I do when God rises up? When he makes inquiry, what shall I answer him?

<sup>15</sup>Did not he who made me in the womb make them? And did not one fashion us in the womb?

<sup>16</sup>"If I have withheld anything that the poor desired, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail, <sup>17</sup>or have eaten my morsel alone, and the orphan has not eaten from it <sup>18</sup>for from my youth I reared the orphan like a father, and from my mother's womb I guided the widow <sup>19</sup>if I have seen anyone perish for lack of clothing, or a poor person without covering, <sup>20</sup>whose loins have not blessed me, and who was not warmed with the fleece of my sheep; <sup>21</sup>if I have raised my hand against the orphan, because I saw I had supporters at the gate; <sup>22</sup>then let my shoulder blade fall from my shoulder, and let my arm be broken from its socket. <sup>23</sup>For I was in terror of calamity from God, and I could not have faced his majesty.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*



## **Canticle 9**

### **The First Song of Isaiah**

#### ***Ecce, Deus***

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, \*

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The New Testament Lesson**

### ***Reader***

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 15:1-11

<sup>15</sup>Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." <sup>2</sup>And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed

to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders.

<sup>3</sup>So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the believers. <sup>4</sup>When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. <sup>5</sup>But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, "It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses."

<sup>6</sup>The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter. <sup>7</sup>After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "My brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the Gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers. <sup>8</sup>And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us; <sup>9</sup>and in cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us. <sup>10</sup>Now therefore why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? <sup>11</sup>On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

**Canticle 19**

**The Song of the Redeemed**

***Magna et mirabilia***

## Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## Gospel

### *Reader*

A Reading from the Gospel According to John 11:17-29

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and

everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

<sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." <sup>28</sup>When 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." <sup>29</sup>And 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 Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

God be with you.

### *Response*

And also with you.

### *Leader*

Let us pray.

### *Everyone*

## **The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary) (or Traditional)**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Suffrages**

### *Leader*

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

### *Response*

Govern and uphold them, now and always.

### *Leader*

Day by day we bless you;

### *Response*

We praise your Name for ever.

### *Leader*

Lord, keep us from all sin today;

*Response*

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

*Response*

For we put our trust in you.

*Leader*

In you, Lord, is our hope;

*Response*

And we shall never hope in vain.

**The Collect of the Day: Proper 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.*

**A Collect for Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

**A Collect for the Renewal of Life**

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns

the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **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](#).

## **The Commemoration**

After the American Revolution and the Independence of the United States, the Episcopal Church, under public suspicion in many quarters because of its previous association with the British government, did very little for about twenty years. John Hobart was one of the men who changed this.

John Henry Hobart was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 14 September 1775, the son of a ship's captain. He was educated at the University of Pennsylvania and Princeton University, ordained deacon in 1798 and priest in 1801. Called as assistant minister to Trinity Church, New York, in 1803, at age 36 he was elected assistant bishop of the diocese in 1811, becoming diocesan in 1816.

To look at John Henry Hobart, you wouldn't have predicted greatness. Height always distinguishes, and he was notably short. Blessed with attractive blue eyes, he was nearsighted and forced to wear thick glasses. In an age of marmoreal gestures in the pulpit, he was melodramatic. At a time of dignified eloquence, he spoke rapidly, with emotion. When most men were reserved, even with their families, he was warm, whether with ambassadors or farmers, to the point of being thought odd.



Most bishops were content if they bestirred themselves for episcopal acts a hundred miles from home. Hobart had the energy of ten men: horses dropped under his exertions and he thought nothing of a winter visitation of 2,000 miles in western New York or 4,000 at a more seasonal time.

Early in his career he tackled publicly issues still dubious in the American mind: episcopacy and apostolic succession, arguably besting in print a redoubtable Presbyterian opponent.

He founded two institutions: a college in Geneva (later Hobart College) and General Theological Seminary in New York City, breaking his health to get both off the ground.

He not only looked after the Diocese of New York (46,000 square miles and virtual wilderness west and north of Albany) he served as rector of Trinity Parish, the wealthiest and most influential church in the country. Agreeing to oversee the diocese of Connecticut, since its high- and low-church party roils had prevented the election of a bishop, he covered its parishes more thoroughly than any bishop ever had. New Jersey, similarly bishopless, appealed to him, and he looked after it as well.

He knew all the clergy in the Church generally and in his own diocese intimately. He was aware of their background, remembered their families, forgave their frailties, and appreciated their strengths. He watched over his candidates for Holy Orders with a paternal interest, meeting with them weekly.

His instinct for politics never overrode his principles. Once convinced of the rightness of his position, no wave of unpopularity would budge him. His friends adored him and even his enemies credited him with frankness and fearlessness. He held no grudges and played no games, two qualities that endeared him to many. In a turbulent New York State election for governor, a common saying was that only Hobart would have been easily elected.

He took 26 clergy at the beginning of his episcopate in 1811 and quintupled them to 133 by his death; watched the number of parishes increase from about 50 to almost 170; and confirmed roughly 15,000.

This lovable, indefatigable, type-A bishop went virtually nonstop from his ordination until his death. The only surprise was that he didn't die sooner. At midnight, September 7, 1830, a young clergyman rode in a stage through Auburn on his way to Binghamton. Passing the rectory of St. Peter's Church, he was puzzled to see a light so late. He rapped for the stage to stop and soon learned from the rector, John Rudd, that Bishop Hobart was ill. Francis Cuming remained to assist in any way he could.

Hobart's illness wasn't that surprising. Troubled for years with what was most likely a bleeding ulcer, with rest and medication he would generally rebound. In Auburn he had preached and confirmed and other than a slight cold, seemed fine. But soon the serious nature of his attack became clear and he cancelled the remainder of his visitation. Over the next few days, he frequently requested to hear portions of Lancelot Andrewes' litany, in which he would join.

Amidst his pain, Hobart found time to offer advice to Cuming: "Be sure that in all your preaching the doctrines of the Cross be introduced: no preaching is good for any thing without these." Cuming writes: "His pains were so severe he could not give his mind to them unless they were short, and when I had invoked our Heavenly Father to continue to be gracious to his suffering servant; and that whereas he had studied to approve himself to God upon earth, he might be permitted to stand approved by his Master in heaven, he interrupted me by saying, 'Amen: O yes, God grant it, but with all humility I ask it.'"

"On Friday, September 10th, just before the going down of the sun, and as its last rays had forced themselves through the blinds, and were playing upon the

wall not far from the bed, he said, 'Open the shutters, that I may see more of the light; O how pleasant it is; how cheering is the sun--but there is a Sun of Righteousness, in whose light we shall see light.'"

Cuming again: "There were times when he was peculiarly oppressed. The promises of the Gospel, however, would revive him. At one of those times he said to me with the most remarkable emphasis, 'Comfort me.' The reply was 'Bishop, it is written, the blood of Christ cleanseth from all sin.' - 'So it is, so it is,' he added; God be praised for that, God be praised for all his mercies - God be merciful to me a sinner!"

On Saturday, at a bedside service of the holy communion, when Rudd "came, in the confession, to the words, 'by thought, word, and deed,'" the bishop stopped him and said, 'You know the Church expects us to pause over those words: pause now, repeating one of the words at a time till I request you to go on.' This was done, and the pauses in each case were so long that a fear passed over our minds that he had lost his recollection or fallen asleep. This, however, proved not to be so; he repeated each word, and after the third pause added: 'Proceed, I will interrupt you no more.'"

Early Sunday morning, September 12, 1830, John Henry Hobart died, aged 55. The funeral took place in New York City on September 16. The mourners included the governor of the state and the mayor of New York City, and the procession was estimated at nearly 3,000.

The third bishop of New York is buried under the chancel of Trinity Church, New York.

written by Cynthia McFarland

## **Prayer**

Revive your Church, Lord God of hosts, whenever it falls into complacency and sloth, by raising up devoted leaders like your servant John Henry Hobart; and grant that their faith and vigor of mind may awaken your people to your

message and their mission; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

### *Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

### *Everyone sings or says*

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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 Peace Among Nations**

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **For Those in the Armed Forces of Our Country**

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For the Conservation of Natural Resources**

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: Christ, whose glory fills the skies**

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only Light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
Triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Day-star, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn  
Unaccompanied by Thee;  
Joyless is the day's return  
Till Thy mercy's beams I see;  
Till they inward light impart,  
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
Fill me, Radiancy divine,  
Scatter all my unbelief;  
More and more Thyself display,  
Shining to the perfect day.

Words: Charles Wesley

## **A Prayer of Self-Dedication**

Almighty and eternal God,  
so draw our hearts to you,  
so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations,  
so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly yours,  
utterly dedicated unto you;  
and then use us, we pray you, as you will,  
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

### **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

### **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,

God be with you till we meet again.

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## **An Order of Service for Noonday**

### **The Opening**

#### *Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

#### *Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

#### *Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

### **The Psalm**

#### **Psalm 119 *Lucerna pedibus meis***

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.

<sup>106</sup> I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.

<sup>107</sup> I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

<sup>108</sup> Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.

<sup>109</sup> My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.

<sup>110</sup> The wicked have set a trap for me, \*



but I have not strayed from your commandments.

<sup>111</sup> Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

<sup>112</sup> I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Word**

### *Leader*

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that  
has been given to us. *Romans 5:5*

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Response*

Christ, have mercy.

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to traditional](#)

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

### **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

**The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## Jump to Noonday

Friday

Morning Prayer

Proper 18

Cyprian

## The Opening

### Opening Sentence

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the Earth keep silence before him.

*Habakkuk 2:20*

### Hymn: When morning gilds the skies

When morning gilds the skies,

My heart awaking cries:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer

To Jesus I repair:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

To Thee, my God above,

I cry with glowing love,

May Jesus Christ be praised!

The fairest graces spring

In hearts that ever sing,

May Jesus Christ be praised!

When sleep her balm denies,

My silent spirit sighs,

May Jesus Christ be praised!

When evil thoughts molest,

With this I shield my breast,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

The night becomes as day,  
When from the heart we say,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
The powers of darkness fear,  
When this sweet chant they hear,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine,  
My canticle divine,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this th' eternal song  
Through all the ages long,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Words: From the *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, translated by Edward Caswall

Music: Joseph Barnby

Tune: *Laudes Domini*

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.



We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

## **Antiphon**

The Holy One is in our midst:  
O come let us worship.

## **Jubilate**

*Psalm 100*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Holy One is in our midst:  
O come let us worship.

## **The Psalter**

### **40 *Expectans, expectavi* or Coverdale**

<sup>1</sup> I waited patiently upon the Lord; \*  
he stooped to me and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup> He lifted me out of the desolate pit,  
out of the mire and clay; \*  
he set my feet upon a high cliff  
and made my footing sure.

<sup>3</sup> He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God; \*  
many shall see, and stand in awe,  
and put their trust in the Lord.

- <sup>4</sup> Happy are they who trust in the Lord! \*  
they do not resort to evil spirits  
or turn to false gods.
- <sup>5</sup> Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!  
how great your wonders and your plans for us! \*  
there is none who can be compared with you.
- <sup>6</sup> Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! \*  
but they are more than I can count.
- <sup>7</sup> In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure \*  
(you have given me ears to hear you);
- <sup>8</sup> Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, \*  
and so I said, “Behold, I come.
- <sup>9</sup> In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: \*  
‘I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep in my heart.’”
- <sup>10</sup> I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; \*  
behold, I did not restrain my lips;  
and that, O Lord, you know.
- <sup>11</sup> Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; \*  
I have not concealed your love and  
faithfulness from the great congregation.
- <sup>12</sup> You are the Lord;  
do not withhold your compassion from me; \*  
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever,
- <sup>13</sup> For innumerable troubles have crowded upon me;  
my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see; \*

they are more in number than the hairs of my head,  
and my heart fails me.

<sup>14</sup> Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me; \*  
O Lord, make haste to help me.

<sup>15</sup> Let them be ashamed and altogether dismayed  
who seek after my life to destroy it; \*  
let them draw back and be disgraced  
who take pleasure in my misfortune.

<sup>16</sup> Let those who say “Aha!” and  
gloat over me be confounded,  
because they are ashamed.

<sup>17</sup> Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad; \*  
let those who love your salvation  
continually say,  
“Great is the Lord!”

<sup>18</sup> Though I am poor and afflicted, \*  
the Lord will have regard for me.

<sup>19</sup> You are my helper and my deliverer; \*  
do not tarry, O my God.

**54 *Deus, in nomine***  
**or Coverdale**

<sup>1</sup> Save me, O God, by your Name; \*  
in your might, defend my cause.

<sup>2</sup> Hear my prayer, O God; \*  
give ear to the words of my mouth.

<sup>3</sup> For the arrogant have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless have sought my life, \*

those who have no regard for God.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, God is my helper; \*

it is the Lord who sustains my life.

<sup>5</sup> Render evil to those who spy on me; \*

in your faithfulness, destroy them.

<sup>6</sup> I will offer you a freewill sacrifice \*

and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.

<sup>7</sup> For you have rescued me from every trouble, \*

and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

## **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

and to the Holy Ghost:

as it was in the beginning, is now,

and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

## **The Lessons**

### **The Old Testament Lesson**

#### *Reader*

A Reading from the Book of Job 29:1; 31:24-40

<sup>29</sup>Job again took up his discourse and said:

<sup>24</sup>"If I have made gold my trust, or called fine gold my confidence; <sup>25</sup>if I have rejoiced because my wealth was great, or because my hand had gotten much;

<sup>26</sup>if I have looked at the sun when it shone, or the moon moving in splendor,

<sup>27</sup>and my heart has been secretly enticed, and my mouth has kissed my hand;

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this also would be an iniquity to be punished by the judges, for I should have been false to God above. <sup>29</sup>"If I have rejoiced at the ruin of those who hated me, or exulted when evil overtook them <sup>30</sup>I have not let my mouth sin by asking for their lives with a curse <sup>31</sup>if those of my tent ever said, 'O that we might be sated with his flesh!' <sup>32</sup>the stranger has not lodged in the street; I have opened my doors to the traveler

<sup>33</sup>if I have concealed my transgressions as others do, by hiding my iniquity in my bosom, <sup>34</sup>because I stood in great fear of the multitude, and the contempt of families terrified me, so that I kept silence, and did not go out of doors <sup>35</sup>Oh, that I had one to hear me! (Here is my signature! let the Almighty answer me!) Oh, that I had the indictment written by my adversary! <sup>36</sup>Surely I would carry it on my shoulder; I would bind it on me like a crown; <sup>37</sup>I would give him an account of all my steps; like a prince I would approach him. <sup>38</sup>"If my land has cried out against me, and its furrows have wept together; <sup>39</sup>if I have eaten its yield without payment, and caused the death of its owners; <sup>40</sup>let thorns grow instead of wheat, and foul weeds instead of barley." The words of Job are ended.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle Q**

### **A Song of Christ's Goodness**

#### **Anselm of Canterbury**

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you; \*  
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

Often you weep over our sins and our pride, \*  
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.  
You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, \*  
in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.  
Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life; \*  
by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.  
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; \*  
through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.  
Your warmth gives life to the dead, \*  
your touch makes sinners righteous.  
Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us; \*  
in your love and tenderness, remake us.  
In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness, \*  
for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The New Testament Lesson**

### *Reader*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 15:12-21

<sup>12</sup>The whole assembly kept silence, and listened to Barnabas and Paul as they told of all the signs and wonders that God had done through them among the Gentiles. <sup>13</sup>After they finished speaking, James replied, "My brothers, listen to me. <sup>14</sup>Simeon has related how God first looked favorably on the Gentiles, to take from among them a people for his name. <sup>15</sup>This agrees with the words of the prophets, as it is written, <sup>16</sup>'After this I will return, and I will rebuild the dwelling of David, which has fallen; from its ruins I will rebuild it, and I will

set it up, <sup>17</sup>so that all other peoples may seek the Lord even all the Gentiles over whom my name has been called. Thus says the Lord, who has been making these things <sup>18</sup>known from long ago.' <sup>19</sup>Therefore I have reached the decision that we should not trouble those Gentiles who are turning to God, <sup>20</sup>but we should write to them to abstain only from things polluted by idols and from fornication and from whatever has been strangled and from blood. <sup>21</sup>For in every city, for generations past, Moses has had those who proclaim him, for he has been read aloud every sabbath in the synagogues."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 18**

### **A Song to the Lamb**

#### ***Dignus es***

Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*



for ever and for evermore.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **Gospel**

### *Reader*

A Reading from the Gospel According to John 11:30-44

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>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."

<sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" <sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus 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." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I 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." <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>The 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 Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

God be with you.

### *Response*

And also with you.

### *Leader*

Let us pray.

### *Everyone*

## **The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary) (or Traditional)**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Suffrages**

### *Leader*

Help us, O God our Savior;

### *Response*

Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

### *Leader*

Look upon your congregation;

### *Response*

Give to your people the blessing of peace.

### *Leader*

Declare your glory among the nations;

### *Response*

And your wonders among all peoples.

*Leader*

Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

*Response*

Never forget the lives of your poor.

*Leader*

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

*Response*

And your favor to those who are true of heart.

*Leader*

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

*Response*

So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

### **The Collect of the Day: Proper 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.*

### **A Collect for Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor

of your Name. Amen.

## **A Collect for Fridays**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

## **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](#).

## **The Commemoration**

Cyprian was born around 200 CE in North Africa, of pagan parents.

He was a prominent trial lawyer and teacher of rhetoric. Around 246 he became a Christian, and in 248 was chosen Bishop of Carthage.

A year later the persecution under the Emperor Decius began, and Cyprian went into hiding. He was severely censured for this (unjustly on my view -- see Matthew 2:13; 10:23; 24:16).

After the persecution had died down, it remained to consider how to deal with the lapsed, meaning with those Christians who had denied the faith under duress.

Cyprian held that they ought to be received back into full communion after suitable intervals of probation and penance, adjusted to the gravity of the denial.

In this he took a middle course between Novatus, who received apostates with no probation at all, and Novatian, who would not receive them back at all, and

who broke communion with the rest of the Church over this issue, forming a dissident group particularly strong in Rome and Antioch. (Novatus, somewhat surprisingly, ended up joining the party of Novatian.)

Cyprian, who held the same position as the Bishop of Rome on the treatment of the lapsed, wrote urging the Christians of Rome to stand with their bishop.

Later, the question arose whether baptisms performed by heretical groups ought to be recognized as valid by the Church, or whether converts from such groups ought to be rebaptized. Cyprian favored re-baptism, and Bishop Stephen of Rome did not. The resulting controversy was not resolved during Cyprian's lifetime.

During the reign of the Emperor Valerian, Carthage suffered a severe plague epidemic. Cyprian organized a program of medical relief and nursing of the sick, available to all residents, but this did not prevent the masses from being convinced that the epidemic resulted from the wrath of the gods at the spread of Christianity. Another persecution arose, and this time Cyprian did not flee. He was arrested, tried, and finally beheaded on 14 September 258. (Because 14 is Holy Cross Day, he is usually commemorated on a nearby open day.)

[We have an account of his trial and martyrdom.](#)

Many of his writings have been preserved. His essay *On the Unity of the Catholic Church* stresses the importance of visible, concrete unity among Christians, and the role of the bishops in guaranteeing that unity. It has greatly influenced Christian thought, as have his essays and letters on Baptism and the Lord's Supper. He has been quoted both for and against the Roman Catholic claims for Papal authority.

written by James Kiefer

## **Prayer**

Almighty God, who gave to your servant Cyprian boldness to confess the Name of our Savior Jesus Christ before the rulers of this world, and courage

to die for this faith: Grant that we may always be ready to give a reason for the hope that is in us and to suffer gladly for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

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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 Our Enemies**

O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For Social Justice**

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## For Young Persons

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Hymn: Come down, O love divine

Come down, O love divine, seek Thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with Thine own ardor glowing.

O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, til earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let Thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,  
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
For none can guess its grace, till he become the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

Words: Bianco da Siena (15thC)

Choir: [King's College, Cambridge](#)

Translation: Richard Frederick Littledale

Music: Williams

Tune: *Down Ampney*

## **A Prayer of Self-Dedication**

Almighty and eternal God,  
so draw our hearts to you,  
so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations,  
so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly yours,  
utterly dedicated unto you;  
and then use us, we pray you, as you will,  
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,

and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

### **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

### **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## **An Order of Service for Noonday**

### **The Opening**

#### *Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

#### *Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

#### *Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

### **Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos***

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

<sup>5</sup> The Lord himself watches over you; \*

the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

<sup>6</sup> So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord shall watch over your going out and  
your coming in, \* f  
rom this time forth for evermore.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Word**

### *Leader*

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the  
nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure  
offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of  
Hosts.

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Response*

Christ, have mercy.

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to traditional](#)

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

**The Collect**

*Leader*

Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching out your loving arms: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your tender mercies sake.

*Everyone*

Amen.

**Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"  
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*



Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy,

peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

**The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

[Jump to Noonday](#)

Saturday

Morning Prayer

Holy Cross Day

## **The Opening**

### **Opening Sentence**

Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite. *Isaiah 57:15*

### **Hymn: With the Lord begin thy task**

With the Lord begin thy task;  
Jesus will direct it.  
For His aid and counsel ask;  
Jesus will perfect it.  
Every morn with Jesus rise,  
And when day is ended,  
In His name then close thine eyes;  
Be to Him commended.  
Let each day begin with prayer,  
Praise, and adoration.  
On the Lord cast every care;  
He is thy salvation.  
Morning, evening, and at night  
Jesus will be near thee.  
Save thee from the tempter's might,

With His presence cheer thee.

With the Savior at thy side,

Foes need not alarm thee.

In His promises confide,

And no ill can harm thee.

All thy trust do thou repose

In the mighty Master,

Who in wisdom truly knows

How to stem disaster.

If thy task be thus begun

With the Savior's blessing,

Safely then thy course will run

Naught thy soul distressing.

Good will follow everywhere

While thou here must wander.

Thou at last the joy will share

In the mansions yonder.

Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task

Be to Thee commended;

May Thy will be done, I ask,

Until life is ended.

Jesus, in Thy name begun

Be the day's endeavor.

Grant that it may well be done

To Thy praise forever.

Singers: The Lutheran Quartet

Words: Moren-und Abend-segen

Music: Peter Frank (1616-1675)

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

Lord, open our lips.

## *Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

## *Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

## **Antiphon**

The Earth is the Lord's, for he made it:

Come let us adore him.

## **Venite *Psalm 95:1-7***

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Earth is the Lord's, for he made it:

Come let us adore him.

## The Psalter

### 66 *Jubilate Deo* or Coverdale

- <sup>1</sup> Be joyful in God, all you lands; \*  
sing the glory of his Name;  
sing the glory of his praise.
- <sup>2</sup> Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! \*  
because of your great strength  
your enemies cringe before you.
- <sup>3</sup> All the Earth bows down before you, \*  
sings to you, sings out your Name.”
- <sup>4</sup> Come now and see the works of God, \*  
how wonderful he is  
in his doing toward all people.
- <sup>5</sup> He turned the sea into dry land,  
so that they went through the water on foot, \*  
and there we rejoiced in him.
- <sup>6</sup> In his might he rules for ever;  
his eyes keep watch over the nations; \*  
let no rebel rise up against him.
- <sup>7</sup> Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
make the voice of  
his praise to be heard;
- <sup>8</sup> Who holds our souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- <sup>9</sup> For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

- <sup>10</sup> You brought us into the snare; \*  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- <sup>11</sup> You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water; \*  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- <sup>12</sup> I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
and will pay you my vows, \*  
which I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- <sup>13</sup> I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the smoke of rams; \*  
I will give you oxen and goats.
- <sup>14</sup> Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- <sup>15</sup> I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
and his praise was on my tongue.
- <sup>16</sup> If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
the Lord would not have heard me;
- <sup>17</sup> But in truth God has heard me; \*  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- <sup>18</sup> Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
nor withheld his love from me.

## **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,



and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

## **The Lessons**

### **The Old Testament Lesson**

#### *Reader*

A reading from the book of Numbers 21:4-9

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” <sup>6</sup>Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The Word of the Lord.

#### *Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

### **Canticle S**

#### **A Song of Our True Nature**

#### **Julian of Norwich**

Christ revealed our frailty and our falling, \*

our trespasses and our humiliations.  
Christ also revealed his blessed power, \*  
his blessed wisdom and love.  
He protects us as tenderly and as sweetly when we are in greatest need; \*  
he raises us in spirit  
and turns everything to glory and joy without ending.  
God is the ground and the substance, the very essence of nature; \*  
God is the true father and mother of natures.  
We are all bound to God by nature, \*  
and we are all bound to God by grace.  
And this grace is for all the world, \*  
because it is our precious mother, Christ.  
For this fair nature was prepared by Christ  
for the honor and nobility of all, \*  
and for the joy and bliss of salvation  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **Gospel**

### *Reader*

A Reading from the Gospel according to John 3:11-17

<sup>11</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he

gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

God be with you.

### *Response*

And also with you.

### *Leader*

Let us pray.

### **The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary) (or Traditional)**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Suffrages**

### *Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

### *Response*

And grant us your salvation.

### *Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

### *Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

### *Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

### *Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

### *Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon Earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

**The Collect of the Day: 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.*

**A Collect for Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So

clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

### **A Collect for Saturdays**

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **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](#).

### **The Commemoration**

During the reign of Constantine, first Roman Emperor to profess the Christian faith, his mother Helena went to Israel and there undertook to find the places especially significant to Christians. (She was helped in this by the fact that in their destructions around 135, the Romans had built pagan shrines over many of these sites.)

Having located, close together, what she believed to be the sites of the Crucifixion and of the Burial (at locations that modern archaeologists think may be correct), she then had built over them the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which was dedicated on 14 September 335.

September 14th has become a day for recognizing the Cross (in a festal atmosphere that would be inappropriate on Good Friday) as a symbol of triumph, as a sign of Christ's victory over death, and a reminder of His promise, "And when I am lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." (John 12:32)

Tertullian, in his *De Corona* (3:2), written around AD 211, says that Christians seldom do anything significant without making the sign of the cross. Certainly by his time the practice was well established.

Justin Martyr, in chapters 55 and 60 of his *First Apology* (Defence of the Christian Faith, addressed to the Emperor Antoninus Pius and therefore written between 148 and 155 AD), refers to the cross as a standard Christian symbol, but not explicitly to tracing the sign of the cross as a devotional gesture.

In the ruins of Pompeii (destroyed 79 AD), there is a room with an altar-like structure against one wall, and over the altar the appearance of the plaster shows that a cross-shaped object had been nailed to the wall, and forcibly pulled loose, apparently shortly before the volcano buried the city. It is suggested that this house may have belonged to a Christian family, and that they took the cross and other objects of value to them when they fled the city. This is not the only possible explanation, but I do not know of a likelier one.

The Christian custom of tracing the sign of the cross on persons and things as a sign of blessing is very old. Some think that it goes back to the very origins of Christianity and earlier.

In Ezekiel 9, we read that Ezekiel had a vision of the throne-room of God, in which an angel was sent to go through Jerusalem and put a mark on the foreheads of the faithful few who mourned for the sins of the city. Afterwards, other angels were sent through the city to destroy all those who had not the mark.



We find similar visionary material in Revelation 7:2-4; 9:4; 14:1, where the mark on the forehead again protects the faithful few in the day of wrath, and it is said to be the name of the Lamb and of His Father.

Now, the Hebrew word used for "mark" in Ezekiel is TAU, which is the also the name of the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet (the ancestor of the Greek letter TAU and our letter T), and it refers to a mark like an X or a +, two short lines crossing at right angles.

When the Essenes (the Dead Sea Scrolls people) received converts into their community, they baptized them and then signed them on their foreheads with a TAU, in token that they were part of the faithful remnant who mourned the sins of Israel, and that they would be spared in the day of God's wrath.

It seems probable that John the Baptist and his followers were in some measure influenced by the Essenes, and they had certainly read Ezekiel. Accordingly, the tracing of a TAU on the forehead may have been a part of John's method of baptism, and may have been adopted by the earliest Christians. (We remember that some of the Twelve disciples had previously been disciples of John the Baptist -- see John 1:35-37,40.) Very possibly they began by tracing the TAU without asking what it meant -- it was simply a mark, the mark mentioned by Ezekiel. Later, they may have identified it with the Name of God.

