

# Appendix B

A Modern Language Version

of the

Reformed Episcopal  
Book of Common Prayer

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**THE ORDER FOR**  
**DAILY MORNING PRAYER**

¶ *The Minister shall begin the Morning Prayer by reading one or more of the following Sentences of Scripture in a voice audible to all.*

¶ *On any day, save a Day of Fasting or Abstinence, or on any day when the Litany or Holy Communion is immediately to follow, the Minister may, at his discretion, pass at once from the Sentences to the Lord's Prayer, first pronouncing, The Lord be with you. Answer. And with your spirit. Minister. Let us pray.*

**T**he LORD is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him *Habakkuk 2:20*

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

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer. *Psalms 19:14*

Oh, send out Your light and Your truth! Let them lead me; Let them bring me to Your holy hill And to Your tabernacle. *Psalms 43:3*

Thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, With him who has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones." *Isaiah 57:15*

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. *St. John 4:23*

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

When a wicked man turns away from the wickedness which he committed, and does what is lawful and right, he preserves himself alive. *Ezekiel 18:27*

Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. *Psalms 51:9*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 St. John 1:8,9*

**Advent**

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. *St. Matthew 3:2*

Prepare the way of the Lord; Make straight in the desert a highway for our God. *Isaiah 40:3*

Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. *Revelation 1:7*

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! *Revelation 22:20*

## **Christmas**

When the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

*Galatians 4:4,5*

Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. *St. Luke 2:1-,11*

## **Epiphany**

From the rising of the sun, even to its going down, My Name shall be great among the Gentiles; 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*

Awake, awake! Put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem.

*Isaiah 52:1*

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. *St. John 1:14*

## **Lent**

Rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the LORD your God, For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm. *Joel 2:13*

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart - these, O God, You will not despise. *Psalms 51:17*

I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son.” *St. Luke 15:18,19*

## **Palm Sunday**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation. *Zechariah 9:9*

## **Good Friday**

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Behold and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow, which has been brought on me, which the LORD has inflicted Me. *Lamentations 1:12*

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the richness of His grace. *Ephesians 1:7*

## **Easter**

He is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. *St. Luke 24:34*

This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalms 118:24*

## **Ascension**

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

### **Whitsunday**

You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. *Acts 1:8*

Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” *Galatians 4:6*

### **Trinity Sunday**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was, and is and is to come. *Revelation 4:8*

### **Thanksgiving Day**

Honour the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine. *Proverbs 3:9,10*

The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; By understanding He established the heavens. By His knowledge the depths were broken up, And clouds drop down the dew. *Proverbs 3:19,20*

*Then the Minister shall say,*

**D**EARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moves us, in various places