The Essenes, in some of their documents, used four dots in place of the four letters of the Name of God, and sometimes arranged them in a square. It would be easy to interpret the four ends of the TAU as representing the four letters of the Name of God.

Later, Christians, especially Greek-speaking Christians, might interpret the sign as a CHI, an X-shaped letter, the first letter of the word XPICTOC, or Christos, meaning the Anointed One, the Messiah, the Christ. Again, Christians might understand it to be the sign of the Cross of Christ, and it is

this interpretation that has prevailed.

Today, in many Christian churches, when someone is baptized, the baptizer afterwards traces the sign of the cross on the forehead of the newly baptized person. Often, some of the water that has been used for baptism is saved and placed in small bowls near the entrance to the church. Worshippers entering the church touch the surface of the water and then cross themselves as a way of reaffirming their baptismal covenant.

(A few years ago, a Jewish friend asked me, "May I go to the Easter Midnight service with you?" I said: "Certainly, if you like. However, I must warn you that there will be baptisms, and that afterwards the priest will take a bowl of baptismal water and a sprig of hyssop, and walk up and down the aisle sprinkling the congregation with the water, and if a single drop touches you, you will instantly turn into a goy." He answered, "I will bring an umbrella and open it at the appropriate time.")

As we have seen, the practice of using the sign of the cross in connection with Baptism may very well go back to the Apostles themselves, and back before them into their Essene and other Jewish roots, having its origin in the vision of Ezekiel. In fact, the concept may go back further than that. We read in Genesis 4 that, when Cain had killed his brother and was sent into exile, God set a mark (TAU) on Cain, so that no one would slay him. Thus, from the start, the Sign of the Cross has been the protection of the penitent and justified sinner.

What is the significance of the sign of the cross? Well, in the first place, we often place our initials or other personal mark on something to show that it belongs to us. The Cross is the personal mark of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and we mark it on ourselves as a sign that we belong to Him, just as in the book of Revelation, as noted above, the servants of God are sealed or marked on their foreheads as a sign that they are His.

Again, as one preacher has said, if you were telling someone how to make a cross, you might say (at least to an English speaker), "Draw an I and then cross it out." As we make the sign, we first draw a vertical stroke, as if to say to God, "Lord, here am I." Then we cancel it with a horizontal stroke, as if to say, "Help me, Lord, to abandon my self-centeredness and self-will, and to make you the center of my life instead. Fix all my attention and all my desire on you, Lord, that I may forget my self, cancel my self, abandon myself completely to your love and service."

### **The Shape of the Cross**

Most of us assume that we know what a cross looks like--that it is two beams of wood fastened together at right angles. However, occasionally we meet someone who claims otherwise. The counter-claim is likely to run like this:

"The churches will tell you that Jesus was put to death on a cross, but that is a lie. He was nailed to a single upright beam, with his hands directly over his head. The cross is a pagan symbol, actually a letter T, or Tau, standing for the god Tammuz, who was worshipped by the Canaanites. When you wear a cross, or make any religious use of a cross, you are really worshipping Tammuz, whether you know it or not; and any church that displays a cross, or sings hymns like "The Old Rugged Cross," or "Beneath the Cross of Jesus", actually has its origins in Tammuz-worship, and is an instrument of the Devil, and if you want to avoid the wrath of God, you had better flee from all such churches and sign up with the only organization in town that teaches Bible truth and is devoted to the pure worship of God and not of idols like Tammuz, and here I am, ready to sign you up."

It is therefore of some interest to know what evidence we have about the shape of the device on which Jesus was nailed up to die. Minucius Felix, a Christian who wrote a work called *Octavius* , probably a little before 200 AD, says (chapter 29) that the shape of the cross is to be found everywhere you look.

Indeed, we see the sign of the cross naturally formed by a ship when it carries a full press of sail, or when it glides over the sea with outspread oars.

Note that a ship with a single vertical mast and a triangular sail is a modern device, used for sailing upwind by repeated tacking. The ancients did not do this. They used a ship with a square sail, and a vertical mast with a horizontal spar across it to hold the top of the sail. Hence a cross shape. Note also, that it is not necessary to agree with Minucius Felix that there is anything significant about the many places that the shape of a cross can be seen. What matters is that he knows that his readers will understand the shape of a cross to be two beams at right angles, not just a vertical beam.

The Greek word for the cross of Jesus, used many times in the New Testament and in early Greek Christian writings, is *stauros* , and the corresponding verb is *staurizo* = "crucify". Now, do any early writers use these words in a way that would make it clear what shape they were talking about?

A pagan writer, Lucian of Samosata, probable dates 120-180 AD, wrote a fantasy called *The Trial of the Vowels* , in which the letter Tau is summoned before a panel of judges, the seven vowels, and is accused of being a general mischief-maker. The charges tend to be like this (to invent an example in English):

"Consider the word SUN. How good a thing the sun is! It is the source of light and warmth, and is indispensable for life itself. Along comes the letter T, and changes the word to STUN. What does it mean to stun a man? It means "to knock him out cold--to ice him," or to deprive him of warmth. It means "to punch his lights out," or to deprive him of light. It means "to knock him dead," or to deprive him of consciousness, and potentially of life itself. What a villain the letter T is, to turn good into evil in this fashion. (Several other examples follow.) And consider that evil thing, the STAUROS, instrument of torment and shame and death. It takes its name from the letter TAU, because it is

shaped like a TAU. What an evil device, and what an evil letter it is named for!"

Before I introduce my next writer, a digression is necessary. The Jews (beginning at what time I do not know) often wrote numbers using the letters of their alphabet, which has 22 letters. (Five of these letters developed distinct forms when used at the ends of words, which gives us 27 letters in all.) If we use the first nine letters for the numbers 1 to 9, the next nine for the numbers 10 to 90, and the last nine for the numbers 100 to 900, we can write anything from 1 to 999 in at most three characters. If we put a tick mark beside a letter to multiply its value by 1000, then with repeated tick marks we can write any positive whole number. (Note that not everyone used the five special forms. Without them, you get as far as Tau=400 and then use Tau Qoph =  $400+100=500$ , Tau Resh =  $400+200=600$ , etc.)

The Greeks used a similar system, which you can find in the writings of Archimedes. Their alphabet as we know it today has only 24 letters, but in an earlier version it had 27 letters. To round it out, add an F (or Digamma) after the Epsilon, and a Q (or Qoppa) after the Pi, and a Sampi (don't ask) at the end, and you have 27 letters. Use the first nine for 1 to 9, the middle nine for 10 to 90, the last nine for 100 to 900, tick marks or underlinings for multiplying by 100, and you are in business. If you omit the Hebrew letter Tsaddi, the remaining 21 letters correspond exactly and in the correct order with the first 21 letters of the 27-letter Greek alphabet. (The Greeks got their alphabet from the Pheonicians, whose language and alphabet were very similar to those of the Hebrews.)

With this system in hand, some Jewish students of the Scriptures noted the numerical values of various words or sentences, obtained by adding up the values of the letters, and found symbolic significance in the results. This is called *gematria* (from the Greek word for "geometry", here understood to mean mathematics in general). Obviously, the possibilities are endless. Some

Christians made similar use of the numerical values of Greek letters. Thus, since Jesus was crucified on Friday, the sixth day of the week, 6 stands for evil and death, as does its intensive form 666. But Jesus rose two days later, on what may be called the eighth day of the week, and so 8 is the number of resurrection, of renewal, of life restored and triumphant. It is thus no accident that the letters in the name of *Iesous* add up to 888.

Iota = 10

Eta = 8

Sigma = 200

Omicron = 70

Upsilon = 400

Sigma = 200

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Total = 888

Now for a particular example. In Genesis 14 we read that an invading army captured Abraham's nephew Lot and some others, and that Abraham took a band of 318 warriors, followed the army and in a surprise attack rescued the prisoners. Jewish scholars noted that 318 is written Cheth ("ch" as in "Bach," please) Yod Shin. Now Cheth Yod spells "chai," which means "life." Shin is the first letter of "shalom," which means "peace, deliverance, wholeness, well-being." Thus Abraham's group of warriors had 318 men in it, and was a source of life and peace to the prisoners whom they rescued.

Sometime between 70 (when the Temple was destroyed) and 135 (when Jerusalem was sacked again and a pagan shrine built on the site of the Temple), a man called Barnabas, or the pseudo-Barnabas, or Barnabas of Alexandria (not to be confused with the companion of Paul mentioned in the book of Acts), wrote a book called *The Epistle of Barnabas*, in which he points out that 318 written in Greek letters is Tau Iota Eta. Now, Tau clearly represents the cross, and Iota Eta are the first two letters of the Name of Jesus.



Hence, the source of the life and peace that Jewish scholars had discovered in Abraham's 318 men is none other than the cross of Jesus.

Now, whether you think that that is a remarkable insight, or think that Barnabas of Alexandria is a complete air-head, is beside the point. The point is that he would not have used this argument if he did not know, and expect his readers to know, that a cross is shaped like a Tau.

Thus, we see that among pagans and Christians alike in the second century of the Christian era, a time when crucifixions were a common method of execution and everyone knew what they looked like, there was a general understanding that if a man had been crucified, it was probably on a vertical and a horizontal beam.

written by James Kiefer

## **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 Joy in God's Creation**

O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to

behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For the Good Use of Leisure**

O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For the Unemployed**

Heavenly Father, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive just payment for their labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Hymn: Come, Holy Ghost**

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,  
and lighten with celestial fire.

Thou the anointing Spirit art,  
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above  
is comfort, life, and fire of love.

Enable with perpetual light  
the dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face  
with the abundance of thy grace.

Keep far our foes, give peace at home:  
where thou art guide, no ill can come.



Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
and thee, of both, to be but One,  
that through the ages all along,  
this may be our endless song:

Praise to thy eternal merit,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Words: Rhabanus Maurus (9th C)

Singers: The Choir of St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Edinburgh, Scotland

Tune: *Veni Creator Spiritus*

### **A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

### **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make  
our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-  
beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you  
will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as  
may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in  
the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

### **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

### **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## **An Order of Service for Noonday**

### **The Opening**

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

## **The Psalm**

### **Psalm 119 *Lucerna pedibus meis***

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.

<sup>106</sup> I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.

<sup>107</sup> I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

<sup>108</sup> Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.

<sup>109</sup> My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.

<sup>110</sup> The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

<sup>111</sup> Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

<sup>112</sup> I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Word**

### *Leader*

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that  
has been given to us. Romans 5:5

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Response*

Christ, have mercy.

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to traditional](#)

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

**The Collect**

*Leader*

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## Intercessions

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.



*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

**The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

## *Response*

Thanks be to God.

## Jump to Noonday

Sunday

Morning Prayer

Proper 19

## The Opening

### Opening Sentence

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalm 19:14*

### Hymn: Awake, awake: fling off the night!

Awake, awake: fling off the night!

For God has sent a glorious light;  
and we who live in Christ's new day  
must works of darkness put away.

Let in the light; all sin expose  
to Christ, whose life no darkness knows.  
Before the cross expectant kneel;  
That Christ may judge, and judging heal.

Awake, and rise up from the dead,  
and Christ his light on you will shed.  
Its power will wrong desires destroy,  
and your whole nature fill with joy.

Then sing for joy, and use each day;  
give thanks for everything alway.  
Lift up your hearts; with one accord  
praise God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Words: [J.R. Peacey](#)

Tune: *Deus tuorum militum*

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

**Antiphon**

The Earth is the Lord's, for he made it:  
Come let us adore him.

**Jubilate**

***Psalm 100***

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Earth is the Lord's, for he made it:  
Come let us adore him.

## The Psalter

### 24 *Domini est terra* or Coverdale

- <sup>1</sup> The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, \*  
the world and all who dwell therein.
- <sup>2</sup> For it is he who founded it upon the seas \*  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- <sup>3</sup> "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? \*  
and who can stand in his holy place?"
- <sup>4</sup> "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, \*  
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,  
nor sworn by what is a fraud.
- <sup>5</sup> They shall receive a blessing from the Lord \*  
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
- <sup>6</sup> Such is the generation of those who seek him, \*  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- <sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.
- <sup>8</sup> "Who is this King of glory?" \*  
"The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord, mighty in battle."
- <sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.
- <sup>10</sup> "Who is he, this King of glory?" \*  
"The Lord of hosts,

he is the King of glory."

**29 *Afferte Domino***  
**or Coverdale**

- <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- <sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- <sup>3</sup>The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- <sup>4</sup>The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- <sup>5</sup>The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- <sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- <sup>7</sup>The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- <sup>8</sup>The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.
- <sup>9</sup>And in the temple of the Lord \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"
- <sup>10</sup>The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.  
The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

## The Lessons

### The Old Testament Lesson

#### *Reader*

A Reading from the Book of Job 38:1, 18-41

<sup>38</sup>Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: <sup>18</sup>Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this. <sup>19</sup>"Where is the way to the dwelling of light, and where is the place of darkness, <sup>20</sup>that you may take it to its territory and that you may discern the paths to its home? <sup>21</sup>Surely you know, for you were born then, and the number of your days is great! <sup>22</sup>"Have you entered the storehouses of the snow, or have you seen the storehouses of the hail, <sup>23</sup>which I have reserved for the time of trouble, for the day of battle and war? <sup>24</sup>What is the way to the place where the light is distributed, or where the east wind is scattered upon the earth? <sup>25</sup>"Who has cut a channel for the torrents of rain, and a way for the thunderbolt, <sup>26</sup>to bring rain on a land where no one lives, on the desert, which is empty of human life, <sup>27</sup>to satisfy the waste and desolate land, and to make the ground put forth grass? <sup>28</sup>"Has the rain a father, or who has begotten the



drops of dew? <sup>29</sup>From whose womb did the ice come forth, and who has given birth to the hoarfrost of heaven? <sup>30</sup>The waters become hard like stone, and the face of the deep is frozen. <sup>31</sup>"Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades, or loose the cords of Orion? <sup>32</sup>Can you lead forth the Mazzaroth in their season, or can you guide the Bear with its children? <sup>33</sup>Do you know the ordinances of the heavens? Can you establish their rule on the earth? <sup>34</sup>"Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you? <sup>35</sup>Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, 'Here we are'? <sup>36</sup>Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind? <sup>37</sup>Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens, <sup>38</sup>when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together? <sup>39</sup>"Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, <sup>40</sup>when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert? <sup>41</sup>Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

**Canticle M**

**A Song of Faith**

***1 Peter 1:3-4,18-21***

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, \*  
by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;  
Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, \*  
we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.

The ransom that was paid to free us \*  
was not paid in silver or gold,  
But in the precious blood of Christ, \*  
the Lamb without spot or stain.  
God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory \*  
so that we might have faith and hope in God.

## **The New Testament Lesson**

### *Reader*

A Reading from the Revelation to John 18:1-8

<sup>1</sup>After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority; and the earth was made bright with his splendor. <sup>2</sup>He called out with a mighty voice, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! It has become a dwelling-place of demons, a haunt of every foul spirit, a haunt of every foul bird, a haunt of every foul and hateful beast. <sup>3</sup>For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have grown rich from the power of her luxury." <sup>4</sup>Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, so that you do not take part in her sins, and so that you do not share in her plagues; <sup>5</sup>for her sins are heaped high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. <sup>6</sup>Render to her as she herself has rendered, and repay her double for her deeds; mix a double draught for her in the cup she mixed. <sup>7</sup>As she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, so give her a like measure of torment and grief. Since in her heart she says, 'I rule as a queen; I am no widow, and I will never see grief,' <sup>8</sup>therefore her plagues will come in a single day— pestilence and mourning and famine— and she will be burned with fire; for mighty is the Lord God who judges her."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **21 You are God *Te Deum laudamus***

You are God: we praise you;

You are the Lord: we acclaim you;

You are the eternal Father:

All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,

Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;

Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,

the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free

you did not shun the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.

## **The Gospel**

*Reader*

A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew 5:21-26

<sup>21</sup>"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' <sup>22</sup>But 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. <sup>23</sup>So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come 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. <sup>26</sup>Truly 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 Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

God be with you.

### *Response*

And also with you.

### *Leader*

Let us pray.

### *Everyone*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

**(or Traditional)**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Suffrages**

### *Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

### *Response*

And grant us your salvation.

### *Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

### *Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

### *Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

### *Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

### *Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

### *Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

### *Leader*

Let your way be known upon Earth;

### *Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

### *Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

### *Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

### *Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

### *Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 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.*

### **A Collect for Sundays**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **A Collect for Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **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 acceptance

Save thy servant, that hath none

Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or prayers from the [Book of Common Prayer](#)).*

### For the Church

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.

### For Church Musicians and Artists

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For Families**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who places solitary persons in families: We commend to your continual care the homes in which your people dwell. Put far from them, we beseech you, every root of bitterness, the desire of vainglory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, and godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in marriage, have been made one flesh. Turn the hearts of the parents to the children, and the hearts of the children to the parents; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we may evermore be kindly one to another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: Come, gracious Spirit**

Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
with light and comfort from above;  
be thou our guardian, thou our guide  
o'er every thought and step preside.  
O'er every thought and step preside.

The light of truth to us display,  
and make us know and choose thy way;  
plant holy fear in every heart,  
that we from God may ne'er depart.  
That we from God may ne'er depart.

Lead us to holiness, the road  
which we must take to dwell with God.  
Lead us to Christ, the living way  
nor let us from His pastures stray.  
Nor let us from His pastures stray.

Lead us to God our final rest  
to be with Him forever blest.  
Lead us to heaven, its bliss to share  
fulness of joy forever there.  
Fulless of joy forever there.

### **A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

### **The Ending**

#### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make  
our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-  
beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you  
will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as  
may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in  
the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

### **Benediction**

#### *Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

#### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of  
the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen. *2 Corinthians 13:14*



## **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## **An Order of Service for Noonday**

### **The Opening**

#### *Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

#### *Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

#### *Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

### **The Psalm**

#### **Psalm 126 *In convertendo***

<sup>1</sup> When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup> Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

<sup>3</sup> Then they said among the nations, \*  
The Lord has done great things for them.

<sup>4</sup> The Lord has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.

<sup>5</sup> Restore our fortunes, O Lord, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.

<sup>6</sup> Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.

<sup>7</sup> Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Word**

### *Leader*

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of Hosts. Malachi 1:11

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to traditional](#)

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be



found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

### *Response*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

### *Response*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

### *Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

### *Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

## Jump to Noonday

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## The Opening

### Opening Sentence

I was glad when they said to me,” Let us go to the house of the Lord.” *Psalm 122:1*

### Hymn: Awake, awake to love and work!

Awake, awake to love and work!

The lark is in the sky;

The fields are wet with diamond dew;

The worlds awake to cry

Their blessings on the Lord of life,

As He goes meekly by.

Come, let thy voice be one with theirs,

Shout with their shout of praise;

See how the giant sun soars up,

Great lord of years and days!

So let the love of Jesus come

And set thy soul ablaze.

To give and give, and give again,

What God hath given thee;

To spend thyself nor count the cost;

To serve right gloriously

The God Who gave all worlds that are,  
And all that are to be.

Words: Geoffrey Anketel Studdert Kennedy (1921)

Tune: *Morning Song*, from Kentucky Harmony, 1816

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

### **Antiphon**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:  
Come let us adore him.

### **Venite *Psalm 95:1-7***

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

Come let us adore him.

## **The Psalter**

### **56 *Miserere mei, Deus***

#### **or Coverdale**

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,  
for my enemies are hounding me; \*  
all day long they assault and oppress me.

<sup>2</sup> They hound me all the day long; \*  
truly there are many who fight against me, O Most High.

<sup>3</sup> Whenever I am afraid, \*  
I will put my trust in you.

<sup>4</sup> In God, whose word I praise,  
in God I trust and will not be afraid, \*  
for what can flesh do to me?

<sup>5</sup> All day long they damage my cause; \*  
their only thought is to do me evil.

<sup>6</sup> They band together; they lie in wait; \*  
they spy upon my footsteps;  
because they seek my life.

<sup>7</sup> Shall they escape despite their wickedness? \*  
O God, in your anger, cast down the peoples.

<sup>8</sup> You have noted my lamentation;  
put my tears into your bottle; \*  
are they not recorded in your book?

- <sup>9</sup> Whenever I call upon you, my enemies will be put to flight; \*  
this I know, for God is on my side.
- <sup>10</sup> In God the Lord, whose word I praise,  
in God I trust and will not be afraid, \*  
for what can mortals do to me?
- <sup>11</sup> I am bound by the vow I made to you, O God; \*  
I will present to you thank-offerings;
- <sup>12</sup> For you have rescued my soul from death  
and my feet from stumbling, \*  
that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

**57 *Miserere mei, Deus***  
**or Coverdale**

- <sup>1</sup> Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful,  
for I have taken refuge in you; \*  
in the shadow of your wings will I take refuge  
until this time of trouble has gone by.
- <sup>2</sup> I will call upon the Most High God, \*  
the God who maintains my cause.
- <sup>3</sup> He will send from heaven and save me;  
he will confound those who trample upon me; \*  
God will send forth his love and his faithfulness.
- <sup>4</sup> I lie in the midst of lions that devour the people; \*  
their teeth are spears and arrows,  
their tongue a sharp sword.
- <sup>5</sup> They have laid a net for my feet,  
and I am bowed low; \*  
they have dug a pit before me,



but have fallen into it themselves.

<sup>6</sup> Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, \*  
and your glory over all the Earth.

<sup>7</sup> My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; \*  
I will sing and make melody.

<sup>8</sup> Wake up, my spirit;  
awake, lute and harp; \*  
I myself will waken the dawn.

<sup>9</sup> I will confess you among the peoples, O Lord; \*  
I will sing praise to you among the nations.

<sup>10</sup> For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, \*  
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

<sup>11</sup> Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, \*  
and your glory over all the Earth.

## **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 40:1-24

<sup>40</sup> And the Lord said to Job: <sup>2</sup>"Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty?

Anyone who argues with God must respond." <sup>3</sup>Then Job answered the Lord:  
<sup>4</sup>"See, I am of small account; what shall I answer you? I lay my hand on my  
mouth. <sup>5</sup>I have spoken once, and I will not answer; twice, but will proceed no  
further."

<sup>6</sup>Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: <sup>7</sup>"Gird up your loins like a  
man; I will question you, and you declare to me. <sup>8</sup>Will you even put me in the  
wrong? Will you condemn me that you may be justified? <sup>9</sup>Have you an arm  
like God, and can you thunder with a voice like his? <sup>10</sup>"Deck yourself with  
majesty and dignity; clothe yourself with glory and splendor. <sup>11</sup>Pour out the  
overflowings of your anger, and look on all who are proud, and abase them.  
<sup>12</sup>Look on all who are proud, and bring them low; tread down the wicked  
where they stand. <sup>13</sup>Hide them all in the dust together; bind their faces in the  
world below. <sup>14</sup>Then I will also acknowledge to you that your own right hand  
can give you victory.

<sup>15</sup>"Look at Behemoth, which I made just as I made you; it eats grass like an  
ox. <sup>16</sup>Its strength is in its loins, and its power in the muscles of its belly. <sup>17</sup>It  
makes its tail stiff like a cedar; the sinews of its thighs are knit together. <sup>18</sup>Its  
bones are tubes of bronze, its limbs like bars of iron. <sup>19</sup>"It is the first of the  
great acts of God— only its Maker can approach it with the sword. <sup>20</sup>For the  
mountains yield food for it where all the wild animals play. <sup>21</sup>Under the lotus  
plants it lies, in the covert of the reeds and in the marsh. <sup>22</sup>The lotus trees  
cover it for shade; the willows of the wadi surround it. <sup>23</sup>Even if the river is  
turbulent, it is not frightened; it is confident though Jordan rushes against its  
mouth. <sup>24</sup>Can one take it with hooks or pierce its nose with a snare?

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 9**

### **The First Song of Isaiah**

*Ecce, Deus*

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, \*

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The New Testament Lesson**

*Reader*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 15:36-16:5

<sup>36</sup>After some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Come, let us return and visit the believers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord and see how they are doing." <sup>37</sup>Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark.

<sup>38</sup>But Paul decided not to take with them one who had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not accompanied them in the work. <sup>39</sup>The disagreement became so sharp that they parted company; Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus. <sup>40</sup>But Paul chose Silas and set out, the believers commending him to the grace of the Lord. <sup>41</sup>He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

<sup>16</sup>Paul went on also to Derbe and to Lystra, where there was a disciple named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer; but his father was a Greek. <sup>2</sup>He was well spoken of by the believers in Lystra and Iconium. <sup>3</sup>Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him; and he took him and had him circumcised because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. <sup>4</sup>As they went from town to town, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. <sup>5</sup>So the churches were strengthened in the faith and increased in numbers daily.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 19**

### **The Song of the Redeemed**

#### ***Magna et mirabilia***

Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Gospel**

### *Reader*

A Reading from the Gospel According to John 11:55-12:8

<sup>55</sup>Now the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went up from the country to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves. <sup>56</sup>They 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?" <sup>57</sup>Now 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.

<sup>12</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary 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.

But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>(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.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You 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 Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

God be with you.

### *Response*

And also with you.

### *Leader*

Let us pray.

### *Everyone*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or Traditional)**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Suffrages**

### *Leader*

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

### *Response*

Govern and uphold them, now and always.

### *Leader*

Day by day we bless you;

### *Response*

We praise your Name for ever.

### *Leader*



Lord, keep us from all sin today;

*Response*

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

*Response*

For we put our trust in you.

*Leader*

In you, Lord, is our hope;

*Response*

And we shall never hope in vain.

**The Collect of the Day: Proper 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.*

**A Collect for Mission**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**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](#).

## **The Commemoration**

Ninian is also called Nynia, Ninias, Rigna, Trignan, Ninnidh, Ringan, Ninus, or Dinan.

He was a Celt, born in southern Scotland in about 360, and is regarded as the first major preacher of the Gospel to the people living in Britain north of the Wall--that is, living outside the territory that had been under Roman rule.

He is said to have studied in Rome (note that he is contemporary with Ambrose, Jerome, and Augustine), but was chiefly influenced by his friendship with Martin of Tours, with whom he spent some considerable time when he was returning from Italy to Britain. It is probable that he named his headquarters in Galloway after Martin's foundation in Gall. Martin had a monastery known as LOCO TEIAC, a Latinized form of the Celtic LEUG TIGIAC. LEUG means "white, shining," and TIG means "house" (a shanty, or SHAN-TIG, is an old house). The suffix -AC means "little." Thus, Martin's monastery had a name which in Celtic means "little white house."

At about the time of Martin's death in 397, Ninian built a church at Galloway, in southwest Scotland. It was built of stone and plastered white, an unusual construction in a land where almost all buildings were wood. He called it Candida Casa (White House) or Whithorn, presumably after Martin's foundation at Tours. Archaeologists have excavated and partially restored his church in this century.

From his base at Galloway, Ninian preached throughout southern Scotland, south of the Grampian Mountains, and conducted preaching missions among

the Picts of Scotland, as far north as the Moray Firth. He also preached in the Solway Plains and the Lake District of England.

Like Patrick (a generation later) and Columba (a century and a half later), he was a principal agent in preserving the tradition of the old Romano-British Church and forming the character of Celtic Christianity. Some historians think that the number and extent of his conversions has been exaggerated, but throughout southern Scotland there are many and widespread churches that bear his name, and have traditionally been assumed to be congregations originally founded by him.

Our information about him comes chiefly from Bede's History (Book 3, chapter 4), an anonymous 8th century account, and a 12th century account by Aelred. Aelred is writing 700 years after the event, and is for that reason rejected as untrustworthy by many critics. However, he claims to rely on an earlier account, "written by a barbarian." This suggests that he may have had an authentic record by a member of Ninian's community in Galloway.

See *The Christian Island*, by Beram Saklatvala (J M Dent, London, 1969), plus standard references.

written by James Kiefer

## **Prayer**

O God, who by the preaching of your blessed servant and bishop Ninian caused the light of the Gospel to shine in the land of Britain: Grant, we pray, that having his life and labors in remembrance, we may show our thankfulness by following the example of his zeal and patience; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

### **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication

Lord, give ear and acceptance

Save thy servant, that hath none

Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or prayers from the Book of Common Prayer).*

### **A Collect for Peace**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For All Sorts and Conditions**

O God, the creator and preserver of all, we humbly beseech you for all sorts and conditions of people; that you would be pleased to make your ways known unto them, your saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for your holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by your good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to your fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please you to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy

issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake.  
Amen.

### **For the Poor and Neglected**

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For Those Who Live Alone**

Almighty God, whose Son had nowhere to lay his head: Grant that those who live alone may not be lonely in their solitude, but that, following in his steps, they may find fulfillment in loving you and their neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Hymn: Come, let us join our cheerful songs**

Come, let us join our cheerful songs  
With angels round the throne.  
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,  
But all their joys are one.  
"Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry,  
"To be exalted thus!"  
"Worthy the Lamb," our hearts reply,  
"For He was slain for us!"  
Jesus is worthy to receive  
Honor and power divine;  
And blessings more than we can give,

Be, Lord, forever Thine.

The whole creation join in one,  
To bless the sacred Name  
Of Him that sits upon the throne,  
And to adore the Lamb.

### **A Prayer of Self-Dedication**

Almighty and eternal God,  
so draw our hearts to you,  
so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations,  
so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly yours,  
utterly dedicated unto you;  
and then use us, we pray you, as you will,  
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **The Ending**

#### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,

that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

### **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

### **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.

God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## **An Order of Service for Noonday**

### **The Opening**

#### *Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

#### *Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

#### *Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

### **The Psalm**

#### **Psalm 119 *Lucerna pedibus meis***

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.

<sup>106</sup> I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.

<sup>107</sup> I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

<sup>108</sup> Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.



<sup>109</sup> My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.

<sup>110</sup> The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

<sup>111</sup> Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

<sup>112</sup> I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Word**

### *Leader*

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that  
has been given to us. *Romans 5:5*

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Response*

Christ, have mercy.

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to traditional](#)

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

**The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## Jump to Noonday

Tuesday

Morning Prayer

Proper 19

Hildegard of Bingen

## The Opening

### Opening Sentence

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. /  
*Corinthians 15:57*

### Hymn: Awake from your slumber!

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!

A new day is dawning for all those who weep.

The people in darkness have seen a great light.

The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Let us build the city of God.

May our tears be turned into dancing!

For the Lord, our light and our Love,

has turned the night into day!

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.

The One who has loved us has brightened our way.

Let us build the city of God.

May our tears be turned into dancing!

For the Lord, our Light and our Love,

has turned the night into day!

(coda) God is Light; in him there is no darkness.

Let us walk in his Light, his children one and all.

O comfort my people make gentle your words,  
proclaim to my city the day of her birth.

Let us build the city of God.

May our tears be turned into dancing!

For the Lord, our light and our Love,  
has turned the night into day!

Words and Music: Dan Schutte

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*



Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

## **Antiphon**

The Earth is the Lord's, for he made it:  
Come let us adore him.

## **Jubilate**

### ***Psalm 100***

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Earth is the Lord's, for he made it:  
Come let us adore him.

## **The Psalter**

### **61 *Exaudi, Deus* or *Coverdale***

<sup>1</sup>Hear my cry, O God, \*  
and listen to my prayer.

<sup>2</sup>I call upon you from the ends of the earth  
with heaviness in my heart; \*  
set me upon the rock that is higher than I.

<sup>3</sup>For you have been my refuge, \*  
a strong tower against the enemy.

<sup>4</sup>I will dwell in your house for ever; \*  
I will take refuge under the cover of your wings.

<sup>5</sup>For you, O God, have heard my vows; \*  
you have granted me the heritage of those  
who fear your Name.

<sup>6</sup>Add length of days to the king's life; \*  
let his years extend over many generations.

<sup>7</sup>Let him sit enthroned before God for ever; \*  
bid love and faithfulness watch over him.

<sup>8</sup>So will I always sing the praise of your Name, \*  
and day by day I will fulfill my vows.

## **62 *Nonne Deo?***

**or Coverdale**

<sup>1</sup>For God alone my soul in silence waits; \*  
from him comes my salvation.

<sup>2</sup>He alone is my rock and my salvation, \*  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.

<sup>3</sup>How long will you assail me to crush me,  
all of you together, \*  
as if you were a leaning fence, a toppling wall?

<sup>4</sup>They seek only to bring me down from my place of honor; \*  
lies are their chief delight.

<sup>5</sup>They bless with their lips, \*  
but in their hearts they curse.

<sup>6</sup>For God alone my soul in silence waits; \*  
truly, my hope is in him.

<sup>7</sup>He alone is my rock and my salvation, \*  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

<sup>8</sup>In God is my safety and my honor; \*  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

<sup>9</sup>Put your trust in him always, O people, \*  
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

<sup>10</sup>Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, \*  
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

<sup>11</sup>On the scales they are lighter than a breath, \*  
all of them together.

<sup>12</sup>Put no trust in extortion;  
in robbery take no empty pride; \*

though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

<sup>13</sup>God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, \*  
that power belongs to God.

<sup>14</sup>Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, \*  
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

## **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 40:1; 41:1-11

<sup>40</sup>And the Lord said to Job:

<sup>41</sup>"Can you draw out Leviathan with a fishhook, or press down its tongue with a cord? <sup>2</sup>Can you put a rope in its nose, or pierce its jaw with a hook? <sup>3</sup>Will it make many supplications to you? Will it speak soft words to you? <sup>4</sup>Will it make a covenant with you to be taken as your servant forever? <sup>5</sup>Will you play with it as with a bird, or will you put it on leash for your girls? <sup>6</sup>Will traders bargain over it? Will they divide it up among the merchants? <sup>7</sup>Can you fill its skin with harpoons, or its head with fishing spears? <sup>8</sup>Lay hands on it; think of the battle; you will not do it again! <sup>9</sup>Any hope of capturing it will be

disappointed; were not even the gods overwhelmed at the sight of it? <sup>10</sup>No one is so fierce as to dare to stir it up. Who can stand before it?

<sup>11</sup>Who can confront it and be safe? —under the whole heaven, who?  
The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 13**

### **A Song of Praise**

#### ***Benedictus es, Domine***

Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The New Testament Lesson**

*Reader*

## A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 16:6-15

<sup>6</sup>They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. <sup>7</sup>When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; <sup>8</sup>so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. <sup>9</sup>During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup>When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. <sup>11</sup>We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup>On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup>A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

**Canticle 18**

**A Song to the Lamb**

## ***Dignus es***

Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
for ever and for evermore.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **Gospel**

### ***Reader***

A Reading from the Gospel According to John 12:9-19

<sup>9</sup>When 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. <sup>10</sup>So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, <sup>11</sup>since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

<sup>12</sup>The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So 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!" <sup>14</sup>Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: <sup>15</sup>"Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" <sup>16</sup>His 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. <sup>17</sup>So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. <sup>18</sup>It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. <sup>19</sup>The 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 Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,



and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

God be with you.

### *Response*

And also with you.

### *Leader*

Let us pray.

### *Everyone*

## **The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary) (or Traditional)**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Suffrages**

*Leader*

Help us, O God our Savior;

*Response*

Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

*Leader*

Look upon your congregation;

*Response*

Give to your people the blessing of peace.

*Leader*

Declare your glory among the nations;

*Response*

And your wonders among all peoples.

*Leader*

Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

*Response*

Never forget the lives of your poor.

*Leader*

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

*Response*

And your favor to those who are true of heart.

*Leader*

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

*Response*

So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

**The Collect of the Day: Proper 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.*

## **A Collect for Mission**

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **A Collect for Guidance**

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **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](#).

## **The Commemoration**

"Listen: there was once a king sitting on his throne. Around him stood great and wonderfully beautiful columns ornamented with ivory, bearing the banners of the king with great honor. Then it pleased the king to raise a small feather from the ground, and he commanded it to fly. The feather flew, not because of anything in itself but because the air bore it along. Thus am I, a feather on the breath of God."

Hildegard of Bingen has been called by her admirers "one of the most important figures in the history of the Middle Ages," and "the greatest woman of her time." Her time was the 1100's (she was born in 1098), the century of Eleanor of Aquitaine, of Peter Abelard and Bernard of Clairvaux, of the rise

of the great universities and the building of Chartres cathedral. She was the daughter of a knight, and when she was eight years old she went to the Benedictine monastery at Mount St Disibode to be educated.

The monastery was in the Celtic tradition, and housed both men and women (in separate quarters). When Hildegard was eighteen, she became a nun. Twenty years later, she was made the head of the female community at the monastery. Within the next four years, she had a series of visions, and devoted the ten years from 1140 to 1150 to writing them down, describing them (this included drawing pictures of what she had seen), and commenting on their interpretation and significance.

During this period, Pope Eugenius III sent a commission to inquire into her work. The commission found her teaching orthodox and her insights authentic, and reported so to the Pope, who sent her a letter of approval. (He was probably encouraged to do so by his friend and former teacher, Bernard of Clairvaux.) She wrote back urging the Pope to work harder for reform of the Church.

The community of nuns at Mount St. Disibode was growing rapidly, and they did not have adequate room. Hildegard accordingly moved her nuns to a location near Bingen, and founded a monastery for them completely independent of the double monastery they had left. She oversaw its construction, which included such features (not routine in her day) as water pumped in through pipes. The abbot they had left opposed their departure, and the resulting tensions took a long time to heal.

Hildegard travelled throughout southern Germany and into Switzerland and as far as Paris, preaching. Her sermons deeply moved the hearers, and she was asked to provide written copies. In the last year of her life, she was briefly in trouble because she provided Christian burial for a young man who had been excommunicated. Her defense was that he had repented on his deathbed, and

received the sacraments. Her convent was subjected to an interdict, but she protested eloquently, and the interdict was revoked. She died on 17 September 1179.

Her surviving works include more than a hundred letters to emperors and popes, bishops, nuns, and nobility. (Many persons of all classes wrote to her, asking for advice, and one biographer calls her "the Dear Abby of the twelfth century.") She wrote 72 songs including a play set to music. Musical notation had only shortly before developed to the point where her music was recorded in a way that we can read today. Accordingly, some of her work is now available on compact disk, and presumably sounds the way she intended.

My former room-mate, a non-Christian and a professional musician, is an enthusiastic admirer of her work and considers her a musical genius. Certainly her compositional style is like nothing else we have from the twelfth century. The play set to music is called the *Ordo Virtutum* and show us a human soul who listens to the Virtues, turns aside to follow the Devil, and finally returns to the Virtues, having found that following the Devil does not make one happy.

She left us about seventy poems and nine books. Two of them are books of medical and pharmaceutical advice, dealing with the workings of the human body and the properties of various herbs. (These books are based on her observations and those of others, not on her visions.) I am told that some modern researchers are now checking her statements in the hope of finding some medicinal properties of some plant that has been overlooked till now by modern medicine.

She also wrote a commentary on the Gospels and another on the Athanasian Creed. Much of her work has recently been translated into English, part in series like *Classics of Western Spirituality*, and part in other collections or separately. If your university library or bookstore cannot help you, try a

Christian bookstore. If they do not have it, try a trendy (feminist, New Age, ecology) bookstore. But her major works are three books on theology: *Scivias* ("Know the paths!"), *Liber Vitae Meritorum* (on ethics), and *De Operatione Dei*. They deal (or at least the first and third do) with the material of her visions. The visions, as she describes them, are often enigmatic but deeply moving, and many who have studied them believe that they have learned something from the visions that is not easily put into words.

On the other hand, we have the recent best-seller, *The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat*, by Oliver Sacks, Professor of Clinical Neurology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and author of *Migraine* and various other books. Professor Sacks is concerned with the relation of the brain to the mind, and ways in which the physical state of the nervous system can affect our ways of perceiving reality. He views the pictures in Hildegard's books of what she saw in her visions, and says, "The style of the pictures is a clear indication that the seer suffered regularly from migraine attacks. Migraine sufferers tend to see things in this manner." And indeed, it is true that Hildegard suffered throughout her life from painful attacks of what may have been migraine. Professor Sacks hastens to add that this has nothing to do with whether her visions are authentic insights into the nature of God and His relation to the Universe.

Hildegard has undergone a remarkable rise in popularity in the last thirty years, since many readers have found in her visions, or read into them, themes that seem to speak to many modern concerns. For example:

Although she would have rejected much of the rhetoric of women's liberation, she never hesitated to say what she thought needed to be said, or to do what she thought needed to be done, simply because she was a woman. When Pope or Emperor needed a rebuke, she rebuked them.

Her writings bring science, art, and religion together. She is deeply involved

in all three, and looks to each for insights that will enrich her understanding of the others.

Her use of parable and metaphor, of symbols, visual imagery, and non-verbal means to communicate makes her work reach out to many who are totally deaf to more standard approaches. In particular, non-Western peoples are often accustomed to expressing their views of the world in visionary language, and find that Hildegard's use of similar language to express a Christian view of reality produces instant rapport, if not necessarily instant agreement.

Hildegard wrote and spoke extensively about social justice, about freeing the downtrodden, about the duty of seeing to it that every human being, made in the image of God, has the opportunity to develop and use the talents that God has given him, and to realize his God-given potential. This strikes a chord today.

Hildegard wrote explicitly about the natural world as God's creation, charged through and through with His beauty and His energy; entrusted to our care, to be used by us for our benefit, but not to be mangled or destroyed.

written by James Kiefer

## **Prayer**

God of all times and seasons: Give us grace that we, after the example of your servant Hildegard, may both know and make known the joy and jubilation of being part of your creation, and show forth your glory in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

### *Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

### *Everyone sings or says*



## **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and 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 Human Family**

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **For Prisons and Correctional Institutions**

Lord Jesus, for our sake you were condemned as a criminal: Visit our jails and prisons with your pity and judgment. Remember all prisoners, and bring the guilty to repentance and amendment of life according to your will, and give them hope for their future. When any are held unjustly, bring them release; forgive us, and teach us to improve our justice. Remember those who work in these institutions; keep them humane and compassionate; and save them from becoming brutal or callous. And since what we do for those in prison, O Lord, we do for you, constrain us to improve their lot. All this we ask for your mercy's sake. Amen.

## **For the Victims of Addiction**

Blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. Amen.

### **Hymn: Come! live in the light!**

Come! live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

We are called to act with justice.

We are called to love tenderly.

We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!

Show your mercy to all those in fear!

We are called to be hope for the hopeless,  
so all hatred and blindness will be no more!

We are called to act with justice.

We are called to love tenderly.

We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Sing! Sing a new song!

Sing of that great day when all will be one!

God will reign and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love!

We are called to act with justice.

We are called to love tenderly.

We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Words and Music: David Hass

### **A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

### **The Ending**

#### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks

for all your goodness and loving-kindness

to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,

and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love

in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;

for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,

that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

### **Benediction**

#### *Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

#### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

### **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;

By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## **An Order of Service for Noonday**

### **The Opening**

#### *Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

#### *Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

#### *Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

### **The Psalm**

#### **Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos***

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

<sup>5</sup> The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

<sup>6</sup> So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord shall watch over your going out and  
your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Word**

### *Leader*

If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. *2 Corinthians 5:17-18*

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to traditional](#)

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be



found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

### *Response*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

### *Response*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

### *Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

### *Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

## Jump to Noonday

Wednesday

Morning Prayer

Proper 19

Dag Hjalmar Agne Carl Hammarskjöld

## The Opening

### Opening Sentence

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. *Colossians 3:1*

### Hymn: Awake, my soul

[27 second introduction]

Awake, my soul, and with the sun  
Thy daily stage of duty run  
Shake off dull sloth and joyful rise  
To pay thy morning sacrifice

[Interlude]

Lord, I my vows to Thee renew  
Disperse my sins as morning dew  
Guard my first spring of thought and will  
And with Thyself my spirit fill

[Interlude]

Direct, control, suggest this day  
All I design or do or say  
That all my pow'rs with all their might  
In Thy sole glory may unite

[Interlude]

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God, all creatures here below

Praise God above, ye heav'nly hosts

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Words: Thomas Ken

Tune: *Tallis Canon*

Arrangement: Nancy Raabe

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

## **Antiphon**

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:  
Come let us adore him.

## **Psalm 63:1-8 *Deus, Deus meus***

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.  
Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.  
For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.  
So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.  
My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*

and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,  
When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.  
For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.  
My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.  
The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:  
Come let us adore him.

## **The Psalter**

### **72 *Deus, judicium* or Coverdale**

- <sup>1</sup> Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- <sup>2</sup> That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;
- <sup>3</sup> That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness
- <sup>4</sup> He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor
- <sup>5</sup> He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another
- <sup>6</sup> He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth
- <sup>7</sup> In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace  
till the moon shall be no more

- <sup>8</sup> He shall rule from sea to sea, \*  
and from the River to the ends of the earth
- <sup>9</sup> His foes shall bow down before him, \*  
and his enemies lick the dust
- <sup>10</sup> The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \*  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts
- <sup>11</sup> All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
and all the nations do him service
- <sup>12</sup> For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*  
and the oppressed who has no helper
- <sup>13</sup> He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy
- <sup>14</sup> He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight
- <sup>15</sup> Long may he live!  
and may there be given to him gold from Arabia; \*  
may prayer be made for him always,  
and may they bless him all the day long
- <sup>16</sup> May there be abundance of grain on the Earth,  
growing thick even on the hilltops; \*  
may its fruit flourish like Lebanon,  
and its grain like grass upon the earth
- <sup>17</sup> May his Name remain for ever  
and be established as long as the sun endures; \*  
may all the nations bless themselves in him and  
call him blessed
- <sup>18</sup> Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, \*



who alone does wondrous deeds!

<sup>19</sup> And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \*  
and may all the Earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen. Amen.

## **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 42:1-17

<sup>42</sup>Then Job answered the Lord: <sup>2</sup>"I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. <sup>3</sup>'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. <sup>4</sup>'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' <sup>5</sup>I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; <sup>6</sup>therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

<sup>7</sup>After the Lord had spoken these words to Job, the Lord said to Eliphaz the Temanite: "My wrath is kindled against you and against your two friends; for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has. <sup>8</sup>Now therefore take seven bulls and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer

up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you, for I will accept his prayer not to deal with you according to your folly; for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has done." <sup>9</sup>So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went and did what the Lord had told them; and the Lord accepted Job's prayer.

<sup>10</sup>And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. <sup>11</sup>Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. <sup>12</sup>The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. <sup>13</sup>He also had seven sons and three daughters. <sup>14</sup>He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. <sup>15</sup>In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. <sup>16</sup>After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. <sup>17</sup>And Job died, old and full of days.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

**Canticle 11 The Third Song of Isaiah**

**Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19**

*Surge, illuminare*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
and his glory will appear upon you.

Nations will stream to your light, \*  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

Your gates will always be open; \*  
by day or night they will never be shut.

They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.

You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
and all your portals, Praise.

The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
and your God will be your glory.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The New Testament Lesson**

*Reader*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 16:16-24

<sup>16</sup>One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who

had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup>While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." <sup>18</sup>She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. <sup>19</sup>But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup>When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup>and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." <sup>22</sup>The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup>After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup>Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

**Canticle J**

**A Song of Judith**

***Judith 16:13-16***

I will sing a new song to my God, \*

for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.

Let the whole creation serve you, \*

for you spoke and all things came into being.

You sent your breath and it formed them, \*  
no one is able to resist your voice.  
Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, \*  
rocks melt like wax at your presence.  
But to those who fear you, \*  
you continue to show mercy.  
No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, \*  
but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **Gospel**

### *Reader*

A Reading from the Gospel According to John 12:20-26

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very 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. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever 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 Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

*Everyone*

**The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary)  
(or Traditional)**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those

who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Suffrages**

### *Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

### *Response*

And grant us your salvation.

### *Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

### *Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

### *Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

### *Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

### *Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

### *Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

### *Leader*



Let your way be known upon Earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

### **The Collect of the Day: Proper 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.*

### **A Collect for Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **A Collect for Peace**

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## **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](#).

## **The Commemoration**

Dag Hjalmar Agne Carl Hammarskjöld (pronounced HAM-mar-shold) was born in 1905, the son of the Prime Minister of Sweden. He studied law and economics, and taught economics at the University of Stockholm. He became president of the board of the Bank of Sweden, then Minister of State, then head of the Swedish delegation to the United Nations, and then Secretary General of the United Nations. In 1960 the Belgian Congo (now Zaire) became independent, and civil war promptly broke out. Hammarskjöld went in to negotiate a cease-fire, and was killed in a plane crash in Zambia on 18 September 1961.

For years, he had kept a private journal, writing down his thoughts on the Lordship of Christ and its meaning for his life. After his death, the journal was published under the title *Markings*. Two extracts follow.

God does not die on the day when we cease to believe in a personal deity, but we die on the day when our lives cease to be illumined by the steady radiance, renewed daily, of a wonder, the source of which is beyond all reason.

He who has surrendered himself to it knows that the Way ends on The Cross--

even when it is leading through the jubilation of Gennesaret or the triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

written by James Kiefer

## **Prayer**

Almighty God who exalted your humble Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords: Kindle within the hearts of the leaders of this world a yearning for peace with justice as you did within your servant Dag Hammarskjöld and, following his good example, ever guide our feet into the way of peace; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

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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 our Country**

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound

learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion us into one united people. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**For the President of the  
United States  
and all in Civil Authority**

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to your merciful care, that, being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to the President of the United States, the Governor of this State (or, Commonwealth), and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in your fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

**Hymn: Come to us, creative Spirit**

Come to us, creative Spirit,  
in our Father's house,  
every human talent hallow,  
hidden skills arouse,  
that, within our earthly temple,  
wise and simple  
may rejoice.

Poet, painter, music maker,  
all your treasures bring;  
craftsman, actor, graceful dancer,  
make your offering:  
join your hands in celebration!  
let creation  
shout and sing!

Word from God eternal springing,  
fill our minds, we pray,  
and in all artistic vision  
give integrity.  
May the flame within us burning  
kindle yearning  
day by day.

In all places and forever,  
glory be expressed  
to the Son, with God the Father  
and the Spirit blessed.  
In our worship and our living  
keep us striving  
for the best.

Lyrics: David Mowbray  
Music: Edwin G. Monk

### **A Prayer of Self-Dedication**

Almighty and eternal God,  
so draw our hearts to you,  
so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations,

so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly yours,  
utterly dedicated unto you;  
and then use us, we pray you, as you will,  
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make

our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## **Benediction**

### *Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

### *Leader*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. *Romans 15:13*

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## **An Order of Service for Noonday**

### **The Opening**

#### *Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

**The Psalm**

**Psalm 126 *In convertendo***

<sup>1</sup> When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup> Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

<sup>3</sup> Then they said among the nations, \*  
The Lord has done great things for them.

<sup>4</sup> The Lord has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.

<sup>5</sup> Restore our fortunes, O Lord, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.

<sup>6</sup> Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.

<sup>7</sup> Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*



as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Word**

### *Leader*

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of Hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Response*

Christ, have mercy.

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to traditional](#)

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

### **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

#### *Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

#### *Response*

And let our cry come to you.

#### *Leader*

Let us pray.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"  
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you,

O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we

pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## Jump to Noonday

Thursday

Morning Prayer

Proper 19

Theodore of Tarsus

## The Opening

### Opening Sentence

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. *John 4:23*

### Hymn: Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve

Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve,  
And press with vigor on;  
A heavenly race demands thy zeal,  
And an immortal crown.

'Tis God's all animating voice,  
That calls thee from on high;  
'Tis his own hand presents the prize  
To thine aspiring eye.

A cloud of witnesses around,  
Hold thee in full survey;  
Forget the steps already trod,  
And onward urge thy way.

Blessed Savior, introduced by thee,  
Our race have we begun;  
And crown'd with victory, at thy feet  
We lay our trophies down.

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South Africa

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy  
Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*



*Leader*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

**Antiphon**

God is the Rock of our salvation:  
O come let us worship.

**Venite *Psalm 95:1-7***

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

God is the Rock of our salvation:

O come let us worship.

## **The Psalter**

**71** *In te, Domine, speravi*

or **Coverdale**

- <sup>1</sup> In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; \*  
let me never be ashamed.
- <sup>2</sup> In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; \*  
incline your ear to me and save me.
- <sup>3</sup> Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; \*  
you are my crag and my stronghold.
- <sup>4</sup> Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, \*  
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.
- <sup>5</sup> For you are my hope, O Lord God, \*  
my confidence since I was young.
- <sup>6</sup> I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;  
from my mother's womb you have been my strength; \*  
my praise shall be always of you.
- <sup>7</sup> I have become a portent to many; \*  
but you are my refuge and my strength.
- <sup>8</sup> Let my mouth be full of your praise \*  
and your glory all the day long.
- <sup>9</sup> Do not cast me off in my old age; \*  
forsake me not when my strength fails.
- <sup>10</sup> For my enemies are talking against me, \*  
and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together.

- <sup>11</sup> They say, "God has forsaken him;  
go after him and seize him; \*  
because there is none who will save."
- <sup>12</sup> O God, be not far from me; \*  
come quickly to help me, O my God.
- <sup>13</sup> Let those who set themselves against me  
be put to shame and be disgraced; \*  
let those who seek to do me evil be covered with scorn  
and reproach.
- <sup>14</sup> But I shall always wait in patience, \*  
and shall praise you more and more.
- <sup>15</sup> My mouth shall recount your mighty acts  
and saving deeds all day long; \*  
though I cannot know the number of them.
- <sup>16</sup> I will begin with the mighty works of the Lord God \*  
I will recall your righteousness, yours alone.
- <sup>17</sup> O God, you have taught me since I was young, \*  
and to this day I tell of your wonderful works.
- <sup>18</sup> And now that I am old and gray-headed,  
O God, do not forsake me, \*  
till I make known your strength to this generation  
and your power to all who are to come.
- <sup>19</sup> Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the heavens; \*  
you have done great things;  
who is like you, O God?
- <sup>20</sup> You have showed me great troubles and adversities, \*  
but you will restore my life

and bring me up again from the deep places of the earth.

- <sup>21</sup> You strengthen me more and more; \*  
you enfold and comfort me,
- <sup>22</sup> Therefore I will praise you upon the lyre for your  
faithfulness, O my God; \*  
I will sing to you with the harp, O Holy One of Israel.
- <sup>23</sup> My lips will sing with joy when I play to you, \*  
and so will my soul, which you have redeemed.
- <sup>24</sup> My tongue will proclaim your righteousness all day long, \*  
for they are ashamed and disgraced who sought  
to do me harm.

## **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 28:1-28

<sup>28</sup>"Surely there is a mine for silver, and a place for gold to be refined. <sup>2</sup>Iron is taken out of the earth, and copper is smelted from ore. <sup>3</sup>Miners put an end to darkness, and search out to the farthest bound the ore in gloom and deep darkness. <sup>4</sup>They open shafts in a valley away from human habitation; they are

forgotten by travelers, they sway suspended, remote from people. <sup>5</sup>As for the earth, out of it comes bread; but underneath it is turned up as by fire. <sup>6</sup>Its stones are the place of sapphires, and its dust contains gold. <sup>7</sup>"That path no bird of prey knows, and the falcon's eye has not seen it. <sup>8</sup>The proud wild animals have not trodden it; the lion has not passed over it. <sup>9</sup>"They put their hand to the flinty rock, and overturn mountains by the roots. <sup>10</sup>They cut out channels in the rocks, and their eyes see every precious thing. <sup>11</sup>The sources of the rivers they probe; hidden things they bring to light. <sup>12</sup>"But where shall wisdom be found? And where is the place of understanding? <sup>13</sup>Mortals do not know the way to it, and it is not found in the land of the living.

<sup>14</sup>The deep says, 'It is not in me,' and the sea says, 'It is not with me.' <sup>15</sup>It cannot be gotten for gold, and silver cannot be weighed out as its price. <sup>16</sup>It cannot be valued in the gold of Ophir, in precious onyx or sapphire. <sup>17</sup>Gold and glass cannot equal it, nor can it be exchanged for jewels of fine gold.

<sup>18</sup>No mention shall be made of coral or of crystal; the price of wisdom is above pearls. <sup>19</sup>The chrysolite of Ethiopia cannot compare with it, nor can it be valued in pure gold.

<sup>20</sup>"Where then does wisdom come from? And where is the place of understanding? <sup>21</sup>It is hidden from the eyes of all living, and concealed from the birds of the air. <sup>22</sup>Abaddon and Death say, 'We have heard a rumor of it with our ears.' <sup>23</sup>"God understands the way to it, and he knows its place. <sup>24</sup>For he looks to the ends of the earth, and sees everything under the heavens.

<sup>25</sup>When he gave to the wind its weight, and apportioned out the waters by measure; <sup>26</sup>when he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the thunderbolt;

then he saw it and declared it; he established it, and searched it out. And 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.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 9**

### **The First Song of Isaiah**

*Ecce, Deus*

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, \*

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The New Testament Lesson

### *Reader*

A reading from the Letter to the Romans 8:1-11

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 16:25-40

<sup>25</sup>About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup>Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup>When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here."

<sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup>They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup>They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup>At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup>He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

<sup>35</sup>When morning came, the magistrates sent the police, saying, "Let those men go." <sup>36</sup>And the jailer reported the message to Paul, saying, "The magistrates sent word to let you go; therefore come out now and go in peace." <sup>37</sup>But Paul replied, "They have beaten us in public, uncondemned, men who are Roman citizens, and have thrown us into prison; and now are they going to discharge us in secret? Certainly not! Let them come and take us out themselves." <sup>38</sup>The

police reported these words to the magistrates, and they were afraid when they heard that they were Roman citizens; <sup>39</sup>so they came and apologized to them. And they took them out and asked them to leave the city. <sup>40</sup>After leaving the prison they went to Lydia's home; and when they had seen and encouraged the brothers and sisters there, they departed.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 19**

### **The Song of the Redeemed**

#### ***Magna et mirabilia***

Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **Gospel**

*Reader*



## A Reading from the Gospel According to John 12:27-36a

<sup>27</sup>"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. <sup>34</sup>The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" <sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. <sup>36</sup>While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light." After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

God be with you.

### *Response*

And also with you.

### *Leader*

Let us pray.

### *Everyone*

## **The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary) (or Traditional)**

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Suffrages**

### *Leader*

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

### *Response*

Govern and uphold them, now and always.

### *Leader*

Day by day we bless you;

### *Response*

We praise your Name for ever.

### *Leader*

Lord, keep us from all sin today;

### *Response*

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

### *Leader*

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

### *Response*

For we put our trust in you.

### *Leader*

In you, Lord, is our hope;

### *Response*

And we shall never hope in vain.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 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.*

### **A Collect for Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **A Collect for the Renewal of Life**

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **World Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the people of [Montserrat](#).

### **Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the [Uniting Church in Sweden](#).

### **The Commemoration**

When the pagan Anglo-Saxons invaded England, they drove the native Celtic inhabitants north into Scotland and west into Ireland, Wales, and Cornwall. The Anglo-Saxons were subsequently converted to Christianity by Celtic missionaries from the north and west, and Roman and Gallic missionaries

from the south and east.

As a result, they ended up with two different "flavors" of Christianity. The difference was expressed mainly in the form of a disagreement about the proper method for calculating the date of Easter, a disagreement which we may suspect was a stand-in for other disagreements a little more difficult to articulate. In 663, a council was called to settle the dispute, the Synod of Whitby. It decided in favor of the Roman or continental way of doing things.

Soon after, the Archbishop of Canterbury died, and the English elected a successor, Wighard, and sent him to Rome to be consecrated by the Pope. Wighard died in Rome before he could be consecrated, and the Pope (Vitalian) took it upon himself to choose a man to fill the vacancy. He consecrated Theodore of Tarsus (the native city of the Apostle Paul), a learned monk (not a priest) from the East then living in Rome, 65 years old.

This surprising choice turned out to be a very good one. Theodore was (as Bede put it in his *Ecclesiastical History*) "the first archbishop whom all the English obeyed."

Having made a tour of his charge, Theodore filled the vacant bishoprics and in 672 presided over the first council of the entire English Church, at Hertford.

He established definite territorial boundaries for the various dioceses, and founded new dioceses where needed. He found the Church of England an unorganized missionary body, and left it a fully ordered province of the universal Church. The body of canon law drawn up under his supervision, and his structure of dioceses and parishes, survived the turmoil of the 16th and 17th centuries and are substantially intact today.

He founded a school at Canterbury that trained Christians from both the Celtic and the Roman traditions, and did much to unite the two groups. The school was headed by Adrian, an abbot born in Africa but later resident in Italy, who had been the Pope's first choice for Archbishop, but who had refused and

recommended Theodore instead.

Adrian was learned in the Scriptures, a good administrator, and fluent in Latin and Greek. The school taught Bible, theology and sacred studies, Latin and Greek (Bede alleges that some of the students knew these languages as well as they knew English), poetry, astronomy, and calendar calculation (of some importance for political reasons, as stated above). Adrian died 9 January 710. Theodore died 19 September 690, being 88 years old.

written by James Kiefer

## **Prayer**

Almighty God, who gave your servant Theodore of Tarsus gifts of grace and wisdom to establish unity where there had been division and order where there had been chaos: Create in your church, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, such godly union and concord that it may proclaim, both by word and example, the Gospel of the Prince of Peace; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

### *Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

### *Everyone sings or says*

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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 Peace Among Nations**

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **For Those in the Armed Forces of Our Country**

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For the Conservation of Natural Resources**

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Hymn: Come we that love the Lord**

Come, we that love the Lord,  
And let our joys be known;  
Join in a song with sweet accord,  
Join in a song with sweet accord,  
And thus surround the throne,  
And thus surround the throne.



Let those refuse to sing  
Who never knew our God;  
But children of the heavenly King,  
But children of the heavenly King  
May speak their joys abroad,  
May speak their joys abroad.

The hill of Zion yields  
A thousand sacred sweets  
Before we reach the heav'nly fields,  
Before we reach the heav'nly fields  
Or walk the golden streets,  
Or walk the golden streets.

Then let our songs abound,  
And ev'ry tear be dry;  
We're marching through Immanuel's ground,  
We're marching through Immanuel's ground  
To fairer worlds on high,  
To fairer worlds on high.

'Cause we're marching on to Zion,  
Beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
We're marching upward to Zion,  
The beautiful city of God.

The beautiful city of God.

The beautiful city.

Yes, we're marching on to Zion,  
Beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
We're marching upward to Zion,  
The beautiful city of God.

Yes, we're marching on to Zion,  
Beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
We're marching upward to Zion,  
The beautiful city of God.

Choir: Sharon Mennonite Bible Institute Singers

Words: Issac Watts

Music: Robert Lowry

Tune: *St. Thomas*

### **A Prayer of Self-Dedication**

Almighty and eternal God,  
so draw our hearts to you,  
so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations,  
so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly yours,  
utterly dedicated unto you;  
and then use us, we pray you, as you will,  
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **The Ending**

#### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love

in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

### **Benediction**

#### *Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

#### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

#### *Leader*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

## Hymn: God Be With You

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## An Order of Service for Noonday

### The Opening

#### *Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

#### *Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

#### *Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

### The Psalm

#### Psalm 119 *Lucerna pedibus meis*

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.

<sup>106</sup> I have sworn and am determined \*

to keep your righteous judgments.

<sup>107</sup> I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

<sup>108</sup> Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.

<sup>109</sup> My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.

<sup>110</sup> The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

<sup>111</sup> Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

<sup>112</sup> I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Word**

### *Leader*

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. *Romans 5:5*

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Response*

Christ, have mercy.

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to traditional](#)

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.



*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## Jump to Noonday

Friday

Morning Prayer

Proper 19

John Coleridge Patteson

## The Opening

### Opening Sentence

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the Earth keep silence before him.

*Habakkuk 2:20*

### Hymn: Lord God of morning and of night

Lord God of morning and of night,  
We thank Thee for Thy gift of light;  
As in the dawn the shadows fly,  
We seem to find Thee now more nigh.

Yet, whilst Thy will we would pursue  
Oft what we would we cannot do.  
The sun may stand in zenith skies  
But on the soul thick midnight lies.

O Lord of lights, tis Thou alone  
Canst make our darkened hearts Thine own;  
O then be with us, Lord, that we  
In Thy great day may wake to Thee.

Praise God our Maker and our Friend;  
Praise Him through time, till time shall end;  
Till psalm and song His name adore  
Through heavens great day of evermore.

Singers: Harvard University Choir

Text: Francis Turner Palgrave

Music: M. Lee Sutor

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

### **Antiphon**

The Holy One is in our midst:  
O come let us worship.

### **Jubilate**

#### ***Psalm 100***

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Holy One is in our midst:

O come let us worship.

## The Psalter

**69:1-23; 31-38** *Salvum me fac*

or **Coverdale**

- <sup>1</sup> Save me, O God, \*  
for the waters have risen up to my neck.
- <sup>2</sup> I am sinking in deep mire, \*  
and there is no firm ground for my feet.
- <sup>3</sup> I have come into deep waters, \*  
and the torrent washes over me.
- <sup>4</sup> I have grown weary with my crying;  
my throat is inflamed; \*  
my eyes have failed from looking for my God.
- <sup>5</sup> Those who hate me without a cause  
are more than the hairs of my head;  
my lying foes who would destroy me are mighty. \*  
Must I then give back what I never stole?
- <sup>6</sup> O God, you know my foolishness, \*  
and my faults are not hidden from you.
- <sup>7</sup> Let not those who hope in you  
be put to shame through me, Lord GOD of hosts; \*  
let not those who seek you  
be disgraced because of me, O God of Israel.
- <sup>8</sup> Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, \*  
and shame has covered my face.
- <sup>9</sup> I have become a stranger to my own kindred, \*  
an alien to my mother's children.

- <sup>10</sup> Zeal for your house has eaten me up; \*  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.
- <sup>11</sup> I humbled myself with fasting, \*  
but that was turned to my reproach.
- <sup>12</sup> I put on sack-cloth also, \*  
and became a byword among them.
- <sup>13</sup> Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, \*  
and the drunkards make songs about me.
- <sup>14</sup> But as for me, this is my prayer to you, \*  
at the time you have set, O Lord:
- <sup>15</sup> "In your great mercy, O God, \*  
answer me with your unfailing help.
- <sup>16</sup> Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; \*  
let me be rescued from those who hate me  
and out of the deep waters.
- <sup>17</sup> Let not the torrent of waters wash over me,  
neither let the deep swallow me up; \*  
do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.
- <sup>18</sup> Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; \*  
in your great compassion, turn to me."
- <sup>19</sup> "Hide not your face from your servant; \*  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.
- <sup>20</sup> Draw near to me and redeem me; \*  
because of my enemies deliver me.
- <sup>21</sup> You know my reproach, my shame, and my dishonor; \*  
my adversaries are all in your sight."

Reproach has broken my heart, and it cannot be healed; \*  
I looked for sympathy, but there was none,  
for comforters, but I could find no one.

23 They gave me gall to eat, \*  
and when I was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink.

31 As for me, I am afflicted and in pain; \*  
your help, O God, will lift me up on high.

32 I will praise the Name of God in song; \*  
I will proclaim his greatness with thanksgiving.

33 This will please the Lord more than an offering of oxen, \*  
more than bullocks with horns and hoofs.

34 The afflicted shall see and be glad; \*  
you who seek God, your heart shall live.

35 For the Lord listens to the needy, \*  
and his prisoners he does not despise.

36 Let the heavens and the earth praise him, \*  
the seas and all that moves in them;

37 For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah; \*  
they shall live there and have it in possession.

38 The children of his servants will inherit it, \*  
and those who love his Name will dwell therein.

## **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 Esther 1:1-4, 10-19\*

<sup>1</sup>This happened in the days of Ahasuerus, the same Ahasuerus who ruled over one hundred twenty-seven provinces from India to Ethiopia. <sup>2</sup>In those days when King Ahasuerus sat on his royal throne in the citadel of Susa, <sup>3</sup>in the third year of his reign, he gave a banquet for all his officials and ministers. The army of Persia and Media and the nobles and governors of the provinces were present, <sup>4</sup>while he displayed the great wealth of his kingdom and the splendor and pomp of his majesty for many days, one hundred eighty days in all.

<sup>10</sup>On the seventh day, when the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha and Abagtha, Zethar and Carkas, the seven eunuchs who attended him, <sup>11</sup>to bring Queen Vashti before the king, wearing the royal crown, in order to show the peoples and the officials her beauty; for she was fair to behold. <sup>12</sup>But Queen Vashti refused to come at the king's command conveyed by the eunuchs. At this the king was enraged, and his anger burned within him. <sup>13</sup>Then the king consulted the sages who knew the laws (for this was the king's procedure toward all who were versed in law and custom, <sup>14</sup>and those next to him were Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the seven officials of Persia and Media, who had access to the king, and sat first in the kingdom):

<sup>15</sup>"According to the law, what is to be done to Queen Vashti because she has not performed the command of King Ahasuerus conveyed by the eunuchs?"

<sup>16</sup>Then Memucan said in the presence of the king and the officials, "Not only has Queen Vashti done wrong to the king, but also to all the officials and all the peoples who are in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus. <sup>17</sup>For this deed of the queen will be made known to all women, causing them to look with contempt on their husbands, since they will say, 'King Ahasuerus commanded Queen Vashti to be brought before him, and she did not come.' <sup>18</sup>This very day the noble ladies of Persia and Media who have heard of the queen's behavior will rebel against the king's officials, and there will be no end of contempt and wrath! <sup>19</sup>If it pleases the king, let a royal order go out from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes so that it may not be altered, that Vashti is never again to come before King Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal position to another who is better than she.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

**Canticle Q**  
**A Song of Christ's Goodness**  
**Anselm of Canterbury**

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you; \*  
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.  
Often you weep over our sins and our pride, \*  
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.  
You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, \*  
in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.  
Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life; \*  
by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.

Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; \*  
through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.  
Your warmth gives life to the dead, \*  
your touch makes sinners righteous.  
Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us; \*  
in your love and tenderness, remake us.  
In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness, \*  
for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The New Testament Lesson**

### *Reader*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 17:1-15

<sup>17</sup>After Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three sabbath days argued with them from the scriptures, <sup>3</sup>explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This is the Messiah, Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you." <sup>4</sup>Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. <sup>5</sup>But the Jews became jealous, and with the help of some ruffians in the marketplaces they formed a mob and set the city in an uproar. While they were searching for Paul and Silas to bring them out to the assembly, they attacked Jason's house. <sup>6</sup>When they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some believers before the city authorities, shouting, "These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also, <sup>7</sup>and Jason has entertained them as guests. They are all acting contrary to the

decrees of the emperor, saying that there is another king named Jesus." <sup>8</sup>The people and the city officials were disturbed when they heard this, <sup>9</sup>and after they had taken bail from Jason and the others, they let them go.

<sup>10</sup>That very night the believers sent Paul and Silas off to Beroea; and when they arrived, they went to the Jewish synagogue. <sup>11</sup>These Jews were more receptive than those in Thessalonica, for they welcomed the message very eagerly and examined the scriptures every day to see whether these things were so. <sup>12</sup>Many of them therefore believed, including not a few Greek women and men of high standing. <sup>13</sup>But when the Jews of Thessalonica learned that the word of God had been proclaimed by Paul in Beroea as well, they came there too, to stir up and incite the crowds. <sup>14</sup>Then the believers immediately sent Paul away to the coast, but Silas and Timothy remained behind. <sup>15</sup>Those who conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens; and after receiving instructions to have Silas and Timothy join him as soon as possible, they left him.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 18**

### **A Song to the Lamb**

#### ***Dignus es***

Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*

are yours by right, O Lord our God,

For you created everything that is, \*

and by your will they were created and have their being;  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
for ever and for evermore.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **Gospel**

### *Reader*

A Reading from the Gospel According to John 12:36b-43

<sup>36</sup>While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light." After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

<sup>37</sup>Although he had performed so many signs in their presence, they did not believe in him. <sup>38</sup>This 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?" <sup>39</sup>And so they could not believe, because Isaiah also said,

<sup>40</sup>"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." <sup>41</sup>Isaiah said this because he saw his glory and spoke about him.

<sup>42</sup>Nevertheless 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; <sup>43</sup>for 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 Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

*Everyone*

**The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary)  
(or Traditional)**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Suffrages**

*Leader*

Help us, O God our Savior;

*Response*

Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

*Leader*

Look upon your congregation;

*Response*

Give to your people the blessing of peace.

*Leader*

Declare your glory among the nations;

*Response*

And your wonders among all peoples.

*Leader*

Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

*Response*



Never forget the lives of your poor.

*Leader*

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

*Response*

And your favor to those who are true of heart.

*Leader*

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

*Response*

So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

### **The Collect of the Day: Proper 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.*

### **A Collect for Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

### **A Collect for Fridays**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that

we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

## **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](#).

## **The Commemoration**

John Coleridge Patteson was born in London in 1827. He attended Balliol College, Oxford, and graduated in 1849. After a tour of Europe and a study of languages, he became a fellow of Merton College, Oxford, in 1852.

In 1855, he heard Bishop George Selwyn of New Zealand (see 11 Apr.) call for volunteers to go the South Pacific to preach the Gospel. He went there, and founded a school for the education of native Christian workers.

He was adept at languages, and learned 23 of the languages spoken in the Polynesian and Melanesian Islands of the South Pacific. In 1861 he was consecrated Bishop of Melanesia.

The slave-trade was technically illegal in the South Pacific at that time, but the laws were only laxly enforced and in fact slave-raiding was a flourishing business. Patteson was actively engaged in the effort to stamp it out.

However, injured men do not always distinguish friends from foes. After slave-raiders had attacked the island of Nakapu, in the Santa Cruz group, Patteson and several companions visited the area. They were assumed to be connected with the raiders, and Patteson's body was floated back to his ship with five hatchet wounds in the chest, one for each native who had been killed in the earlier raid.

The death of Bishop Patteson caused an uproar back in England, and stimulated the government there to take firm measures to stamp out slavery and the slave trade in its Pacific territories.

It was also the seed of a strong and vigorous Church in Melanesia today.

Patteson and his companions died on 20 September 1871.

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A biography of him is [online](#), thanks to Project Canterbury.

## **Prayer**

Almighty God, who called your faithful servant John Coleridge Patteson and his companions to witness to the gospel, and by their labors and sufferings raised up a people for your own possession: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon your church in every land, that, by the service and sacrifice of many, your holy Name may be glorified and your kingdom enlarged; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

### *Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

### *Everyone sings or says*

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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 Our Enemies**

O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For Social Justice**

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For Young Persons**

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Hymn: Dear Lord and Father of mankind**

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways;  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,  
In purer lives Thy service find,  
In deeper reverence, praise.  
In deeper reverence, praise.  
With that deep hush subduing all

Our words and works that drown  
The tender whisper of Thy call,  
As noiseless let Thy blessing fall  
As fell Thy manna down.  
As fell Thy manna down.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of Thy peace.  
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and Thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm.  
O still, small voice of calm.

### **A Prayer of Self-Dedication**

Almighty and eternal God,  
so draw our hearts to you,  
so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations,  
so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly yours,  
utterly dedicated unto you;  
and then use us, we pray you, as you will,  
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make  
our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-  
beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you  
will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as  
may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in  
the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

### **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

### **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## **An Order of Service for Noonday**

### **The Opening**

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

### **Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos***

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

<sup>5</sup> The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

<sup>6</sup> So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord shall watch over your going out and  
your coming in, \* f  
rom this time forth for evermore.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**The Word**

*Leader*



From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of Hosts.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

**The Prayers**

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

**Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to traditional](#)

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

### **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

#### *Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

#### *Response*

And let our cry come to you.

#### *Leader*

Let us pray.

### **The Collect**

#### *Leader*

Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching out your loving arms: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your tender mercies sake.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## Jump to Noonday

Saturday

Morning Prayer

Saint Matthew

## The Opening

### Opening Sentence

Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world. Psalm 19:4

### Hymn: Lord God, we thank you, now the night is over

Lord God, we thank you, now the night is over,  
active and watchful, stand we here before you;  
singing we offer prayer and meditation:  
thus we adore you.

Monarch of all things, fit us for your mansions;  
banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending;  
bring us to heaven, where your saints united  
joy without ending.

Singers: Donna Seda (soprano), Laurel Helgren (alto), Gaye Gay (tenor), Bob Mangels (bass)

Words: attributed to Gregory the Great, sixth century;  
trans. Percy Dearmer, 1906

Tune: *Christe sanctorum*

Recorded for The Mission of St. Clare

### Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.



## *Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

### **Antiphon**

The Lord is glorious in his saints:  
Come let us adore him.

### **Venite *Psalm 95:1-7***

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Lord is glorious in his saints:  
Come let us adore him.

## **The Psalter**

**119:97-120**

or **Coverdale**

**Mem** *Quomodo dilexi!*

- 97 Oh, how I love your law! \*  
all the day long it is in my mind.
- 98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, \*  
and it is always with me.
- 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, \*  
for your decrees are my study.
- 100 I am wiser than the elders, \*  
because I observe your commandments.
- 101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, \*  
that I may keep your word.
- 102 I do not shrink from your judgments, \*  
because you yourself have taught me.
- 103 How sweet are your words to my taste! \*  
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.
- 104 Through your commandments I gain understanding; \*  
therefore I hate every lying way.

**Nun** *Lucerna pedibus meis*

- 105 Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.
- 106 I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.
- 107 I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.
- 108 Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \*

and teach me your judgments.

109 My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

**Samekh** *Iniquos odio habui*

113 I hate those who have a divided heart, \*  
but your law do I love.

114 You are my refuge and shield; \*  
my hope is in your word.

115 Away from me, you wicked! \*  
I will keep the commandments of my God.

116 Sustain me according to your promise, that I may live, \*  
and let me not be disappointed in my hope.

117 Hold me up, and I shall be safe, \*  
and my delight shall be ever in your statutes.

118 You spurn all who stray from your statutes; \*  
their deceitfulness is in vain.

119 In your sight all the wicked of the earth are but dross; \*  
therefore I love your decrees.

120 My flesh trembles with dread of you; \*  
I am afraid of your judgments.

## Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

## The Lessons

### The Old Testament Lesson

#### *Reader*

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 8:11-20

<sup>11</sup>For the Lord spoke thus to me while his hand was strong upon me, and warned me not to walk in the way of this people, saying: <sup>12</sup>Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy, and do not fear what it fears, or be in dread. <sup>13</sup>But the Lord of hosts, him you shall regard as holy; let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. <sup>14</sup>He will become a sanctuary, a stone one strikes against; for both houses of Israel he will become a rock one stumbles over—a trap and a snare for the inhabitants of Jerusalem. <sup>15</sup>And many among them shall stumble; they shall fall and be broken; they shall be snared and taken.

<sup>16</sup>Bind up the testimony, seal the teaching among my disciples. <sup>17</sup>I will wait for the Lord, who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob, and I will hope in him. <sup>18</sup>See, I and the children whom the Lord has given me are signs and portents in Israel from the Lord of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion. <sup>19</sup>Now if people say to you, "Consult the ghosts and the familiar spirits that chirp and mutter; should not a people consult their gods, the dead on behalf of the

living, <sup>20</sup>for teaching and for instruction?" Surely, those who speak like this will have no dawn!

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

**Canticle S**

**A Song of Our True Nature**

**Julian of Norwich**

Christ revealed our frailty and our falling, \*  
our trespasses and our humiliations.

Christ also revealed his blessed power, \*  
his blessed wisdom and love.

He protects us as tenderly and as sweetly when we are in greatest need; \*  
he raises us in spirit  
and turns everything to glory and joy without ending.

God is the ground and the substance, the very essence of nature; \*  
God is the true father and mother of natures.

We are all bound to God by nature, \*  
and we are all bound to God by grace.

And this grace is for all the world, \*  
because it is our precious mother, Christ.

For this fair nature was prepared by Christ  
for the honor and nobility of all, \*  
and for the joy and bliss of salvation

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The New Testament Lesson

### *Reader*

A reading from the letter to the Romans 10:1-15

<sup>1</sup>Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. <sup>2</sup>I can testify that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. <sup>3</sup>For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God's righteousness. <sup>4</sup>For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. <sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."

<sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." <sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is

written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 19**

### **The Song of the Redeemed**

#### ***Magna et mirabilia***

Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

God be with you.

### *Response*

And also with you.

### *Leader*

Let us pray.

## **The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary) (or Traditional)**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,



on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Suffrages**

*Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*Response*

And grant us your salvation.

*Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

*Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

*Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon Earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

## *Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

## **The Collect of the Day: Saint Matthew**

### *Leader*

We thank you, heavenly Father, for the witness of your apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of your Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

## **A Collect for Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

## **A Collect for Saturdays**

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **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](#)

## **The Commemoration**

One day Jesus was walking and saw a tax collector named Matthew sitting at a tax-collection post, and said to him, "Follow me." And Matthew stood up and followed Him, and became one of His twelve apostles. (See Matthew 9:9-13 = Mark 2:13-17 = Luke 5:27-32)

Tax collectors in those days were social outcasts.

Devout Jews avoided them because they were usually dishonest (the job carried no salary, and they were expected to make their profits by cheating the people from whom they collected taxes).

Patriotic and nationalistic Jews hated them because they were agents of the Roman government, the conquerors, and hated them with a double hatred if (like Matthew) they were Jews, because they had gone over to the enemy, had betrayed their own people for money.

Thus, throughout the Gospels, we find tax collectors (publicans) mentioned as a standard type of sinful and despised outcast.

Matthew brought many of his former associates to meet Jesus, and social outcasts in general were shown that the love of Jesus extended even to them. (Jesus numbered among his disciples persons of widely different backgrounds. They included not only Matthew, a former agent of the Roman government, but Simon the Zealot --not to be confused with Simon Peter). Josephus tells us that the Zealots were fanatical nationalists, determined to drive out the Romans by guerrilla tactics, ambushes, assassinations, terrorist methods, or whatever worked. Their motto was, "No king but Messiah, no tax but the Temple, no friend but the Zealot." It is not clear that Simon was, or had been, a member of the group that Josephus describes, but it seems clear that he would have regarded himself as at the opposite end of the political spectrum

from Matthew.)

The name "Matthew" means "gift of the LORD." Mark and Luke, in the story of his calling, name him "Levi." Perhaps this was his original name, and he received a new name from Jesus when he became a disciple. (It has also been suggested that he was simply a member of the tribe of Levi.)

Of Matthew's life after Pentecost the Scriptures tell us nothing. Later accounts of his life vary, some reporting that he was martyred, others that he died a natural death. The Christian community since early times has commemorated him as a martyr.

Whether the Apostle Matthew is also the Evangelist Matthew--that is, whether the Apostle Matthew wrote the Gospel that bears his name--is disputed. The Gospel itself does not say who wrote it, but the designation "according to Matthew" is very old.

In favor of his authorship it may be noted that (1) while Mark and Luke give the fourth pair of Apostles as "Matthew and Thomas," the Gospel of Matthew gives them as "Thomas and Matthew"; and (2) while Luke 5:29 explicitly states, and Mark 2:15 suggests, that Matthew gave a banquet for Jesus, Matthew 9:10 in describing the same banquet does not indicate who the host was. Both of these variations would be routine touches of modesty if Matthew was the author.

On the other hand, the gospel (1) does not have the manner of an eyewitness, and (2) is thought by many scholars to contain material borrowed from Mark, whereas one would not expect someone who had been an eyewitness to borrow from someone who had not. (Note: The view that Mark is an older Gospel than Matthew is widespread and not long ago many scholars regarded the matter as settled. However, there is respectable opinion holding that Matthew is the earliest Gospel after all. See, for example, the comments in the Matthew volume of *The Anchor Bible*.)

Perhaps the Gospel was written by some early Christian, not an apostle, whose name was Matthew, and about whom nothing else is known. Early Christian readers, hearing the Gospel ascribed to "Matthew," would naturally associate it with the Apostle of that name, and so the ascribing of the work to the Apostle Matthew becomes common at an early date, by a perfectly natural misunderstanding.

Papias of Hierapolis, writing in the late 1st or early 2nd century, says that Matthew compiled the sayings (Logia) of Jesus in Hebrew. Now the material common to Matthew and Luke, but not to Mark, includes sayings of Jesus but almost no narrative. It has therefore been conjectured that there was once a [document \(usually called Q\)](#), now lost, that is basically a collection of speeches by Jesus, and that Matthew (the evangelist) and Luke, had access to it while Mark did not. It has been suggested that Matthew (the apostle) is the author of this document Q, which may well have been first written in Hebrew (or Aramaic).

The Scripture readings associated with the day bear the themes of Matthew as a Gospel-writer (hence readings that speak of the Scriptures), Matthew as an Apostle, and Matthew as a sinner called by God's grace.

written by James Kiefer

## **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 Joy in God's Creation**

O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For the Good Use of Leisure**

O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For the Unemployed**

Heavenly Father, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive just payment for their labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Hymn: Each step I take**

Each step I take my Savior goes before me,  
And with His loving hand He leads the way.  
And with each breath I whisper, I adore Thee;  
O what joy to walk with Him each day.  
Each step I take, I know that He will guide me;  
To higher ground He ever leads me on.

Until someday the last step will be taken,  
Each step I take just leads me closer Home.

At times I feel my faith begin to waver  
When up ahead I see a chasm wide.  
It's then I turn and look up to my Savior;  
I am strong when He is by my side.  
Each step I take, I know that He will guide me;  
To higher ground He ever leads me on.

Until someday the last step will be taken,  
Each step I take just leads me closer Home.

I trust in God, no matter come what may,  
For life eternal is in His hand.  
He holds the key that opens up the way  
That will lead me to the promised land.  
Each step I take, I know that He will guide me;  
To higher ground He ever leads me on.

Until someday the last step will be taken,  
Each step I take just leads me closer Home.

Singers: Adoration Ensemble

Words: W. Elmo Mercer

### **A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;



where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## **Benediction**

### *Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

### *Leader*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

## The Opening

### *Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

### *Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

### *Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

## The Psalm

### **Psalm 119** *Lucerna pedibus meis*

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.

<sup>106</sup> I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.

<sup>107</sup> I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

<sup>108</sup> Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.

<sup>109</sup> My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.

<sup>110</sup> The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

<sup>111</sup> Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

<sup>112</sup> I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Word**

### *Leader*

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that  
has been given to us. Romans 5:5

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Response*

Christ, have mercy.

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to traditional](#)

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

### **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

### *Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

### *Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you,

O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we

pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*



Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

[Jump to Noonday](#)

Sunday

Morning Prayer

Proper 20

## **The Opening**

### **Opening Sentence**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalm 19:14*

### **Hymn: Lord, the Light of Your Love is shining**

Lord, the Light of Your Love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness shining,  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,  
Shine on me. Shine on me.

Shine, Jesus shine,  
Fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit blaze,  
Set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river flow,  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth Your word,  
Lord and let there be light.

Lord I come to Your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into Your radiance.  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.

Shine on me. Shine on me.

Shine, Jesus shine,

Fill this land with the Father's glory.

Blaze, Spirit blaze,

Set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river flow,

Flood the nations with grace and mercy.

Send forth Your word,

Lord and let there be light.

As we gaze on Your kindly brightness.

So our faces display Your likeness.

Ever changing from glory to glory,

Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.

Shine on me. Shine on me.

Shine, Jesus shine,

Fill this land with the Father's glory.

Blaze, Spirit blaze,

Set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river flow,

Flood the nations with grace and mercy.

Send forth Your word,

Lord and let there be light.

Shine, Jesus shine,

Fill this land with the Father's glory.

Blaze, Spirit blaze,

Set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river flow,

Flood the nations with grace and mercy.

Send forth Your word,  
Lord and let there be light.  
Let there be light.

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

### **Antiphon**

The Earth is the Lord's, for he made it:  
Come let us adore him.

### **Jubilate**

#### ***Psalm 100***

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Earth is the Lord's, for he made it:

Come let us adore him.

## **The Psalter**

### **93 *Dominus regnavit***

**or Coverdale**

- <sup>1</sup> The Lord is King;  
he has put on splendid apparel; \*  
the Lord has put on his apparel  
and girded himself with strength.
- <sup>2</sup> He has made the whole world so sure \*  
that it cannot be moved;
- <sup>3</sup> Ever since the world began,  
your throne has been established; \*  
you are from everlasting.
- <sup>4</sup> The waters have lifted up, O Lord,  
the waters have lifted up their voice; \*  
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
- <sup>5</sup> Mightier than the sound of many waters,  
mightier than the breakers of the sea, \*  
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.
- <sup>6</sup> Your testimonies are very sure, \*  
and holiness adorns your house, O Lord,  
for ever and for evermore.

### **96 *Cantate Domino***

**or Coverdale**

- <sup>1</sup> Sing to the Lord a new song; \*  
sing to the Lord, all the whole Earth.

- Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- <sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.
- <sup>4</sup> For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- <sup>5</sup> As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- <sup>6</sup> Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- <sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- <sup>8</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- <sup>9</sup> Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole Earth tremble before him.
- <sup>10</sup> Tell it out among the nations: The Lord is King! \*  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
she will judge the peoples with equity.
- <sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice, and let the Earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- <sup>12</sup> Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the Lord when he comes, \*  
when he comes to judge the Earth.
- <sup>13</sup> He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with his truth.

## **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

## **The Lessons**

### **The Old Testament Lesson**

#### *Reader*

A Reading from the Book of Esther 3:1-4:3\*

<sup>3</sup>After these things King Ahasuerus promoted Haman son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him and set his seat above all the officials who were with him. <sup>2</sup>And all the king's servants who were at the king's gate bowed down and did obeisance to Haman; for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai did not bow down or do obeisance. <sup>3</sup>Then the king's servants who were at the king's gate said to Mordecai, "Why do you disobey the king's command?" <sup>4</sup>When they spoke to him day after day and he would not listen to them, they told Haman, in order to see whether Mordecai's words would avail; for he had told them that he was a Jew. <sup>5</sup>When Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow down or do obeisance to him, Haman was infuriated. <sup>6</sup>But he thought it beneath him to lay hands on Mordecai alone. So, having been told who Mordecai's people were, Haman plotted to destroy all the Jews, the people of Mordecai, throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus.

<sup>7</sup>In the first month, which is the month of Nisan, in the twelfth year of King



Ahasuerus, they cast Pur which means "the lot" before Haman for the day and for the month, and the lot fell on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar. <sup>8</sup>Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus, "There is a certain people scattered and separated among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom; their laws are different from those of every other people, and they do not keep the king's laws, so that it is not appropriate for the king to tolerate them. <sup>9</sup>If it pleases the king, let a decree be issued for their destruction, and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who have charge of the king's business, so that they may put it into the king's treasuries." <sup>10</sup>So the king took his signet ring from his hand and gave it to Haman son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of the Jews. <sup>11</sup>The king said to Haman, "The money is given to you, and the people as well, to do with them as it seems good to you." <sup>12</sup>Then the king's secretaries were summoned on the thirteenth day of the first month, and an edict, according to all that Haman commanded, was written to the king's satraps and to the governors over all the provinces and to the officials of all the peoples, to every province in its own script and every people in its own language; it was written in the name of King Ahasuerus and sealed with the king's ring. <sup>13</sup>Letters were sent by couriers to all the king's provinces, giving orders to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate all Jews, young and old, women and children, in one day, the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar, and to plunder their goods. <sup>14</sup>A copy of the document was to be issued as a decree in every province by proclamation, calling on all the peoples to be ready for that day. <sup>15</sup>The couriers went quickly by order of the king, and the decree was issued in the citadel of Susa. The king and Haman sat down to drink; but the city of Susa was thrown into confusion.

<sup>4</sup>When Mordecai learned all that had been done, Mordecai tore his clothes and

put on sackcloth and ashes, and went through the city, wailing with a loud and bitter cry; <sup>2</sup>he went up to the entrance of the king's gate, for no one might enter the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. <sup>3</sup>In every province, wherever the king's command and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting and weeping and lamenting, and most of them lay in sackcloth and ashes.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle M**

### **A Song of Faith**

#### ***1 Peter 1:3-4,18-21***

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, \*

by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;

Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, \*

we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.

The ransom that was paid to free us \*

was not paid in silver or gold,

But in the precious blood of Christ, \*

the Lamb without spot or stain.

God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory \*

so that we might have faith and hope in God.

## **The New Testament Lesson**

*Reader*

A Reading from the Letter to James 1:19-27

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow

to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. <sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act - they will be blessed in their doing. <sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **21 You are God *Te Deum laudamus***

You are God: we praise you;

You are the Lord: we acclaim you;

You are the eternal Father:

All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,

Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;  
    Father, of majesty unbounded,  
    your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
    and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you became man to set us free  
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
    Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
    bought with the price of your own blood,  
    and bring us with your saints  
    to glory everlasting.

## **The Gospel**

### *Reader*

A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

<sup>6</sup>"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. <sup>2</sup>"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. <sup>3</sup>But when you give alms, do not let

your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup>"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. <sup>6</sup>But 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.

<sup>16</sup>"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. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>so 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 Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

God be with you.

### *Response*

And also with you.

### *Leader*

Let us pray.

### *Everyone*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or **Traditional**)**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Suffrages**

#### *Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

#### *Response*

And grant us your salvation.

*Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

*Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

*Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon Earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.



## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 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.*

### **A Collect for Sundays**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **A Collect for Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **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.

*Everyone sings or says*

### **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and acceptation  
Save thy servant, that hath none  
Help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.

*Free intercessions may be stated (or prayers from the Book of Common Prayer).*

### **For the Church**

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.

### **For Church Musicians and Artists**

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For Families**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who places solitary persons in families: We commend to your continual care the homes in which your people dwell. Put far from them, we beseech you, every root of bitterness, the desire of

vainglory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, and godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in marriage, have been made one flesh. Turn the hearts of the parents to the children, and the hearts of the children to the parents; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we may evermore be kindly one to another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Hymn: Emmanuel**

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
His name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us,  
His name is called Emmanuel.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
His name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us,  
His name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us,  
His name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us,  
His name is called Emmanuel.

### **A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## **Benediction**

### *Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## **An Order of Service for Noonday**

### **The Opening**

#### *Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

**The Psalm**

**Psalm 126 *In convertendo***

<sup>1</sup> When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup> Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

<sup>3</sup> Then they said among the nations, \*  
The Lord has done great things for them.

<sup>4</sup> The Lord has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.

<sup>5</sup> Restore our fortunes, O Lord, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.

<sup>6</sup> Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.

<sup>7</sup> Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Word**

### *Leader*

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of Hosts. Malachi 1:11

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Response*

Christ, have mercy.

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to traditional](#)

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

### **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

#### *Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

#### *Response*

And let our cry come to you.

#### *Leader*



Let us pray.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"  
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you,

O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we

pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## Jump to Noonday

Monday

Morning Prayer

Proper 20

Thecla

## The Opening

### Opening Sentence

I was glad when they said to me," Let us go to the house of the Lord." *Psalm 122:1*

### Hymn: Morning glory, starlit sky

Morning glory, starlit sky,  
Soaring music, scholar's truth,  
Flight of swallows, autumn leaves,  
Memory's treasure, grace of youth:

Open are the gifts of God,  
Gifts of love to mind and sense;  
Hidden is love's agony,  
Love's endeavour, love's expense.

Love that gives, gives evermore,  
Gives with zeal, with eager hands,  
Spares not, keeps not, all outpours,  
Ventures all, its all expends.

Drained is love in making full,  
Bound in setting others free,  
Poor in making many rich,  
Weak in giving power to be.

Therefore he who shows us God  
Helpless hangs upon the tree;  
And the nails and crown of thorns  
Tell of what God's love must be.

Here is God, no monarch he,  
Throned in easy state to reign;  
Here is God, whose arms of love,  
Aching, spent, the world sustain.

Singers: The choir of All Saints' Church, Wokingham, United Kingdom

Soloist: Chloe Price

Music: Barry Rose

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

## **Antiphon**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:  
Come let us adore him.

## **Venite Psalm 95:1-7**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:  
Come let us adore him.

## **The Psalter**

### **80 *Qui regis Israel* or Coverdale**

<sup>1</sup> Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

<sup>2</sup> In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.

<sup>3</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance,  
and we shall be saved.

<sup>4</sup> O Lord God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?

<sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

<sup>6</sup> You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*



and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

<sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts; \*

show the light of your countenance,  
and we shall be saved.

<sup>8</sup> You have brought a vine out of Egypt; \*

you cast out the nations and planted it.

<sup>9</sup> You prepared the ground for it; \*

it took root and filled the land.

<sup>10</sup> The mountains were covered by its shadow \*

and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

<sup>11</sup> You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea \*

and its branches to the River.

<sup>12</sup> Why have you broken down its wall, \*

so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

<sup>13</sup> The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, \*

and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

<sup>14</sup> Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;

behold and tend this vine; \*

preserve what your right hand has planted.

<sup>15</sup> They burn it with fire like rubbish; \*

at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.

<sup>16</sup> Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*

the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

<sup>17</sup> And so will we never turn away from you; \*

give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

<sup>18</sup> Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*

show the light of your countenance,

and we shall be saved.

## **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 Esther 4:4-17

<sup>4</sup>When Esther's maids and her eunuchs came and told her, the queen was deeply distressed; she sent garments to clothe Mordecai, so that he might take off his sackcloth; but he would not accept them.

<sup>5</sup>Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs, who had been appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what was happening and why. <sup>6</sup>Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate, <sup>7</sup>and Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. <sup>8</sup>Mordecai also gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther, explain it to her, and charge her to go to the king to make supplication to him and entreat him for her people. <sup>9</sup>Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. <sup>10</sup>Then Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai, saying, <sup>11</sup>"All the king's servants and the people of

the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law—all alike are to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden scepter to someone, may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days." <sup>12</sup>When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, <sup>13</sup>Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. <sup>14</sup>For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this." <sup>15</sup>Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, <sup>16</sup>"Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish." <sup>17</sup>Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 9**

### **The First Song of Isaiah**

#### ***Ecce, Deus***

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The New Testament Lesson**

### *Reader*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 18:1-11

<sup>18</sup>After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. <sup>2</sup>There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, <sup>3</sup>and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together—by trade they were tentmakers. <sup>4</sup>Every sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks. <sup>5</sup>When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with proclaiming the word, testifying to the Jews that the Messiah was Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When they opposed and reviled him, in protest he shook the dust from his clothes and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles."

<sup>7</sup>Then he left the synagogue and went to the house of a man named Titus

Justus, a worshiper of God; his house was next door to the synagogue.

<sup>8</sup>Crispus, the official of the synagogue, became a believer in the Lord, together with all his household; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul became believers and were baptized. <sup>9</sup>One night the Lord said to Paul in a vision, "Do not be afraid, but speak and do not be silent; <sup>10</sup>for I am with you, and no one will lay a hand on you to harm you, for there are many in this city who are my people." <sup>11</sup>He stayed there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 19**

### **The Song of the Redeemed**

#### ***Magna et mirabilia***

Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Gospel

### *Reader*

A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke 1:1-4; 3:1-14

<sup>1</sup>Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, <sup>2</sup>just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, <sup>3</sup>I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, <sup>4</sup>so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

<sup>3</sup>In 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, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as 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. <sup>5</sup>Every 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; <sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" <sup>7</sup>John 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? <sup>8</sup>Bear 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. <sup>9</sup>Even 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." <sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" <sup>11</sup>In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." <sup>12</sup>Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" <sup>13</sup>He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." <sup>14</sup>Soldiers 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 Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

God be with you.

### *Response*

And also with you.

### *Leader*

Let us pray.

### *Everyone*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or Traditional)**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.



For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Suffrages**

#### *Leader*

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

#### *Response*

Govern and uphold them, now and always.

#### *Leader*

Day by day we bless you;

#### *Response*

We praise your Name for ever.

*Leader*

Lord, keep us from all sin today;

*Response*

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

*Response*

For we put our trust in you.

*Leader*

In you, Lord, is our hope;

*Response*

And we shall never hope in vain.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 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.*

## **A Collect for Mission**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the

coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **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](#).

## **The Commemoration**

Thecla was a saint of the early Christian Church, and a reported follower of Paul the Apostle. The earliest record of her life comes from the ancient apocryphal *[Acts of Paul and Thecla](#)*.

According to the *Acts of Paul and Thecla*, Thecla was a young noble virgin who listened to Paul's "discourse on virginity" and became Paul's follower and a Disciple of Paul's teachings and Ministry. Thecla's mother and her fiancé Thamyris became concerned Thecla would follow Paul's demand "one must fear only one God and live in chastity", and punished both Paul and Thecla.

Thecla was miraculously saved from burning at the stake by the onset of a storm and traveled with Paul to Antioch of Pisidia. There a nobleman named Alexander desired Thecla and attempted to take her by force. Thecla fought him off, assaulting him in the process, and was put on trial for assaulting a nobleman. She was sentenced to be eaten by wild beasts, but was again saved by a series of miracles when the female beasts protected her against her male aggressors.

Thecla gained a massive "cult-like" following, and became perhaps the most prominent figure for female empowerment at the time. She listened to Paul's teachings to fear nobody but God, and live in chastity. She demonstrates these teachings on several occasions starting from the first time she heard Paul speak by leaving Thamyris, fighting off Alexander, and surviving several life

threatening situations. She traveled to preach the word of God and became an icon encouraging women to also live a life of chastity and follow the word of the Lord.

from [Wikipedia](#)

## **Prayer**

God of liberating power, who called Thecla to proclaim the gospel and did not permit any obstacle or peril to inhibit her: Empower courageous evangelists among us, that men and women everywhere may know the freedom that you offer us in Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

### *Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

### *Everyone sings or says*

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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).*

## **A Collect for Peace**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear

the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### **For All Sorts and Conditions**


O God, the creator and preserver of all, we humbly beseech you for all sorts and conditions of people; that you would be pleased to make your ways known unto them, your saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for your holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by your good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to your fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please you to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake.  
Amen.

### **For the Poor and Neglected**

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For Those Who Live Alone**

Almighty God, whose Son had nowhere to lay his head: Grant that those who live alone may not be lonely in their solitude, but that, following in his steps, they may find fulfillment in loving you and their neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## **Hymn: Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round**

Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round  
Of circling planets singing on their way;  
Guide of the nations from the night profound  
Into the glory of the perfect day;  
Rule in our hearts, that we may ever be  
Guided and strengthened and upheld by thee.

We would be one in hatred of all wrong,  
One in our love of all things sweet and fair,  
One with the joy that breaketh into song,  
One with the grief that trembles into prayer,  
One in the power that makes thy children free  
To follow truth, and thus to follow thee.

O clothe us with thy heavenly armour, Lord,  
Thy trusty shield, thy sword of love divine:  
Our inspiration be thy constant Word;  
We ask no victories that are not thine.  
Give or withhold, let pain or pleasure be;  
Enough to know that we are serving thee.

Words: John White Chadwick, plus Ralph Vaughan Williams

Music: Orlando Gibbons

## **A Prayer of Self-Dedication**

Almighty and eternal God,  
so draw our hearts to you,  
so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations,  
so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly yours,

utterly dedicated unto you;  
and then use us, we pray you, as you will,  
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make  
our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-

beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## **An Order of Service for Noonday**

### **The Opening**

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*



O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

## **The Psalm**

### **Psalm 119 *Lucerna pedibus meis***

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.

<sup>106</sup> I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.

<sup>107</sup> I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

<sup>108</sup> Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.

<sup>109</sup> My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.

<sup>110</sup> The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

<sup>111</sup> Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

<sup>112</sup> I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Word**

### *Leader*

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. *Romans 5:5*

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Response*

Christ, have mercy.

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to traditional](#)

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

### **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

#### *Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

#### *Response*

And let our cry come to you.

#### *Leader*

Let us pray.

### **The Collect**

#### *Leader*

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## Jump to Noonday

Tuesday

Morning Prayer

Proper 20

Anna Alexander

## The Opening

### Opening Sentence

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. /  
*Corinthians 15:57*

### Hymn: Morning has broken

Morning has broken like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass,  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation, of the new day!  
Of the new day!

Singers: [Saint Mary's Cathedral Choristers, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Words: Eleanor Farjeon

Tune: *Bunessan*, Gaelic melody



## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

Lord, open our lips.

## *Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

## *Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

## **Antiphon**

The Earth is the Lord's, for he made it:

Come let us adore him.

## **Jubilate**

### ***Psalm 100***

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Earth is the Lord's, for he made it:  
Come let us adore him.

## **The Psalter**

### **78 Part I *Attendite, popule***

## or Coverdale

- <sup>1</sup> Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- <sup>2</sup> I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- <sup>3</sup> That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
we will not hide from their children.
- <sup>4</sup> We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, \*  
and the wonderful works he has done.
- <sup>5</sup> He gave his decrees to Jacob  
and established a law for Israel, \*  
which he commanded them to teach their children;
- <sup>6</sup> That the generations to come might know,  
and the children yet unborn; \*  
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
- <sup>7</sup> So that they might put their trust in God, \*  
and not forget the deeds of God,  
but keep his commandments;
- <sup>8</sup> And not be like their forefathers,  
a stubborn and rebellious generation, \*  
a generation whose heart was not steadfast,  
and whose spirit was not faithful to God.
- <sup>9</sup> The people of Ephraim, armed with the bow, \*  
turned back in the day of battle;
- <sup>10</sup> They did not keep the covenant of God, \*

and refused to walk in his law;

11 They forgot what he had done, \*  
and the wonders he had shown them.

12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, \*  
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; \*  
he made the waters stand up like walls.

14 He led them with a cloud by day, \*  
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness \*  
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

16 He brought streams out of the cliff, \*  
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

17 But they went on sinning against him, \*  
rebellious in the desert against the Most High.

18 They tested God in their hearts, \*  
demanding food for their craving.

19 They railed against God and said, \*  
"Can God set a table in the wilderness?"

20 True, he struck the rock, the waters gushed out, and the  
gullies overflowed; \*  
but is he able to give bread  
or to provide meat for his people?"

21 When the Lord heard this, he was full of wrath; \*  
a fire was kindled against Jacob,  
and his anger mounted against Israel;

22 For they had no faith in God, \*

nor did they put their trust in his saving power.

23 So he commanded the clouds above \*  
and opened the doors of heaven.

24 He rained down manna upon them to eat \*  
and gave them grain from heaven.

25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; \*  
he provided for them food enough.

26 He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens \*  
and led out the south wind by his might.

27 He rained down flesh upon them like dust \*  
and wingd birds like the sand of the sea.

28 He let it fall in the midst of their camp \*  
and round about their dwellings.

29 So they ate and were well filled, \*  
for he gave them what they craved.

30 But they did not stop their craving, \*  
though the food was still in their mouths.

31 So God's anger mounted against them; \*  
he slew their strongest men  
and laid low the youth of Israel.

32 In spite of all this, they went on sinning \*  
and had no faith in his wonderful works.

33 So he brought their days to an end like a breath \*  
and their years in sudden terror.

34 Whenever he slew them, they would seek him, \*  
and repent, and diligently search for God.

35

They would remember that God was their rock, \*  
and the Most High God their redeemer.

<sup>36</sup> But they flattered him with their mouths \*  
and lied to him with their tongues.

<sup>37</sup> Their heart was not steadfast toward him, \*  
and they were not faithful to his covenant.

<sup>38</sup> But he was so merciful that he forgave their sins  
and did not destroy them; \*  
many times he held back his anger  
and did not permit his wrath to be roused.

<sup>39</sup> For he remembered that they were but flesh, \*  
a breath that goes forth and does not return.

## **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 Esther 5:1-14

<sup>5</sup>On the third day Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king's palace, opposite the king's hall. The king was sitting on his royal throne inside the palace opposite the entrance to the palace. <sup>2</sup>As soon as the

king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, she won his favor and he held out to her the golden scepter that was in his hand. Then Esther approached and touched the top of the scepter. <sup>3</sup>The king said to her, "What is it, Queen Esther? What is your request? It shall be given you, even to the half of my kingdom." <sup>4</sup>Then Esther said, "If it pleases the king, let the king and Haman come today to a banquet that I have prepared for the king." <sup>5</sup>Then the king said, "Bring Haman quickly, so that we may do as Esther desires." So the king and Haman came to the banquet that Esther had prepared. <sup>6</sup>While they were drinking wine, the king said to Esther, "What is your petition? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." <sup>7</sup>Then Esther said, "This is my petition and request: <sup>8</sup>If I have won the king's favor, and if it pleases the king to grant my petition and fulfill my request, let the king and Haman come tomorrow to the banquet that I will prepare for them, and then I will do as the king has said."

<sup>9</sup>Haman went out that day happy and in good spirits. But when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, and observed that he neither rose nor trembled before him, he was infuriated with Mordecai; <sup>10</sup>nevertheless Haman restrained himself and went home. Then he sent and called for his friends and his wife Zeresh, <sup>11</sup>and Haman recounted to them the splendor of his riches, the number of his sons, all the promotions with which the king had honored him, and how he had advanced him above the officials and the ministers of the king. <sup>12</sup>Haman added, "Even Queen Esther let no one but myself come with the king to the banquet that she prepared. Tomorrow also I am invited by her, together with the king. <sup>13</sup>Yet all this does me no good so long as I see the Jew Mordecai sitting at the king's gate." <sup>14</sup>Then his wife Zeresh and all his friends said to him, "Let a gallows fifty cubits high be made, and in the morning tell the king to have Mordecai hanged on it; then go with the king to the banquet

in good spirits." This advice pleased Haman, and he had the gallows made.  
The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 13**

### **A Song of Praise**

#### ***Benedictus es, Domine***

Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*

you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*

on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*

in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The New Testament Lesson**

*Reader*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 18:12-28

<sup>12</sup>But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a united attack on



Paul and brought him before the tribunal. <sup>13</sup>They said, "This man is persuading people to worship God in ways that are contrary to the law." <sup>14</sup>Just as Paul was about to speak, Gallio said to the Jews, "If it were a matter of crime or serious villainy, I would be justified in accepting the complaint of you Jews; <sup>15</sup>but since it is a matter of questions about words and names and your own law, see to it yourselves; I do not wish to be a judge of these matters." <sup>16</sup>And he dismissed them from the tribunal. <sup>17</sup>Then all of them seized Sosthenes, the official of the synagogue, and beat him in front of the tribunal. But Gallio paid no attention to any of these things.

<sup>18</sup>After staying there for a considerable time, Paul said farewell to the believers and sailed for Syria, accompanied by Priscilla and Aquila. At Cenchreae he had his hair cut, for he was under a vow. <sup>19</sup>When they reached Ephesus, he left them there, but first he himself went into the synagogue and had a discussion with the Jews. <sup>20</sup>When they asked him to stay longer, he declined; <sup>21</sup>but on taking leave of them, he said, "I will return to you, if God wills." Then he set sail from Ephesus. <sup>22</sup>When he had landed at Caesarea, he went up to Jerusalem and greeted the church, and then went down to Antioch.

<sup>23</sup>After spending some time there he departed and went from place to place through the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

<sup>24</sup>Now there came to Ephesus a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria. He was an eloquent man, well-versed in the scriptures. <sup>25</sup>He had been instructed in the Way of the Lord; and he spoke with burning enthusiasm and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. <sup>26</sup>He began to speak boldly in the synagogue; but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained the Way of God to him more accurately. <sup>27</sup>And when he wished to cross over to Achaia,

the believers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. On his arrival he greatly helped those who through grace had become believers,<sup>28</sup> for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the scriptures that the Messiah is Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 18**

### **A Song to the Lamb**

#### ***Dignus es***

Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*

are yours by right, O Lord our God,

For you created everything that is, \*

and by your will they were created and have their being;

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*

for with your blood you have redeemed for God,

From every family, language, people, and nation, \*

a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*

and to Christ the Lamb,

Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*

for ever and for evermore.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **Gospel**

## *Reader*

A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke 3:15-22

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John 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. <sup>17</sup>His 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." <sup>18</sup>So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But 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, <sup>20</sup>added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and 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 Apostles' Creed**

### *All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

God be with you.

### *Response*

And also with you.

### *Leader*

Let us pray.

### *Everyone*

**The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary)**  
**(or Traditional)**

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## Suffrages

### *Leader*

Help us, O God our Savior;

### *Response*

Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

### *Leader*

Look upon your congregation;

### *Response*

Give to your people the blessing of peace.

### *Leader*

Declare your glory among the nations;

### *Response*

And your wonders among all peoples.

### *Leader*

Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

### *Response*

Never forget the lives of your poor.

### *Leader*

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

### *Response*

And your favor to those who are true of heart.

### *Leader*

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

### *Response*

So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 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.*

### **A Collect for Mission**

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **A Collect for Guidance**

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **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](#).

### **The Commemoration**

Anna Ellison Butler Alexander (circa 1865 September 24, 1947) was the first and only African-American consecrated a Deaconess in the Episcopal Church. She served in the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia during her entire career

Anna Alexander was born in 1865 to recently-emancipated slaves on the Butler plantation on St. Simons Island, Glynn Co., Georgia. Her father had been taught to read by the English actress Fanny Kemble (who later wrote [an influential book](#) condemning slave life there). Perhaps this encouraged Anna interest in education.

The Alexander family soon moved to Pennick, Georgia, just outside Brunswick, to take advantage of land south of the Altamaha River previously held by poor whites. Her father became a carpenter-builder and a community leader.

Anna first taught at the public school in Pennick. Later, she moved to Darien, Georgia, where her sister Mary founded a school affiliated with St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, and all three sisters taught. In 1894, with the cooperation of the Brunswick priest, Anna founded a mission in Pennick, while still teaching at Darien during the week, making a 40 mile round trip by boat and foot. The mission faltered when Anna accepted a position at [St. Paul's Normal and Industrial School](#) (as well as enrolled in the new teachers college there) in Lawrenceville, Virginia. In 1897, she returned to Pennick and revitalized the mission. The congregation was renamed Church of the Good Shepherd, and Alexander also started a school. She supported herself by taking in sewing, and managed to buy property in 1902, where her brother Charles Alexander and other men then erected a church.

In 1907, bishop Cleland Kinloch Nelson addressed the second annual meeting of the diocese's council of colored churchmen, held at the Church of the Good Shepherd, and consecrated Anna as a deaconess. She became the first and only African-American deaconess. She worked in the Altamaha River area for



the rest of her life, teaching not only academic subjects, but also moral values. The diocese of Georgia split in 1907 and Nelson chose to associate with the new Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta. His successor in the Diocese of Georgia, Frederick Focke Reese, excluded African-Americans from church government in the diocese, and extended almost no diocesan financial support to African-Americans. This forced Alexander and others to make do, as well as seek support from outside the diocese, including from the Episcopal Board of Missions. During the bad crop years of the late 1920s through the Great Depression, Alexander continued to work in her hardscrabble community, whose members built the current wooden church building in 1928.

Alexander died on September 24, 1947 and was buried at the cemetery at Camp Reese, a diocesan camp on St. Simons where she had worked. In 2004, she was reinterred at Good Shepherd Church in Pennick, which she had founded and where she had worked for many years.

more at [Wikipedia](#)

## **Prayer**

Loving God, who called Anna Alexander as a deaconess in your church:  
Grant us the wisdom to teach the gospel of Christ to whomever we meet, by word and by example, that all may come to the enlightenment that you intend for your people; through Jesus Christ, our Teacher and 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 Human Family**

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For Prisons and Correctional Institutions**

Lord Jesus, for our sake you were condemned as a criminal: Visit our jails and prisons with your pity and judgment. Remember all prisoners, and bring the guilty to repentance and amendment of life according to your will, and give them hope for their future. When any are held unjustly, bring them release; forgive us, and teach us to improve our justice. Remember those who work in these institutions; keep them humane and compassionate; and save them from becoming brutal or callous. And since what we do for those in prison, O Lord, we do for you, constrain us to improve their lot. All this we ask for your mercy's sake. Amen.

### **For the Victims of Addiction**

Blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that

beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. Amen.

### **Hymn: Eye has not seen**

Eye has not seen,  
ear has not heard  
what God has ready  
for those who love him;  
Spirit of love, come,  
give us the mind of Jesus,  
teach us the wisdom of God.

When pain and sorrow weigh us down,  
be near to us, O Lord,  
forgive the weakness of our faith,  
and bear us up within your peaceful word.

Eye has not seen,  
ear has not heard  
what God has ready  
for those who love him;  
Spirit of love, come,  
give us the mind of Jesus,  
teach us the wisdom of God.

Our lives are but a single breath,  
we flower and we fade,  
yet all our days are in your hands,  
so we return in love what love has made.

Eye has not seen,  
ear has not heard

what God has ready  
for those who love him;  
Spirit of love, come,  
give us the mind of Jesus,  
teach us the wisdom of God.

We sing a mystery from the past  
in halls where saints have trod,  
yet ever new the music rings  
to Jesus, Living Song of God.

Eye has not seen,  
ear has not heard  
what God has ready  
for those who love him;  
Spirit of love, come,  
give us the mind of Jesus,  
teach us the wisdom of God.

Eye has not seen,  
ear has not heard  
what God has ready  
for those who love him.

Words and Music: Marty Haugen

### **A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## **Benediction**

### *Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## **An Order of Service for Noonday**

## The Opening

### *Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

### *Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

### *Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

## The Psalm

### **Psalm 121** *Levavi oculos*

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

<sup>5</sup> The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

<sup>6</sup> So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*

it is he who shall keep you safe.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord shall watch over your going out and  
your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Word**

### *Leader*

If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. *2 Corinthians 5:17-18*

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Response*

Christ, have mercy.

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to traditional](#)

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,



your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

### **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

**The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## Jump to Noonday

Wednesday

Morning Prayer

Proper 20

Sergius

## The Opening

### Opening Sentence

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. *Colossians 3:1*

### Hymn: Sun of my soul

Sun of my soul, Thou Saviour dear,  
It is not night if Thou be near;  
Oh may no earth-born cloud arise  
To hide Thee from Thy servant's eyes!

When the soft dews of kindly sleep  
My weary eyelids gently steep,  
Be my last thought how sweet to rest  
Forever on my Saviour's breast!

Abide with me from morn till eve,  
For without Thee I cannot live;  
Abide with me when night is nigh,  
For without Thee I dare not die.

If some poor wandering child of Thine  
Have spurned to-day the voice divine,  
Now, Lord, the gracious work begin;  
Let him no more lie down in sin.

Watch by the sick; enrich the poor  
With blessings from Thy boundless store;  
Be every mourner's sleep to-night,  
Like infant slumbers, pure and light.

Come near and bless us when we wake,  
Ere through the world our way we take,  
Till in the ocean of Thy love  
We lose ourselves in heaven above.

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

## **Antiphon**

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

Come let us adore him.

## **Psalm 63:1-8 *Deus, Deus meus***

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*

my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*

that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*

my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live \*

and lift up my hands in your Name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*



and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,  
When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.  
For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.  
My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.  
The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:  
Come let us adore him.

## **The Psalter**

**119:97-120 Mem *Quomodo dilexi!***  
**or Coverdale**

- <sup>97</sup> Oh, how I love your law! \*  
all the day long it is in my mind.
- <sup>98</sup> Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, \*  
and it is always with me.
- <sup>99</sup> I have more understanding than all my teachers, \*  
for your decrees are my study.
- <sup>100</sup> I am wiser than the elders, \*  
because I observe your commandments.
- <sup>101</sup> I restrain my feet from every evil way, \*  
that I may keep your word.
- <sup>102</sup> I do not shrink from your judgments, \*  
because you yourself have taught me.
- <sup>103</sup> How sweet are your words to my taste! \*  
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.
- <sup>104</sup> Through your commandments I gain understanding; \*

therefore I hate every lying way.

**Nun** *Lucerna pedibus meis*

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.

106 I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.

107 I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

108 Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.

109 My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

**Samekh** *Iniquos odio habui*

113 I hate those who have a divided heart, \*  
but your law do I love.

114 You are my refuge and shield; \*  
my hope is in your word.

115 Away from me, you wicked! \*  
I will keep the commandments of my God.

116 Sustain me according to your promise, that I may live, \*

and let me not be disappointed in my hope.

<sup>117</sup> Hold me up, and I shall be safe, \*  
and my delight shall be ever in your statutes.

<sup>118</sup> You spurn all who stray from your statutes; \*  
their deceitfulness is in vain.

<sup>119</sup> In your sight all the wicked of the earth are but dross; \*  
therefore I love your decrees.

<sup>120</sup> My flesh trembles with dread of you; \*  
I am afraid of your judgments.

## **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 Esther 6:1-14

<sup>6</sup>On that night the king could not sleep, and he gave orders to bring the book of records, the annals, and they were read to the king. <sup>2</sup>It was found written how Mordecai had told about Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs, who guarded the threshold, and who had conspired to assassinate King Ahasuerus. <sup>3</sup>Then the king said, "What honor or distinction has been bestowed on Mordecai for this?" The king's servants who attended him said,

"Nothing has been done for him."

<sup>4</sup>The king said, "Who is in the court?" Now Haman had just entered the outer court of the king's palace to speak to the king about having Mordecai hanged on the gallows that he had prepared for him. <sup>5</sup>So the king's servants told him, "Haman is there, standing in the court." The king said, "Let him come in." <sup>6</sup>So Haman came in, and the king said to him, "What shall be done for the man whom the king wishes to honor?" Haman said to himself, "Whom would the king wish to honor more than me?" <sup>7</sup>So Haman said to the king, "For the man whom the king wishes to honor, <sup>8</sup>let royal robes be brought, which the king has worn, and a horse that the king has ridden, with a royal crown on its head. <sup>9</sup>Let the robes and the horse be handed over to one of the king's most noble officials; let him robe the man whom the king wishes to honor, and let him conduct the man on horseback through the open square of the city, proclaiming before him: 'Thus shall it be done for the man whom the king wishes to honor.'" <sup>10</sup>Then the king said to Haman, "Quickly, take the robes and the horse, as you have said, and do so to the Jew Mordecai who sits at the king's gate. Leave out nothing that you have mentioned." <sup>11</sup>So Haman took the robes and the horse and robed Mordecai and led him riding through the open square of the city, proclaiming, "Thus shall it be done for the man whom the king wishes to honor."

<sup>12</sup>Then Mordecai returned to the king's gate, but Haman hurried to his house, mourning and with his head covered. <sup>13</sup>When Haman told his wife Zeresh and all his friends everything that had happened to him, his advisers and his wife Zeresh said to him, "If Mordecai, before whom your downfall has begun, is of the Jewish people, you will not prevail against him, but will surely fall before him." <sup>14</sup>While they were still talking with him, the king's eunuchs arrived and hurried Haman off to the banquet that Esther had prepared.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

**Canticle 11 The Third Song of Isaiah**  
**Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19**

***Surge, illuminare***

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
and his glory will appear upon you.

Nations will stream to your light, \*  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

Your gates will always be open; \*  
by day or night they will never be shut.

They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.

You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
and all your portals, Praise.

The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*

and your God will be your glory.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The New Testament Lesson**

### *Reader*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 19:1-10

<sup>1</sup>While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." <sup>3</sup>Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." <sup>4</sup>Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." <sup>5</sup>On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— <sup>7</sup>altogether there were about twelve of them.

<sup>8</sup>He entered the synagogue and for three months spoke out boldly, and argued persuasively about the kingdom of God. <sup>9</sup>When some stubbornly refused to believe and spoke evil of the Way before the congregation, he left them, taking the disciples with him, and argued daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus.

<sup>10</sup>This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia, both Jews and Greeks, heard the word of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

### *Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle J**

### **A Song of Judith**

#### ***Judith 16:13-16***

I will sing a new song to my God, \*

for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.

Let the whole creation serve you, \*

for you spoke and all things came into being.

You sent your breath and it formed them, \*

no one is able to resist your voice.

Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, \*

rocks melt like wax at your presence.

But to those who fear you, \*

you continue to show mercy.

No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, \*

but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **Gospel**

### *Reader*

A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke 4:1-13

<sup>4</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where 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. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" <sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in

an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And 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. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" <sup>9</sup>Then 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, <sup>10</sup>for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' <sup>11</sup>and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" <sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup>When 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 Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.



He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

God be with you.

### *Response*

And also with you.

### *Leader*

Let us pray.

### *Everyone*

## **The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary) (or Traditional)**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those

who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Suffrages**

#### *Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

#### *Response*

And grant us your salvation.

#### *Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

*Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

*Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon Earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

**The Collect of the Day: Proper 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.*

### **A Collect for Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **A Collect for Peace**

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### **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](#).

### **The Commemoration**

To the people of Russia, Sergius is a national hero and an example of Russian

spiritual life at its best.

Sergius was born around 1314, the son of a farmer. When he was twenty, he and his brother began to live as hermits in a forest near Moscow. Others joined them in what became the Monastery of the Holy Trinity, a center for the renewal of Russian Christianity. Pilgrims came from all Russia to worship and to receive spiritual instruction, advice, and encouragement. The Russians were at the time largely subservient to the neighboring (non-Christian) Tatar (or Tartar) people. Sergius rallied the people behind Prince Dimitri Donskoi, who defeated the Tatars in 1380 and established an independent Russia.

Sergius was a gentle man, of winning personality. Stories told of him resemble those of Francis of Assisi, including some that show that animals tended to trust him. He had the ability to inspire in men an intense awareness of the love of God, and a readiness to respond in love and obedience. He remained close to his peasant roots. One contemporary said of him, "He has about him the smell of fir forests." To this day, the effect of his personality on Russian devotion remains considerable.

(The following material is taken with minor alterations from *The Lives of the Saints*, by Sabine Baring-Gould, author of the hymn "Onward, Christian Soldiers. The reader will note that this account was written before the Communist Revolution, at a time when the Czar was still ruler of Russia, and the Russian Orthodox Church was the official religion of the country.)

The name of Sergius is as dear to every Russian's heart as that of William Tell to a Swiss, or that of Joan of Arc to a Frenchman. He was born at Rostoff in the early part of the 14th century, and when quite young left the house of his parents, and, together with his brother Stephen, settled himself in the dense forests of Radonege with bears for his companions, suffering from fierce cold in winter, often from famine.

The fame of his virtues drew disciples around him. They compelled him to go

to Peryaslavl-Zalessky, to receive priestly orders from Athanasius, Bishop of Volhynia, who lived there.

Sergius built by his own labor in the midst of the forest a rude church of timber, by the name of the Source of Life, the Ever Blessed Trinity, which has since grown into the greatest, most renowned and wealthy monastery in all Russia--the Troitzka (=Trinity) Abbey, whose destiny has become inseparable from the destinies of the capital.

Princes and prelates applied to Sergius not only for advice, but also for teachers trained in his school, who might become in their realms and dioceses the heads of similar institutions, centers whence light and wisdom might shine. Tartar invasion had quenched the religious fervor of the Russians: a new era of zeal opened with the foundation of the Troitzka monastery and the labors of Sergius.

At the request of Vladimir, Athanasius, a disciple of Sergius, founded the Visotsky monastery at Serpouchoff; and another of his pupils, Sabbas, laid the foundation of the convent of Svenigorod, while his nephew Theodore laid that of Simonoff in Moscow. In the terrible struggle against the Tartars, the heart of the Grand-Prince Demetrius failed him; how could he break the power of this inexhaustible horde which, like the locusts of the prophet Joel, had the garden of Eden before them and left behind them a desolate wilderness?

It was the remonstrance, the prayers of Sergius, that encouraged the Prince to engage in battle with the horde on the fields of the Don. No historical picture or sculpture in Russia is more frequent than that which represents the youthful warrior receiving the benediction of the aged hermit. Two of his monks, Peresvet and Osliab, accompanied the Prince to the field, and fought in coats of mail drawn over their monastic habit; and the battle was begun by the single combat of Peresvet with a gigantic Tartar, champion of the Horde.

The two chief convents in the suburbs of Moscow still preserve the

recollection of that day. One is the vast fortress of the Donskoi monastery, under the Sparrow Hills. The other is the Simonoff monastery already mentioned, founded on the banks of the Mosqua, on a beautiful spot chosen by the saint himself, and its earliest site was consecrated by the tomb which covers the bodies of his two warlike monks. From that day forth he stood out in the national recollection as the champion of Russia.

It was from his convent that the noblest patriotic inspirations were drawn, and, as he had led the way in giving the first great repulse to the Tartar power, so the final blow in like manner came from a successor in his place. In 1480, when Ivan III wavered, as Demetrius had wavered before him, it was by the remonstrance of Archbishop Bassian, formerly prior of the Troitzka monastery, that Ivan too was driven, almost against his will, to the field.

"Dost thou fear death?" so he was addressed by the aged prelate. "Thou too must die as well as others; death is the lot of all, man, beast, and bird alike; none avoid it. Give these warriors into my hands, and, old as I am, I will not spare myself, nor turn my back upon the Tartars." The Metropolitan, we are told, added his exhortations to those of Bassian.

Ivan returned to the camp, the Khan of the Golden Horde fled without a blow, and Russia was set free for ever.

[*Note:* The reader will remember that Constantinople (also called New Rome) fell to the Turks in 1453, and thus the Byzantine or Eastern Roman Empire came to an end. This same Ivan III married the niece of the last Byzantine Emperor, and so claimed for himself a position in the line of Christian Emperors beginning with Constantine, and for Moscow the position of Third Rome, the capital thenceforth of the Christian world.]

Now back to the time of Sergius.

The Metropolitan, Alexis, being eighty-four years old, perceived that his end was approaching, and he wished to give Sergius his blessing and appoint him

as his successor. But the humble monk, in great alarm, declared that he could not accept and wear the sacred picture of the Blessed Virgin suspended by gold chains, which the primate had sent him from his own breast on which it had hung.

"From my youth up," said he, "I have never possessed or worn gold, and how now can I adorn myself in my old age?"

St. Sergius died at an extremely advanced age in 1392, amidst the lamentations of his contemporaries.

written by James Kiefer

## **Prayer**

O God, whose blessed Son became poor that we, through his poverty, might be rich: Deliver us from an inordinate love of this world, that we, inspired by the devotion of your servant Sergius, may serve you with singleness of heart, and attain to the riches of the age to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

### *Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

### *Everyone sings or says*

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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 our Country**

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion us into one united people. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For the President of the United States and all in Civil Authority**

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to your merciful care, that, being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to the President of the United States, the Governor of this State (or, Commonwealth), and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in your fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

### **Hymn: Father, Lord of all creation**

Father, Lord of all creation,  
ground of being, life and love;  
Height and depth beyond description,  
only life in you can prove:  
You are mortal life's dependence;  
thought, speech, sight are ours by grace.  
Yours is every hour's existence,  
sovereign Lord of time and space.

Jesus Christ, the man for others  
we, your people, make our prayer.  
Help us love, as sisters, brothers  
all whose burdens we can share.  
Where your name binds us together  
you, Lord Christ, will surely be.  
Where no selfishness can sever  
there you love the world may see.

Holy Spirit, rushing, bringing  
wind and flame of Pentecost,  
fire our hearts afresh with yearning  
to regain what we have lost.  
May your love unite our action  
nevermore to speak alone.  
God, in us, abolish faction.  
God, through us, your love make known.

Words: Stewart Cross

Music: *Abbot's Leigh*

### **A Prayer of Self-Dedication**

Almighty and eternal God,

so draw our hearts to you,  
so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations,  
so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly yours,  
utterly dedicated unto you;  
and then use us, we pray you, as you will,  
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

### **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. *Romans 15:13*

### **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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# **An Order of Service for Noonday**

## **The Opening**

### *Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

### *Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

### *Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

## **The Psalm**

### **Psalm 126 *In convertendo***

<sup>1</sup> When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup> Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

<sup>3</sup> Then they said among the nations, \*  
The Lord has done great things for them.

<sup>4</sup> The Lord has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.

<sup>5</sup> Restore our fortunes, O Lord, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.

<sup>6</sup> Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.

<sup>7</sup> Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Word**

### *Leader*

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of Hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Response*

Christ, have mercy.

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to traditional](#)

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,

your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

### **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### ***Leader***

Lord, hear our prayer;

### *Response*

And let our cry come to you.

### *Leader*

Let us pray.

## **The Collect**

### *Leader*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

### *Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

### *Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

### *Response*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

### *Response*

Lord, have mercy.



*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that

place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

**The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## Jump to Noonday

Thursday

Morning Prayer

Proper 20

Saint Euphrosyne of Alexandria

## The Opening

### Opening Sentence

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. *John 4:23*

### Hymn: Today I awake

Today I awake and God is before me.

At night, as I dreamt, God summoned the day;  
For God never sleeps but patterns the morning  
with slithers of gold or glory in grey.

Today I arise and Christ is beside me.  
He walked through the dark to scatter new light,  
Yes, Christ is alive, and beckons his people  
to hope and to heal, resist and invite.

Today I affirm the Spirit within me  
at worship and work, in struggle and rest.  
The Spirit inspires all life which is changing  
from fearing to faith, from broken to blest.

Today I enjoy the Trinity round me,  
above and beneath, before and behind;  
The Maker, the Son, the Spirit together  
they called me to life and call me their friend.

Words and Music: John Bell

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

**Antiphon**

God is the Rock of our salvation:

O come let us worship.

**Venite *Psalm 95:1-7***

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

God is the Rock of our salvation:

O come let us worship.

## **The Psalter**

### **116 *Dilexi, quoniam***

#### **or Coverdale**

- <sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, because he has heard the  
voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever  
I called upon him.
- <sup>2</sup> The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.
- <sup>3</sup> Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: \*  
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."
- <sup>4</sup> Gracious is the LORD and righteous; \*  
our God is full of compassion.
- <sup>5</sup> The LORD watches over the innocent; \*  
I was brought very low, and he helped me.
- <sup>6</sup> Turn again to your rest, O my soul. \*  
for the LORD has treated you well.
- <sup>7</sup> For you have rescued my life from death, \*  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
- <sup>8</sup> I will walk in the presence of the LORD \*  
in the land of the living.
- <sup>9</sup> I believed, even when I said,  
"I have been brought very low." \*  
In my distress I said, "No one can be trusted."

- How shall I repay the LORD \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?
- <sup>11</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- <sup>12</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people.
- <sup>13</sup> Precious in the sight of the LORD \*  
is the death of his servants.
- <sup>14</sup> O LORD, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.
- <sup>15</sup> I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- <sup>16</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people,
- <sup>17</sup> In the courts of the LORD's house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!

### **117 *Laudate Dominum***

**or Coverdale**

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD, all you nations; \*  
laud him, all you peoples.
- <sup>2</sup> For his loving-kindness toward us is great, \*  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever.  
Hallelujah!

### **Gloria Patri**





Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

## **The Lessons**

### **The Old Testament Lesson**

#### *Reader*

A Reading from the Book of Esther 7:1-10

<sup>7</sup>So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. <sup>2</sup>On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." <sup>3</sup>Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. <sup>4</sup>For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." <sup>5</sup>Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" <sup>6</sup>Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

<sup>7</sup>The king rose from the feast in wrath and went into the palace garden, but Haman stayed to beg his life from Queen Esther, for he saw that the king had determined to destroy him. <sup>8</sup>When the king returned from the palace garden to the banquet hall, Haman had thrown himself on the couch where Esther was

reclining; and the king said, "Will he even assault the queen in my presence, in my own house?" As the words left the mouth of the king, they covered Haman's face. <sup>9</sup>Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." <sup>10</sup>So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 9**

### **The First Song of Isaiah**

*Ecce, Deus*

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, \*

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The New Testament Lesson**

### *Reader*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 19:11-20

<sup>11</sup>God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, <sup>12</sup>so that when the handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were brought to the sick, their diseases left them, and the evil spirits came out of them.

<sup>13</sup>Then some itinerant Jewish exorcists tried to use the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims." <sup>14</sup>Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. <sup>15</sup>But the evil spirit said to them in reply, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?" <sup>16</sup>Then the man with the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered them all, and so overpowered them that they fled out of the house naked and wounded. <sup>17</sup>When this became known to all residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks, everyone was awestruck; and the name of the Lord Jesus was praised. <sup>18</sup>Also many of those who became believers confessed and disclosed their practices. <sup>19</sup>A number of those who practiced magic collected their books and burned them publicly; when the value of these books was calculated, it was found to come to fifty thousand silver coins. <sup>20</sup>So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

The Word of the Lord.

### *Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 19**

### **The Song of the Redeemed**

#### ***Magna et mirabilia***

Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **Gospel**

### *Reader*

A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke 4:14-30

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. <sup>16</sup>When 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, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: <sup>18</sup>"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, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." <sup>20</sup>And 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. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup>All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup>He 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.'" <sup>24</sup>And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. <sup>25</sup>But 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; <sup>26</sup>yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup>There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup>When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup>They 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. <sup>30</sup>But 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 Apostles' Creed**

### *All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **The Prayers**

#### *Leader*

God be with you.

#### *Response*

And also with you.

#### *Leader*

Let us pray.

#### *Everyone*

## **The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary)** **(or Traditional)**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Suffrages**

### *Leader*

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

### *Response*

Govern and uphold them, now and always.

### *Leader*

Day by day we bless you;

### *Response*

We praise your Name for ever.

### *Leader*

Lord, keep us from all sin today;

### *Response*

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

### *Leader*

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

### *Response*

For we put our trust in you.

### *Leader*

In you, Lord, is our hope;

### *Response*

And we shall never hope in vain.

## **The Collect of the Day: Proper 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.*

### **A Collect for Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **A Collect for the Renewal of Life**

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **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](#).

## **The Commemoration**

Saint Euphrosyne of Alexandria (fl. 5th century CE) was a female saint who

adopted male attire and lived at a local monastery as an ascetic.

Euphrosyne was the beloved only daughter of Paphnutius, a rich man of Alexandria, miraculously born in her parents' old age in answer to a monk's prayer. Her loving father desired to marry her to a wealthy youth.

But having already consecrated her life to God and under pressure to break her vow, she dressed as a man and assumed the identity of "Smaragdus" ("emerald"). She then escaped to a nearby men's monastery, where she made rapid strides toward a perfected ascetic life. She was under the guidance of the abbot, who also happened to be the same monk who had prayed for her birth.

Years later, when Paphnutius appealed to the abbot for comfort in his bereavement, the abbot committed him to the care of Euphrosyne, still under the guise of Smaragdus. Paphnutius received from his own daughter, whom he had failed to recognize, helpful advice and comforting exhortation. Not until she was dying did Euphrosyne reveal herself to him as his lost daughter. After burying her, Paphnutius gave up all his worldly goods, and became a monk in the same monastery. There, he used his daughter's old cell until his own death ten years after.

from [Wikipedia](#)

## **Prayer**

Merciful God, who looks not with outward eyes but discerns the heart of each: we confess that those whom we love the most are often strangers to us. Give to all parents and children, we pray, the grace to see one another as they truly are and as you have called them to be. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our only mediator and advocate. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

### *Leader*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

*Everyone sings or says*

### **Hymn: To my humble supplication**

To my humble supplication  
Lord, give ear and 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 Peace Among Nations**

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **For Those in the Armed Forces of Our Country**

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For the Conservation of Natural Resources**

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Hymn: For the beauty of the Earth**

For the beauty of the Earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful of praise.

For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on Earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For each perfect gift of thine  
to our race so freely given,

graces human and divine,  
flowers of Earth and buds of heaven,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

Singers: [The Center for Church Music](#)

Words: Folliot S. Pierpoint

Music: Conrad Kocher

Tune: *Dix*

### **A Prayer of Self-Dedication**

Almighty and eternal God,  
so draw our hearts to you,  
so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations,  
so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly yours,  
utterly dedicated unto you;  
and then use us, we pray you, as you will,  
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **The Ending**

#### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love

in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

### **Benediction**

#### *Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

#### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

#### *Leader*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

## Hymn: God Be With You

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## An Order of Service for Noonday

### The Opening

#### *Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

#### *Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

#### *Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

### The Psalm

#### Psalm 119 *Lucerna pedibus meis*

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.

<sup>106</sup> I have sworn and am determined \*

to keep your righteous judgments.

<sup>107</sup> I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

<sup>108</sup> Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.

<sup>109</sup> My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.

<sup>110</sup> The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

<sup>111</sup> Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

<sup>112</sup> I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Word**

### *Leader*

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that  
has been given to us. *Romans 5:5*

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.



### *Response*

Christ, have mercy.

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to traditional](#)

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## Jump to Noonday

Friday

Morning Prayer

Proper 20

Thomas Traherne

## The Opening

### Opening Sentence

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the Earth keep silence before him.

*Habakkuk 2:20*

### Hymn: When morning gilds the skies

When morning gilds the skies,

My heart awaking cries:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer

To Jesus I repair:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

To Thee, my God above,

I cry with glowing love,

May Jesus Christ be praised!

The fairest graces spring

In hearts that ever sing,

May Jesus Christ be praised!

When sleep her balm denies,

My silent spirit sighs,

May Jesus Christ be praised!

When evil thoughts molest,

With this I shield my breast,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

The night becomes as day,  
When from the heart we say,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
The powers of darkness fear,  
When this sweet chant they hear,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine,  
My canticle divine,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this th' eternal song  
Through all the ages long,  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Words: From the *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, translated by Edward Caswall

Music: Joseph Barnby

Tune: *Laudes Domini*

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

## **Antiphon**

The Holy One is in our midst:  
O come let us worship.

## **Jubilate**

*Psalm 100*



Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Holy One is in our midst:  
O come let us worship.

## **The Psalter**

### **88 *Domine, Deus* or Coverdale**

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, my God, my Savior, \*  
by day and night I cry to you.

<sup>2</sup>Let my prayer enter into your presence; \*  
incline your ear to my lamentation.

<sup>3</sup>For I am full of trouble; \*  
my life is at the brink of the grave.

<sup>4</sup>I am counted among those who go down to the Pit; \*  
I have become like one who has no strength;

<sup>5</sup>Lost among the dead, \*  
like the slain who lie in the grave,

<sup>6</sup>Whom you remember no more, \*  
for they are cut off from your hand.

<sup>7</sup>You have laid me in the depths of the Pit, \*  
in dark places, and in the abyss.

<sup>8</sup>Your anger weighs upon me heavily, \*  
and all your great waves overwhelm me.

<sup>9</sup>You have put my friends far from me;  
you have made me to be abhorred by them; \*  
I am in prison and cannot get free.

<sup>10</sup>My sight has failed me because of trouble; \*  
Lord, I have called upon you daily;  
I have stretched out my hands to you.

<sup>11</sup>Do you work wonders for the dead? \*  
will those who have died stand up and give you thanks?

<sup>12</sup>Will your loving-kindness be declared in the grave? \*  
your faithfulness in the land of destruction?

<sup>13</sup>Will your wonders be known in the dark? \*  
or your righteousness in the country where all  
is forgotten?

<sup>14</sup>But as for me, O Lord, I cry to you for help; \*  
in the morning my prayer comes before you.

<sup>15</sup>Lord, why have you rejected me? \*  
why have you hidden your face from me?

<sup>16</sup>Ever since my youth, I have been wretched and at the  
point of death; \*  
I have borne your terrors with a troubled mind.

<sup>17</sup>Your blazing anger has swept over me; \*

your terrors have destroyed me;

<sup>18</sup>They surround me all day long like a flood; \*  
they encompass me on every side.

<sup>19</sup>My friend and my neighbor you have put away from me, \*  
and darkness is my only companion.

## **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 Esther 8:1-8, 15-17

<sup>8</sup>On that day King Ahasuerus gave to Queen Esther the house of Haman, the enemy of the Jews; and Mordecai came before the king, for Esther had told what he was to her. <sup>2</sup>Then the king took off his signet ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai. So Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.

<sup>3</sup>Then Esther spoke again to the king; she fell at his feet, weeping and pleading with him to avert the evil design of Haman the Agagite and the plot that he had devised against the Jews. <sup>4</sup>The king held out the golden scepter to Esther, <sup>5</sup>and Esther rose and stood before the king. She said, "If it pleases the king, and if I have won his favor, and if the thing seems right before the king,

and I have his approval, let an order be written to revoke the letters devised by Haman son of Hammedatha the Agagite, which he wrote giving orders to destroy the Jews who are in all the provinces of the king. <sup>6</sup>For how can I bear to see the calamity that is coming on my people? Or how can I bear to see the destruction of my kindred?" <sup>7</sup>Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther and to the Jew Mordecai, "See, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and they have hanged him on the gallows, because he plotted to lay hands on the Jews. <sup>8</sup>You may write as you please with regard to the Jews, in the name of the king, and seal it with the king's ring; for an edict written in the name of the king and sealed with the king's ring cannot be revoked."

<sup>15</sup>Then Mordecai went out from the presence of the king, wearing royal robes of blue and white, with a great golden crown and a mantle of fine linen and purple, while the city of Susa shouted and rejoiced. <sup>16</sup>For the Jews there was light and gladness, joy and honor. <sup>17</sup>In every province and in every city, wherever the king's command and his edict came, there was gladness and joy among the Jews, a festival and a holiday. Furthermore, many of the peoples of the country professed to be Jews, because the fear of the Jews had fallen upon them.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

**Canticle Q**  
**A Song of Christ's Goodness**  
**Anselm of Canterbury**

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you; \*  
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

Often you weep over our sins and our pride, \*  
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.  
You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, \*  
in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.  
Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life; \*  
by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.  
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; \*  
through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.  
Your warmth gives life to the dead, \*  
your touch makes sinners righteous.  
Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us; \*  
in your love and tenderness, remake us.  
In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness, \*  
for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The New Testament Lesson**

### *Reader*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 19:21-41

<sup>21</sup>Now after these things had been accomplished, Paul resolved in the Spirit to go through Macedonia and Achaia, and then to go on to Jerusalem. He said, "After I have gone there, I must also see Rome." <sup>22</sup>So he sent two of his helpers, Timothy and Erastus, to Macedonia, while he himself stayed for some time longer in Asia. <sup>23</sup>About that time no little disturbance broke out concerning the Way. <sup>24</sup>A man named Demetrius, a silversmith who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought no little business to the artisans. <sup>25</sup>These he gathered together, with the workers of the same trade, and said, "Men, you

know that we get our wealth from this business. <sup>26</sup>You also see and hear that not only in Ephesus but in almost the whole of Asia this Paul has persuaded and drawn away a considerable number of people by saying that gods made with hands are not gods. <sup>27</sup>And there is danger not only that this trade of ours may come into disrepute but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be scorned, and she will be deprived of her majesty that brought all Asia and the world to worship her." <sup>28</sup>When they heard this, they were enraged and shouted, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" <sup>29</sup>The city was filled with the confusion; and people rushed together to the theater, dragging with them Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians who were Paul's travel companions. <sup>30</sup>Paul wished to go into the crowd, but the disciples would not let him; <sup>31</sup>even some officials of the province of Asia, who were friendly to him, sent him a message urging him not to venture into the theater. <sup>32</sup>Meanwhile, some were shouting one thing, some another; for the assembly was in confusion, and most of them did not know why they had come together. <sup>33</sup>Some of the crowd gave instructions to Alexander, whom the Jews had pushed forward. And Alexander motioned for silence and tried to make a defense before the people. <sup>34</sup>But when they recognized that he was a Jew, for about two hours all of them shouted in unison, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" <sup>35</sup>But when the town clerk had quieted the crowd, he said, "Citizens of Ephesus, who is there that does not know that the city of the Ephesians is the temple keeper of the great Artemis and of the statue that fell from heaven? <sup>36</sup>Since these things cannot be denied, you ought to be quiet and do nothing rash. <sup>37</sup>You have brought these men here who are neither temple robbers nor blasphemers of our goddess. <sup>38</sup>If therefore Demetrius and the artisans with him have a complaint against anyone, the courts are open, and there are proconsuls; let

them bring charges there against one another. If there is anything further you want to know, it must be settled in the regular assembly. <sup>40</sup>For we are in danger of being charged with rioting today, since there is no cause that we can give to justify this commotion." <sup>41</sup>When he had said this, he dismissed the assembly.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 18**

### **A Song to the Lamb**

#### ***Dignus es***

Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
for ever and for evermore.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **Gospel**

### *Reader*

A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke 4:31-37

<sup>31</sup>He went down to Capernaum, a city in Galilee, and was teaching them on the sabbath. <sup>32</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, because he spoke with authority. <sup>33</sup>In the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, <sup>34</sup>"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." <sup>35</sup>But 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. <sup>36</sup>They 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!" <sup>37</sup>And 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 Apostles' Creed**

### *All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit



and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

God be with you.

### *Response*

And also with you.

### *Leader*

Let us pray.

### *Everyone*

## **The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary) (or Traditional)**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,

your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Suffrages**

*Leader*

Help us, O God our Savior;

*Response*

Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

*Leader*

Look upon your congregation;

*Response*

Give to your people the blessing of peace.

*Leader*

Declare your glory among the nations;

*Response*

And your wonders among all peoples.

*Leader*

Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

*Response*

Never forget the lives of your poor.

*Leader*

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

*Response*

And your favor to those who are true of heart.

*Leader*

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

*Response*

So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

**The Collect of the Day: Proper 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.*

### **A Collect for Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

### **A Collect for Fridays**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

### **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](#).

## **The Commemoration**

Thomas Traherne, MA (1636 or 1637, Hereford, England - ca. October 10, 1674, Teddington) was an English poet and religious writer. His style is often

considered metaphysical.

Traherne was an inconsequential literary figure during his life, whose works were unappreciated until long after his death.

He led a humble, devout life, largely sheltered from the literary community. Only one of his works, *Roman Forgeries* (1673), was published in his lifetime. *Christian Ethicks* (1675) followed soon after his death, and later *A Serious and Patheticall Contemplation of the Mercies of God* (1699); but after that much of his finest work was lost, corrupted or misattributed to other writers.

The discoveries responsible for his renewed vindication as a theologian, beside the poems, are four complete *Centuries of Meditation*, short paragraphs embodying reflections on religion and Christian morals.

Some of these, evidently autobiographical in character, describe a childhood from which the "glory and the dream" was slow to depart. The earlier poems, which contain his best work, are full of the power of nature to inform the mind with beauty, and the ecstatic harmony of a child with the natural world.

In their manner, as in their matter, they remind the reader of William Blake and William Wordsworth. The poems on childhood may well have been inspired by Vaughan's lines entitled *The Retreat*. He quotes George Herbert's "Longing" in the newly discovered Lambeth Manuscript. His poetry is essentially metaphysical and his workmanship is uneven, but the collection contains passages of great beauty.

His poems were published in *Poems* (1903) and *Centuries of Meditations* (1908). *The Select Meditations* were not published until 1997.

In 1996 and 1997, another of Traherne's manuscripts was discovered in the Folger Library in Washington DC by Julia Smith and Laetitia Yeandle. A second was discovered in Lambeth Palace Library in London by Jeremy Maule.

*The Ceremonial Law*, from the Folger library, is an unfinished epic poem of over 1,800 lines.

The Lambeth Manuscript contains mainly prose works known as:

*Inducements to Retiredness, A Sober View of Dr Twisse, Seeds of Eternity, The Kingdom of God* and the fragment *Love*.

These two finds are a primary contributing factor to why Traherne is now being considered as much as a theologian as a poet.

from [Wikipedia](#)

## **Prayer**

Creator of wonder and majesty, you inspired your poet Thomas Traherne with mystical insight to see your glory in the natural world and in the faces of men and women around us: Help us to know you in your creation and in our neighbors, and to understand our obligations to both, that we may ever grow into the people you have created us to be; through our Savior Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in everlasting light. 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 Our Enemies**

O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For Social Justice**

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For Young Persons**

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Hymn: For where two or more are gathered**

For where two or more are gathered in my name,  
I am there among you.

So reach out and know that as you walk with me,  
I am with you always.

Take this promise near and far,  
Bind your lives together in mine.

Share good news wherever you are,  
And your loving shall be the sign.

For where two or more are gathered in my name,  
I am there among you.

So reach out and know that as you walk with me,  
I am with you always.

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### **A Prayer of Self-Dedication**

Almighty and eternal God,  
so draw our hearts to you,  
so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations,  
so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly yours,  
utterly dedicated unto you;  
and then use us, we pray you, as you will,  
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **The Ending**

#### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;



but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make  
our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-  
beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you  
will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as  
may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in  
the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

### **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can  
ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and

in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

## **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## **An Order of Service for Noonday**

### **The Opening**

#### *Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

#### *Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

#### *Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

### **Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos***

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, \*

the maker of heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

<sup>5</sup> The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

<sup>6</sup> So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord shall watch over your going out and  
your coming in, \* f  
rom this time forth for evermore.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Word**

### *Leader*

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of Hosts.

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to traditional](#)

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

**The Collect**

*Leader*

Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching out your loving arms: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your tender mercies sake.

*Everyone*

Amen.

**Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have

injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

**The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.





## [Jump to Noonday](#)

Saturday

Morning Prayer

Proper 20

Paula of Rome, Eustochium

## **The Opening**

### **Opening Sentence**

Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite. *Isaiah 57:15*

### **Hymn: With the Lord begin thy task**

With the Lord begin thy task;

Jesus will direct it.

For His aid and counsel ask;

Jesus will perfect it.

Every morn with Jesus rise,

And when day is ended,

In His name then close thine eyes;

Be to Him commended.

Let each day begin with prayer,

Praise, and adoration.

On the Lord cast every care;

He is thy salvation.

Morning, evening, and at night

Jesus will be near thee.

Save thee from the tempter's might,  
With His presence cheer thee.

With the Savior at thy side,  
Foes need not alarm thee.

In His promises confide,  
And no ill can harm thee.

All thy trust do thou repose  
In the mighty Master,  
Who in wisdom truly knows  
How to stem disaster.

If thy task be thus begun  
With the Savior's blessing,  
Safely then thy course will run  
Naught thy soul distressing.  
Good will follow everywhere  
While thou here must wander.  
Thou at last the joy will share  
In the mansions yonder.

Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task  
Be to Thee commended;  
May Thy will be done, I ask,  
Until life is ended.

Jesus, in Thy name begun  
Be the day's endeavor.  
Grant that it may well be done  
To Thy praise forever.

Singers: The Lutheran Quartet  
Words: Moren-und Abend-segen

Music: Peter Frank (1616-1675)

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

**Antiphon**

The Earth is the Lord's, for he made it:  
Come let us adore him.

**Venite *Psalm 95:1-7***

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Earth is the Lord's, for he made it:

Come let us adore him.

## **The Psalter**

### **87 *Fundamenta ejus* or Coverdale**

- <sup>1</sup> On the holy mountain stands the city he has founded; \*  
the Lord loves the gates of Zion  
more than all the dwellings of Jacob.
- <sup>2</sup> Glorious things are spoken of you, \*  
O city of our God.
- <sup>3</sup> I count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me; \*  
behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia:  
in Zion were they born.
- <sup>4</sup> Of Zion it shall be said, "Everyone was born in her, \*  
and the Most High himself shall sustain her."
- <sup>5</sup> The Lord will record as he enrolls the peoples, \*  
"These also were born there."
- <sup>6</sup> The singers and the dancers will say, \*  
"All my fresh springs are in you."

### **90 *Domine, refugium* or Coverdale**

- <sup>1</sup> Lord, you have been our refuge \*  
from one generation to another.
- <sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the land and the Earth were born, \*  
from age to age you are God.
- <sup>3</sup> You turn us back to the dust and say, \*  
"Go back, O child of earth."
- <sup>4</sup> For a thousand years in

your sight are like yesterday  
when it is past \*  
and like a watch in the night.

<sup>5</sup> You sweep us away like a dream; \*  
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

<sup>6</sup> In the morning it is green and flourishes; \*  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

<sup>7</sup> For we consume away in your displeasure; \*  
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

<sup>8</sup> Our iniquities you have set before you, \*  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

<sup>9</sup> When you are angry, all our days are gone; \*  
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

<sup>10</sup> The span of our life is seventy years,  
perhaps in strength even eighty; \*  
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,  
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

<sup>11</sup> Who regards the power of your wrath? \*  
who rightly fears your indignation?

<sup>12</sup> So teach us to number our days \*  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

<sup>13</sup> Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? \*  
be gracious to your servants.

<sup>14</sup> Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; \*  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

<sup>15</sup> Make us glad by the measure  
of the days that you afflicted us \*

and the years in which we suffered adversity.

<sup>16</sup> Show your servants your works \*  
and your splendor to their children.

<sup>17</sup> May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; \*  
prosper the work of our hands;  
prosper our handiwork.

## **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 Prophet Hosea 1:1-2:1

<sup>1</sup>The word of the Lord that came to Hosea son of Beerī, in the days of Kings Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah of Judah, and in the days of King Jeroboam son of Joash of Israel.

<sup>2</sup>When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord." <sup>3</sup>So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. <sup>4</sup>And the Lord said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of



the house of Israel. <sup>5</sup>On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel." <sup>6</sup>She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. <sup>7</sup>But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen."

<sup>8</sup>When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. <sup>9</sup>Then the Lord said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God." <sup>10</sup>Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God." <sup>11</sup>The people of Judah and the people of Israel shall be gathered together, and they shall appoint for themselves one head; and they shall take possession of the land, for great shall be the day of Jezreel.

<sup>2</sup>Say to your brother, Ammi, and to your sister, Ruhamah.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle S**

### **A Song of Our True Nature**

#### **Julian of Norwich**

Christ revealed our frailty and our falling, \*  
our trespasses and our humiliations.

Christ also revealed his blessed power, \*  
his blessed wisdom and love.

He protects us as tenderly and as sweetly when we are in greatest need; \*  
he raises us in spirit  
and turns everything to glory and joy without ending.  
God is the ground and the substance, the very essence of nature; \*  
God is the true father and mother of natures.  
We are all bound to God by nature, \*  
and we are all bound to God by grace.  
And this grace is for all the world, \*  
because it is our precious mother, Christ.  
For this fair nature was prepared by Christ  
for the honor and nobility of all, \*  
and for the joy and bliss of salvation  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The New Testament Lesson**

### *Reader*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 20:1-16

<sup>20</sup>After the uproar had ceased, Paul sent for the disciples; and after encouraging them and saying farewell, he left for Macedonia. <sup>2</sup>When he had gone through those regions and had given the believers much encouragement, he came to Greece, <sup>3</sup>where he stayed for three months. He was about to set sail for Syria when a plot was made against him by the Jews, and so he decided to return through Macedonia. <sup>4</sup>He was accompanied by Sopater son of Pyrrhus from Beroea, by Aristarchus and Secundus from Thessalonica, by Gaius from Derbe, and by Timothy, as well as by Tychicus and Trophimus from Asia. <sup>5</sup>They went ahead and were waiting for us in Troas; <sup>6</sup>but we sailed from Philippi after the days of Unleavened Bread, and in five days we joined

them in Troas, where we stayed for seven days.

<sup>7</sup>On the first day of the week, when we met to break bread, Paul was holding a discussion with them; since he intended to leave the next day, he continued speaking until midnight. <sup>8</sup>There were many lamps in the room upstairs where we were meeting. <sup>9</sup>A young man named Eutychus, who was sitting in the window, began to sink off into a deep sleep while Paul talked still longer. Overcome by sleep, he fell to the ground three floors below and was picked up dead. <sup>10</sup>But Paul went down, and bending over him took him in his arms, and said, "Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him." <sup>11</sup>Then Paul went upstairs, and after he had broken bread and eaten, he continued to converse with them until dawn; then he left. <sup>12</sup>Meanwhile they had taken the boy away alive and were not a little comforted.

<sup>13</sup>We went ahead to the ship and set sail for Assos, intending to take Paul on board there; for he had made this arrangement, intending to go by land himself. <sup>14</sup>When he met us in Assos, we took him on board and went to Mitylene. <sup>15</sup>We sailed from there, and on the following day we arrived opposite Chios. The next day we touched at Samos, and the day after that we came to Miletus. <sup>16</sup>For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; he was eager to be in Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

**Canticle 19**

**The Song of the Redeemed**

## ***Magna et mirabilia***

Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **Gospel**

### ***Reader***

A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke 4:38-44

<sup>38</sup>After 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.

<sup>39</sup>Then he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately she got up and began to serve them. <sup>40</sup>As 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. <sup>41</sup>Demons 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.

<sup>42</sup>At 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. <sup>43</sup>But 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."

<sup>44</sup>So 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 Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

God be with you.

### *Response*

And also with you.

### *Leader*

Let us pray.

### **The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary) (or Traditional)**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Suffrages**

### *Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

### *Response*

And grant us your salvation.

### *Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

### *Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

### *Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

### *Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

### *Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon Earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

**The Collect of the Day: Proper 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.*

**A Collect for Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So



clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

### **A Collect for Saturdays**

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **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](#).

### **The Commemoration**

**Paula of Rome** (AD 347–404) was a Roman saint and early Desert Mother.

Paula was the daughter of Blesilla and Rogatus (members of one of the richest Roman senatorial families). In her mid teens, Paula was married to the nobleman Toxotius, with whom she had four daughters and a boy.

At the age of 32, Paula was widowed. She continued to dedicate herself to her family, but became more interested in religion. Through the influence of Saint Marcella and her group, Paula became an enthusiastic member of this semi-monastic group of women. In 382, she met Saint Jerome, who had come to Rome.

A year after the death of her husband, Paula pursued a pilgrimage to tour all of the holy sites traveling with large entourages of both men and women

including her daughter Eustochium and Jerome himself.

At the end of her journey, Paula decided to remain in Bethlehem to develop a monastery and spiritual retreat with Jerome.

Once settled in Bethlehem, Paula and Jerome built a double monastery: one for Paula and her nuns and another for Jerome and his monks. The addition of a roadside hostel was also constructed to serve as an economic source to fund the monasteries.

Once completed, the monastery segregated each gender during manual labor and meals, but practiced prayer in the same locale. Jerome and Paula's retreat attracted large crowds of visitors both from Christian backgrounds and general travelers from a variety of regions including Ethiopia, Persia, and India. Aristocratic refugees were also drawn to the retreat due to Jerome's extensive network of followers.

Paula maintained her ascetic devotion through intensive studies of the Old and New Testaments, often under the guidance of Jerome. With this, she also practiced a strict fasting regimen, abstinence, and pursued a destitute lifestyle “to preserve a singular attachment to God” as stated by Jerome.

While practicing this life of isolation, Paula still continued to interact with local clergy and bishops and devoted much attention to teaching the nuns under her sovereignty. Paula was recognized as a major figure in the Christian community.

She died on January 26 404 CE. At her funeral, a significant portion of the Palestinian population arrived to honor her. A year after her passing, Paula was given the title of Saint by the Latin Church.

from [Wikipedia](#)

**Eustochium** (c. 368 – September 28, 419 or 420), was Paula's daughter and is also venerated as a saint and an early Desert Mother.

Eustochium spoke Latin and Classical Greek with equal ease and was able to read the scriptures in the Hebrew text. Many of Jerome's Biblical commentaries owe their existence to her influence and to her he dedicated his commentaries on the prophets Isaiah and Ezekiel.

The letters which Jerome wrote for her instruction and spiritual advancement are, according to his own testimony, very numerous.

After the death of her mother Paula in 404, Eustochium assumed the direction of the nuns in the monastery. Her task was difficult because the monastery was impoverished due to the lavish almsgiving of Paula.

from [Wikipedia](#)

## **Prayer**

Compel us, O God, to attend diligently to your Word, as did your faithful servants Paula and Eustochium, that, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, we may find it profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness; and that thereby we may be made wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus 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 Joy in God's Creation**

O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For the Good Use of Leisure**

O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For the Unemployed**

Heavenly Father, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive just payment for their labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Hymn: Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us**

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,  
For we need You to help us find our way.  
Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us,  
For we need Your strength from day to day.  
There's no other we can turn to  
Who can help us face another day;  
There's no other we can turn to  
Who can help us face another day.

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,  
For we need You to help us find our way,  
To find our way.

There's no other we can turn to  
Who can help us face another day;  
There's no other we can turn to  
Who can help us face another day.

Gentle Shepherd, come lead us.

Singers: Sam Robson, Lisanse Changwe, and Evan Sanders

Writer: Bill Gaither

Arrangement: Sam Robson

### **A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

**The Ending**

## **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make  
our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-  
beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you  
will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as  
may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in  
the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

## **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

**Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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**An Order of Service for Noonday**

**The Opening**

*Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

## **The Psalm**

### **Psalm 119 *Lucerna pedibus meis***

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.

<sup>106</sup> I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.

<sup>107</sup> I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

<sup>108</sup> Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.

<sup>109</sup> My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.

<sup>110</sup> The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

<sup>111</sup> Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

<sup>112</sup> I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Word**

### *Leader*

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that



has been given to us. Romans 5:5

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

**The Prayers**

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Response*

Christ, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

**Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to traditional](#)

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

### **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

#### *Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

#### *Response*

And let our cry come to you.

#### *Leader*

Let us pray.

### **The Collect**

#### *Leader*

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

### *Response*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

### *Response*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

### *Response*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

### *Response*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

### *Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## Jump to Noonday

Sunday

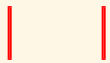
Morning Prayer

Proper 21

## The Opening

### Opening Sentence

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalm 19:14*



### Hymn: Awake, awake: fling off the night!

Awake, awake: fling off the night!

For God has sent a glorious light;  
and we who live in Christ's new day  
must works of darkness put away.

Let in the light; all sin expose  
to Christ, whose life no darkness knows.  
Before the cross expectant kneel;  
That Christ may judge, and judging heal.

Awake, and rise up from the dead,  
and Christ his light on you will shed.  
Its power will wrong desires destroy,  
and your whole nature fill with joy.

Then sing for joy, and use each day;  
give thanks for everything alway.  
Lift up your hearts; with one accord  
praise God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Words: [J.R. Peacey](#)

Tune: *Deus tuorum militum*

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*



*Leader*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

**Antiphon**

The Earth is the Lord's, for he made it:  
Come let us adore him.

**Jubilate**

***Psalm 100***

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Earth is the Lord's, for he made it:  
Come let us adore him.

## The Psalter

### 66 *Jubilate Deo* or Coverdale

- <sup>1</sup> Be joyful in God, all you lands; \*  
sing the glory of his Name;  
sing the glory of his praise.
- <sup>2</sup> Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! \*  
because of your great strength  
your enemies cringe before you.
- <sup>3</sup> All the Earth bows down before you, \*  
sings to you, sings out your Name.”
- <sup>4</sup> Come now and see the works of God, \*  
how wonderful he is  
in his doing toward all people.
- <sup>5</sup> He turned the sea into dry land,  
so that they went through the water on foot, \*  
and there we rejoiced in him.
- <sup>6</sup> In his might he rules for ever;  
his eyes keep watch over the nations; \*  
let no rebel rise up against him.
- <sup>7</sup> Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
make the voice of  
his praise to be heard;
- <sup>8</sup> Who holds our souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- <sup>9</sup> For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

- <sup>10</sup> You brought us into the snare; \*  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- <sup>11</sup> You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water; \*  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- <sup>12</sup> I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
and will pay you my vows, \*  
which I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- <sup>13</sup> I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the smoke of rams; \*  
I will give you oxen and goats.
- <sup>14</sup> Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- <sup>15</sup> I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
and his praise was on my tongue.
- <sup>16</sup> If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
the Lord would not have heard me;
- <sup>17</sup> But in truth God has heard me; \*  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- <sup>18</sup> Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
nor withheld his love from me.

## **67 *Deus misereatur***

**or Coverdale**

- <sup>1</sup> May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- <sup>2</sup> Let your ways be known upon Earth, \*

your saving health among all nations.

<sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>4</sup> Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.

<sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>6</sup> The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

<sup>7</sup> May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the Earth stand in awe of him.

## **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 Prophet Hosea 2:2-14

<sup>2</sup>Plead with your mother, plead for she is not my wife, and I am not her husband that she put away her whoring from her face, and her adultery from between her breasts, <sup>3</sup>or I will strip her naked and expose her as in the day she

was born, and make her like a wilderness, and turn her into a parched land, and kill her with thirst. <sup>4</sup>Upon her children also I will have no pity, because they are children of whoredom. <sup>5</sup>For their mother has played the whore; she who conceived them has acted shamefully. For she said, "I will go after my lovers; they give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, my oil and my drink."

<sup>6</sup>Therefore I will hedge up her way with thorns; and I will build a wall against her, so that she cannot find her paths. <sup>7</sup>She shall pursue her lovers, but not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them. Then she shall say, "I will go and return to my first husband, for it was better with me then than now." <sup>8</sup>She did not know that it was I who gave her the grain, the wine, and the oil, and who lavished upon her silver and gold that they used for Baal. <sup>9</sup>Therefore I will take back my grain in its time, and my wine in its season; and I will take away my wool and my flax, which were to cover her nakedness. <sup>10</sup>Now I will uncover her shame in the sight of her lovers, and no one shall rescue her out of my hand. <sup>11</sup>I will put an end to all her mirth, her festivals, her new moons, her sabbaths, and all her appointed festivals. <sup>12</sup>I will lay waste her vines and her fig trees, of which she said, "These are my pay, which my lovers have given me." I will make them a forest, and the wild animals shall devour them. <sup>13</sup>I will punish her for the festival days of the Baals, when she offered incense to them and decked herself with her ring and jewelry, and went after her lovers, and forgot me, says the Lord.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, I will now allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle M**

### **A Song of Faith**

#### ***1 Peter 1:3-4,18-21***

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, \*

by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;

Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, \*

we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.

The ransom that was paid to free us \*

was not paid in silver or gold,

But in the precious blood of Christ, \*

the Lamb without spot or stain.

God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory \*

so that we might have faith and hope in God.

## **The New Testament Lesson**

### *Reader*

A Reading from the Letter to James 3:1-13

<sup>3</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The

tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell.

<sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue - a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **21 You are God *Te Deum laudamus***

You are God: we praise you;

You are the Lord: we acclaim you;

You are the eternal Father:

All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,

Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;  
    Father, of majesty unbounded,  
    your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
    and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you became man to set us free  
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
    Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
    bought with the price of your own blood,  
    and bring us with your saints  
    to glory everlasting.

## **The Gospel**

### *Reader*

A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew 13:44-52

<sup>44</sup>"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. <sup>45</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup>on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup>when it was full, they drew it



ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>51</sup>"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." <sup>52</sup>And 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 Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

God be with you.

### *Response*

And also with you.

### *Leader*

Let us pray.

### *Everyone*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or Traditional)**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Suffrages**

### *Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

### *Response*

And grant us your salvation.

### *Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

### *Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

### *Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

*Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon Earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

**The Collect of the Day: Proper 21**

*Leader*

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises,  
may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever

and ever. Amen.

*The following prayers and hymns are led according to local custom.*

### **A Collect for Sundays**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **A Collect for Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **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 the Church**


Gracious Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.

### **For Church Musicians and Artists**

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For Families**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who places solitary persons in families: We commend to your continual care the homes in which your people dwell. Put far from them, we beseech you, every root of bitterness, the desire of vainglory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, and godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in marriage, have been made one flesh. Turn the hearts of the parents to the children, and the hearts of the children to the parents; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we may evermore be kindly one to another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## **Hymn: Go down, Moses**

*Go down, Moses*

*Way down in Egypt land*

*Tell ole Pharaoe to*

*Let my people go!*

Now when Israel was in Egypt land

*Let my people go!*

Oppressed so hard they could not stand

*Let my people go!*

So the Lord said: 'Go down,

*'Go down,*

Moses

*Moses*

Way

*Way*

Down

*Down*

in Egypt land

Tell ole Pharaoe to

Let my people go!'

*Let my people go!'*

So Moses went to Egypt land

*Let my people go!*

He made old Pharaoe understand

*Let my people go!*

Yes, the Lord said: 'Go down,

*'Go down,*

Moses

*Moses*

Way

*Way*

Down

*Down*

in Egypt land

Tell ole Pharaoe to

Let my people go!

*Let my people go!*

Thus spoke the Lord, bold Moses said:

*'Let my people go!'*

'If not I'll smite, your firstborn dead'

*Let my people go!*

So the Lord said: 'Go down,

*'Go down,*

Moses

*Moses*

Way

*Way*

Down

*Down*

in Egypt land

Tell ole Pharaoe to

*Let my people go!*

*Ahhhhh*

*Way down in Egypt land*

*Tell ole Pharaoe*

*To let my people go!*



Soloist and trumpet: Louis Armstrong

## **A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks

for all your goodness and loving-kindness

to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,

and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love

in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;

for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,

that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

### **Benediction**

#### *Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

#### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

### **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;

With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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## **An Order of Service for Noonday**

### **The Opening**

#### *Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

#### *Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

#### *Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

### **The Psalm**

#### **Psalm 126 *In convertendo***

<sup>1</sup> When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup> Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

<sup>3</sup> Then they said among the nations, \*  
The Lord has done great things for them.

The Lord has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.

<sup>5</sup> Restore our fortunes, O Lord, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.

<sup>6</sup> Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.

<sup>7</sup> Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Word**

### *Leader*

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of Hosts. Malachi 1:11

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Response*

Christ, have mercy.

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

[skip to traditional](#)

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

*Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families,



friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

**The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

## Jump to Noonday

Monday

Morning Prayer

Feast of Michael and all Angels (Michaelmas) transferred

## The Opening

### Opening Sentence

Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world. Psalm 19:4

### Hymn: Morning has broken

Morning has broken like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass,  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation, of the new day!  
Of the new day!

Singers: [Saint Mary's Cathedral Choristers, Edinburgh, Scotland](#)

Words: Eleanor Farjeon

Tune: *Bunessan*, Gaelic melody

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Leader*

Lord, open our lips.

## *Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

## *Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

## **Antiphon**

The Lord is glorious in his saints:

Come let us adore him.

## **Venite *Psalm 95:1-7***

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Lord is glorious in his saints:

Come let us adore him.

## **The Psalter**

### **8 Domine, Dominus noster or Coverdale**

- <sup>1</sup> O Lord our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- <sup>2</sup> Out of the mouths of infants and children \*  
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- <sup>3</sup> You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \*  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- <sup>4</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \*  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- <sup>5</sup> What is man that you should be mindful of him? \*  
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- <sup>6</sup> You have made him but little lower than the angels; \*  
you adorn him with glory and honor;
- <sup>7</sup> You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*  
you put all things under his feet:
- <sup>8</sup> All sheep and oxen, \*  
even the wild beasts of the field,
- <sup>9</sup> The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- <sup>10</sup> O Lord our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

### **148 Laudate Dominum or Coverdale**

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

- Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.
- <sup>2</sup> Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.
- <sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.
- <sup>4</sup> Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.
- <sup>5</sup> Let them praise the Name of the Lord; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.
- <sup>6</sup> He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- <sup>7</sup> Praise the Lord from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- <sup>8</sup> Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- <sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;
- <sup>10</sup> Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and wingd birds;
- <sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;
- <sup>12</sup> Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.
- <sup>13</sup> Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \*  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup> He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Hallelujah!

## **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 38:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: <sup>2</sup>“Who is this that darkens  
counsel by words without knowledge? <sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man, I will  
question you, and you shall declare to me.

<sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you  
have understanding. <sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements surely you know! Or  
who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its  
cornerstone <sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings  
shouted for joy?

The Word of the Lord.

#### *Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 9**

### **The First Song of Isaiah**

*Ecce, Deus*

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, \*

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The New Testament Lesson**

*Reader*

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews 1:1-14

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he



appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

<sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. <sup>5</sup>For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? <sup>6</sup>And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." <sup>7</sup>Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." <sup>8</sup>But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. <sup>9</sup>You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." <sup>10</sup>And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; <sup>11</sup>they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; <sup>12</sup>like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end." <sup>13</sup>But to which of the angels has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"? <sup>14</sup>Are not all angels spirits in the divine service, sent to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **Canticle 19**

### **The Song of the Redeemed**

#### ***Magna et mirabilia***

Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

### ***All stand***

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

God be with you.

### *Response*

And also with you.

### *Leader*

Let us pray.

### *Everyone*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer (or Traditional)**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Suffrages**

#### *Leader*

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

#### *Response*

Govern and uphold them, now and always.

#### *Leader*

Day by day we bless you;

*Response*

We praise your Name for ever.

*Leader*

Lord, keep us from all sin today;

*Response*

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

*Response*

For we put our trust in you.

*Leader*

In you, Lord, is our hope;

*Response*

And we shall never hope in vain.

**The Collect of the Day: 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.*

**A Collect for Mission**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are

near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **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](#).

## **The Commemoration**

On the Feast of Michael and all Angels, popularly called Michaelmas, we give thanks for the many ways in which God's loving care watches over us, both directly and indirectly, and we are reminded that the richness and variety of God's creation far exceeds our knowledge of it.

The Holy Scriptures often speak of created intelligences other than humans who worship God in heaven and act as His messengers and agents on earth. We are not told much about them, and it is not clear how much of what we are told is figurative. Jesus speaks of them as rejoicing over penitent sinners (Lk 15:10). Elsewhere, in a statement that has been variously understood (Mt 18:10), He warns against misleading a child, because their angels behold the face of God. (Acts 12:15 may refer to a related idea.)

In the Hebrew Scriptures, it is occasionally reported that someone saw a man who spoke to him with authority, and who he then realized was no mere man, but a messenger of God. Thus we have a belief in super-human rational created beings, either resembling men in appearance or taking human appearance when they are to communicate with us. They are referred to as "messengers of God," or simply as "messengers." The word for a messenger in Hebrew is *malach*, in Greek, *angelos*, from which we get our word "angel"

[Digression: *angelion* means "message, news" and *euangelion* means "good news = goodspell = gospel," from which we get our word "evangelist" used to mean a preacher of the Good News of salvation, and, more narrowly, one of the four Gospel-writers: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.]

By the time of Christ, Jewish popular belief included many specifics about angels, with names for many of them. There were thought to be four archangels, named Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, and Uriel. An alternative tradition has seven archangels (see Tobit 12:15 and 1 Enoch 20). Sometimes each archangel is associated with one of the seven planets of the Ptolemaic system (the moon, Mercury, Venus, the Sun, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn). Michael is associated with Saturn and Uriel with the Sun. The other pairings I forget, but I believe that you will find a list in the long narrative poem called "The Golden Legend," by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. (I believe that a pairing is also offered in the opening chapters of the *Proof of the Apostolic Preaching*, by Irenaeus of Lyons, but I have not the work at hand.)

Michael (the name means "Who is like God?") is said to be the captain of the heavenly armies. He is mentioned in the Scriptures in Daniel 10:13,31; 12:1 (where he is said to be the prince of the people of Israel); in Jude 9 (where he is said to have disputed with the devil about the body of Moses); and in Revelation 12:7 (where he is said to have led the heavenly armies against those of the great dragon). He is generally pictured in full armor, carrying a lance, and with his foot on the neck of a dragon. (Pictures of the Martyr George are often similar, but only Michael has wings.)

Gabriel (the name means "God is my champion") is thought of as the special bearer of messages from God to men. He appears in Daniel 8:16; 9:21 as an explainer of some of Daniel's visions. According to the first chapter of Luke, he announced the forthcoming births of John the Baptist and of our Lord to Zachariah and the Virgin Mary respectively.

Raphael (the name means "God heals") is mentioned in the Apocrypha, in the book of Tobit, where, disguised as a man, he accompanies the young man Tobias on a quest, enables him to accomplish it, and gives him a remedy for the blindness of his aged father.

Uriel (the name means "God is my light" -- compare with "Uriah", which means "the LORD is my light") is mentioned in 4 Esdras.

It is thought by many scholars that the seven lamps of Revelation 4:5 are an image suggested by (among many other things) the idea of seven archangels.

What is the value to us of remembering the Holy Angels? Well, since they appear to excel us in both knowledge and power, they remind us that, even among created things, we humans are not the top of the heap. Since it is the common belief that demons are angels who have chosen to disobey God and to be His enemies rather than His willing servants, they remind us that the higher we are the lower we can fall. The greater our natural gifts and talents, the greater the damage if we turn them to bad ends. The more we have been given, the more will be expected of us. And, in the picture of God sending His angels to help and defend us, we are reminded that apparently God, instead of doing good things directly, often prefers to do them through His willing servants, enabling those who have accepted His love to show their love for one another.

### **Everything You Never Wanted to Know About Angels**

The major post-New-Testament source for Christian ideas about angels is a writer (probably a fifth-century Syrian monk) who signed himself "Dionysius the Areopagite." His writings were taken to be those of a convert of the Apostle Paul, mentioned in Acts 17:34. Accordingly, when he wrote on angels (or any other theological subject), he was assumed to know what he was talking about. His writings had a considerable influence on the portrayal of angels in art and in the popular imagination.



## **What are the Nine Choirs?**

The Apostle Paul writes:

[Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father,] far above all principality and power, and might, and dominion,.... (Eph 1:21)

For by him [the Son] were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him. (Col 1:16)

I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers... shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom 8:38f)

For we contend not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against evil spirits in the heights. (Eph 6:12)

...that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places. (Eph 3:10)

And you are complete in him, who is the head of all principality and power (Col 2:10)

And having disarmed principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it. (Col 2:15)

Early commentators tended to take "principalities, powers" etc. as the names of various kinds of angelic beings. Since demons are considered to be fallen or rebellious angels, the quotations from Ephesians 6:12 and Colossians 2:15 are no problem.

Dionysius states that there are nine orders (or choirs) of angels, three triads of three each, in order from highest to lowest as shown in the following table.

The lowest order, called simply angels, are God's messengers and envoys to

(and guardians of) the human race. The highest order, the seraphim, devote themselves to contemplating God, beholding Him face to face, and loving and praising Him. Each order helps to reveal and declare God's glory to the order below.

Pope Gregory I (see 12 March 604), in his *Homilies on the Gospel*, lists the same nine choirs, but with a different ranking. Dante (see 15 Sep 1321) in the *Convivio* gives still a third ranking, but affirms the ranking of Dionysius in the *Comedy*, canto 28 (I am borrowing heavily from the Sayers-Reynolds notes on this canto.) Aquinas discusses the matter in the *Summa T.*, part I, Q 108.

### **Dionysius**

Seraphim

Cherubim

Thrones

Seraphim

Cherubim

Thrones

Seraphim

Cherubim

Powers

### **Gregory**

Dominions

Virtues

Powers

Dominions

Principalities

Powers

Principalities

Virtues

Dominions

## **Convivio**

Principalities

Archangels

Angels

Virtues

Archangels

Angels

Thrones

Archangels

Angels

Note that the term "angels" can refer either to all nine orders, or only to the lowest order, just as the term "soldier" can refer to anyone in the army, or only to the enlisted men (as opposed to the officers). For a little more information, see the book *The Discarded Image*, by C S Lewis.

Some readers will be familiar with the hymn by J Athelstan Riley beginning:

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, C - C D E C | E F G - - -

Bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones. C - C D E C | E F G - - -

Raise the glad strain, Alleluia. c B A - G - | c B A - G -

Cry out, dominions, princedoms, powers, c - c G G F | E F G - - -

Virtues, archangels, angel choirs. c - c G G F | E F G - - -

Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him! F E D - C - | F E D - C -

Alleluia, Alleluia, c B A - G - | c B A - G -

Alleluia. F E D - - - | - - C - - -

You will note that this hymn lists the nine choirs, using the ranking of Gregory.

## **What is a seraph?**

Seraphim are mentioned in the Bible in Isaiah's vision of the heavenly throne-

room (Is 6:1-7), where the LORD is seated between two seraphim. (In Hebrew, most masculine nouns form the plural by adding "-im".) Each has six wings, and with two he covers his face, and with two he covers his feet, and with two he flies. Later writers identify these functions with poverty, chastity, and obedience. Poverty, in that he veils his face, a sign of humility. Chastity, in that he covers his feet, a standard Hebrew idiom (or euphemism) for the lower body, including the crotch. Obedience, in that he flies to carry out whatever commission he receives from God. The word "seraph" comes from a root meaning "to burn", and the word is used in Nu 21:6,8; Dt 8:15; Is 14:29; 30:6; where it is translated "fiery serpent." Probably the Hebrews pictured a seraph as a kind of fiery winged serpent or reptile.

### **What is a Cherub?**

Cherubim are first mentioned in the Bible in Gen 3:24, where Adam and Eve are expelled from the Garden, and two cherubim are set at the gate to guard it, so that no one may enter. The Psalmist says of God:

He rode upon a cherub, and did fly;

he came flying on the wings of the wind. (18:10)

thou that dwellest between the cherubim (80:1)

he sitteth between the cherubim; let the earth quake (99:1)

From this we infer that they were pictured and thought of as winged creatures flanking or supporting the throne of God.

Ancient Middle Eastern art regularly shows the throne of a king or a god flanked by, or sometimes resting on, two creatures. Typically, each creature has the body of a lion or a bull (often the front quarters of a lion, with claws, and the hind quarters of a bull, with hooves, or vice versa), the head of a man, and the wings of an eagle. For a picture, see the Encyclopedia Britannica, 15th ed., article on "Calah," vol 2, p 731. We see these creatures, not only flanking a throne, but also flanking the gate or doorway of a city or a temple. They

appear to be standard figures, performing the function of honor guards or that of guard dogs.

In Ex 25f and 36f, the Israelites are to make a chest called the Ark of the Covenant, and place on the lid statues of two cherubim, with their wings arching over and meeting in the middle. Aside from the fact that they had wings, we are not told anything about their appearance. It was apparently taken for granted that the Israelites already knew what a cherub was supposed to look like. It is a reasonable guess that they looked like the guard figures already standard in Middle Eastern art, as noted above.

The Ark represented the presence of God, and presumably the Israelites thought of the cherubim as guarding or flanking or supporting an invisible throne. Thus, the Ark gave two complementary messages. On the one hand, it said, "The LORD cannot be represented by a picture or statue. He is spirit, He is invisible. He is transcendent. The whole universe cannot contain Him." On the other hand, it said, "Here is the place where the LORD chooses to reveal Himself. This is the place toward which you are to direct your homage, this is the focus of your worship."

The prophet Ezekiel records two visions (Ez 1 and 10) in which the LORD appears to him, enthroned above four figures identified as cherubs. Each is said to have four faces, one facing in each direction, the face of a man, a lion, a bull, and an eagle.

### **Cherubs, Griffins, and Grimm Shifts**

This section is linguistic. Those who dislike being lectured about the history of words and the development of languages may skip it.

I begin by pointing out that the English sound "ch" as in "chair" is unknown in both Greek and Hebrew. Accordingly, names in the Bible containing a "ch" were originally pronounced with the sound of "ch" in the German name "Bach" (or "kh" in the Russian name "Khrushchev"), and will normally be

pronounced in English with a simple "K" sound, as in Christ, orchestra, orchid, chorus, and so on. SOME words that have been thoroughly assimilated into English, such as "cherub" and "Rachel" (compare the pronunciation of "Raquel Welch," which is much closer to the Hebrew), have the English "ch" as in "chair", but please note that the Hebrew pronunciation of "cherub" is more like "kerub" or "kherub." (Kh as in "Khrushchev")

In Greek folklore, we have a figure known as a griffin, or gryphon. It is usually portrayed as having the head, chest, claws, and wings of an eagle, joined to the hindquarters of a lion. For a picture, see a copy of *Alice in Wonderland*, preferably one with the traditional illustrations by Tenniel. The root of the word is G-R-F. (The N is an English suffix not found in the Greek.) Similarly, the root of "cherub" is Kh-R-B. Now these are related roots, related by what is called the Grimm Shift, named for the brothers Grimm, who made a folklore collection known as the Grimm Fairy Tales, but who are also scholars dedicated to the history of languages and the rules that govern their development.

There are twelve sounds known as mutes. They can be placed in a three-dimensional array, 2 by 2 by 3. They are either voiced or unvoiced, either stops or fricatives, either front (labial), middle (dental) or back (palatal).

The fronts are p, b, ph(=f), and bh(=v). They are called labials because they are formed with the lips. P and B are stops, because the breath is stopped completely when they are said (the lips are pressed together). Ph and Bh are fricative, because the air passage is not closed completely, but narrowed so that the breath rubs along the passage (friction=rubbing) and makes a sound. B and Bh are voiced, because the larynx or voicebox vibrates when they are said. P and Ph are voiceless, because they are said with the lips and tongue in the same position as for B and Bh, but without the vibration of the voicebox.

In English, the fricatives Ph and Bh (or, as more commonly spelled, F and V)

are really labio-dentals rather than pure labials, because the air escapes between the lower lip and the upper teeth. However, in other languages (Spanish, for example), the air is forced out between the lips. You place your lips as if to say P and then force the air out between them to get Ph--and similarly for Bh.

The middles are t, d, th, and dh. By Th we mean the initial sound of "thin," and by Dh we mean the initial sound of "then." These are called dentals because they are pronounced using the teeth. T and D are stops, while Th and Dh are fricatives. T and Th are voiceless, while D and Dh are voiced.

The back mutes, or palatals, are k, g, kh, and gh. The last two sounds, the back fricatives, are not standard in English. The Kh sound is found in the German name Bach, and in the "ch" sound in Scottish words, like "Loch Ness, Loch Lomond," etc. The Gh is the voiced equivalent, and is found in Spanish in words like "cigarro," and sometimes when an English-speaker says "cigar." That is, the throat is not completely closed, but only narrowed, so that the G becomes a voiced fricative.

All twelve of the mutes occur in Biblical Hebrew, and they are represented by six letters: Beth and Pe, Gimel and Kaph, Daleth and Tau. Each of these is written with a dot (called a dagesh) in the interior when it represents a stop, and without the dot when it represents a fricative. However the reader should be warned of two things:

(1) Since the dots and the vowel markings are a later addition to the sacred text, scrolls of the books of the Bible for synagogue use are written without them, and the reader is expected to know the text well enough to manage anyway. Also, since the modern Israeli is expected to know modern Hebrew, and since points are a major nuisance for a typesetter, a book or newspaper written in modern Hebrew will probably be printed without them, unless it is for the instruction of children or beginning Hebrew students.

(2) Since until recently most modern Jews spoke either German or Yiddish (a



form of German), modern Hebrew contains only those sounds which occur in German. This means that the fricatives th, dh, gh, are replaced by the corresponding stops t, d, and g. The distinction continues in writing (whenever the points are written) but not in the spoken language.

Now, as a language changes, a middle mute is often replaced by another middle mute, but almost never by a front or a back mute. If you are comparing words in (for example) Latin and English, you will see that a front mute in one word will usually match a front mute in the other. For example, the English word "father" comes from the same primitive root as the Latin "pater," and we have the correspondence f=p (two labials) and th=t (two dentals). The English word "head" was "heved" in Old English, and it corresponds to the Latin "caput". The English "h" is as close as we get to "kh", and the Latin C is pronounced K, so that we have kh=k (back mutes or palatals), v=p (front mutes or labials), and d=t (middle mutes or dentals).

Now the Hebrew word "cherub" has the root Kh-R-B, and the Greek word "gryph" has the root G-R-Ph. We see that the G and Kh are both back mutes or palatals, the R is the same in both words, and the B and Ph are both front mutes or labials. Hence a Gryphon, such as you see in *Alice in Wonderland* and elsewhere has a history connecting both the form of the creature and its name with the Semitic Cherub.

### **Cherubs in Revelation**

Ezekiel saw four winged creatures, each having the face of a lion, an ox, a man, and an eagle. John, in the book of Revelation (4:6-8), saw four winged creatures before the throne, the first like a lion, the second like an ox, the third like a man, and the fourth like an eagle.

Some have supposed that these creatures (and also those in Ezekiel) represent attributes of God, such as power, love, justice, and wisdom. A more widespread view is that they represent the four Gospels. What I will call the



Old Match associates each beast with the beginning of a Gospel. Matthew begins with the human genealogy of Jesus, and so is paired with the Man. Mark begins with John the Baptist preaching in the wilderness, and so is paired with the Lion, a desert animal. Luke begins with Zecharias in the Temple, and so is paired with the Ox, a sacrificial beast. John begins with the Eternal Word, the Logos, in the heaven of God, and so is paired with the Eagle, which soars toward heaven. How old this pairing is, I do not know. It is found in the ornamented initials of Gospel books as early as 900, but I do not know how much earlier it can be traced. What I will call the New Match considers not the beginning of a Gospel, but its overall tone. Thus, Matthew presents Jesus as the promised Messiah, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. Accordingly, Matthew is paired with the Lion. Mark represents Jesus as the diligent servant, always at work, always about his Father's business, never pausing for a moment (Mark's most characteristic word is "straightway" or "immediately"). Hence Mark is paired with the Ox. Luke shows the compassion, the tenderness, the humanity of Jesus (as in the Parable of the Lost Sheep or of the Prodigal Son). Thus Luke is paired with the Man. John presents Jesus as the Eternal Son of God. Hence John is paired with the Eagle. How old this pairing is, I do not know. I suspect that it is no older than 1500. It has the advantage that the order of the beasts as given by John is the same as the standard order of the Gospels.

If the four beasts represent the Four Gospels, it is tempting to ask whether other books of the Bible are represented. Paul wrote letters to seven churches (Rome, Corinth, Galatia, Ephesus, Philippi, Colossae, Thessalonika). Perhaps the seven torches burning before the throne represent the Pauline Epistles. There are 24 elders sitting on thrones around the central throne of the Almighty. Perhaps they represent the Old People of God and the New, twelve patriarchs and twelve apostles. Again perhaps they represent the 24 courses of priests who served in the Temple under the Law of Moses. But perhaps they

represent the books of the Old Testament. The modern Protestant canon has 39 books in the Old Testament, the same books that are recognized by the Jews. But they count them differently. The twelve minor prophets are written on a single scroll, and called the Book of the Twelve. This reduces the number by 11, from 39 down to 28. The books of Samuel, Kings, Chronicles, and Ezra-Nehemiah are counted as one book each rather than two, and that reduces the count to 24. Some Jewish writers leave it at that, while others reduce it to 22 by considering Ruth an appendix to Judges and Lamentations an appendix to Jeremiah. The advantage of 22 is that it is the number of letters in the Hebrew alphabet, and this permits all sorts of speculations. However, 24 books is a perfectly well established Jewish count, and there is no reason why John might not have used 24 elders to stand for the 24 books of the Hebrew Scriptures.

At this point the reader may say, "But what about Acts? What about the four letters of Paul to individuals? What about the seven non-Pauline epistles (including Hebrews)? What about the Book of Revelation itself?" As for the book of Acts, I suspect that John simply thought of it as the second volume of the Gospel of Luke. As for the book of Revelation, I think some readers might find it confusing to have the book referring to itself as already written. As for the omitted epistles, I think one might make out a case for most of them as not yet written when John had his vision. The exception is the Epistle to Philemon, which shows every sign of having been written and sent with the Epistle to the Colossians. But then, John might for that very reason have treated it as an appendix to Colossians, a sort of enclosed note as it were. But all this is speculation. I am probably about to be inundated by letters from listmembers who will tell me that I have got it all wrong, and who will explain to me the correct interpretation of the Book of Revelation....

At any rate, we can be fairly sure that the imagery of the four beasts (or living creatures) in Revelation 4 is indebted to the imagery of the cherubim in

Ezekiel 1 and 10, but beyond that, it is probably a mistake to expect agreement.

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## **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).*

### **A Collect for Peace**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For All Sorts and Conditions**

O God, the creator and preserver of all, we humbly beseech you for all sorts and conditions of people; that you would be pleased to make your ways known unto them, your saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for your holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by

your good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to your fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please you to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

### **For the Poor and Neglected**

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For Those Who Live Alone**

Almighty God, whose Son had nowhere to lay his head: Grant that those who live alone may not be lonely in their solitude, but that, following in his steps, they may find fulfillment in loving you and their neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Hymn: He's got the whole world**

He's got the whole world in His hands  
He's got the whole world in His hands  
He's got the whole world in His hands  
He's got the whole world in His hands  
He's got the moon and the sky in His hands

He's got the moon and the sky in His hands

He's got the moon and the sky in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the wind and the rain in His hands

He's got the wind and the rain in His hands

He's got the wind and the rain in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the little children in His hands

He's got the little children in His hands

He's got the little children in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got you and me sister in His hands

He's got you and me brother in His hands

He's got everybody here in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

Singers: St. John's Church, Hackey, UK

Music: Traditional

## **A Prayer of Self-Dedication**

Almighty and eternal God,

so draw our hearts to you,  
so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations,  
so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly yours,  
utterly dedicated unto you;  
and then use us, we pray you, as you will,  
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **The Ending**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

### **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

### **Hymn: God Be With You**

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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**An Order of Service for Noonday**

## **The Opening**

### *Leader*

O God, make speed to save us.

### *Response*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

### *Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

*A suitable hymn may be sung.*

## **The Psalm**

### **Psalm 119 *Lucerna pedibus meis***

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.

<sup>106</sup> I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.

<sup>107</sup> I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

<sup>108</sup> Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.

<sup>109</sup> My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.

<sup>110</sup> The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

<sup>111</sup> Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.



<sup>112</sup> I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Word**

### *Leader*

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that  
has been given to us. *Romans 5:5*

### *Response*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Prayers**

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

### *Response*

Christ, have mercy.

### *Leader*

Lord, have mercy.

*Everyone recites the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Contemporary Lord's Prayer**

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Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

### **Traditional Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

### *Leader*

Lord, hear our prayer;

### *Response*

And let our cry come to you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

## **The Collect**

*Leader*

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **Intercessions**

*Free intercessions may be offered.*

*Leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to your, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our Presiding Bishop, for our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you,

O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we

pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Response*

Lord, have mercy.

*Leader*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

*Everyone*

Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.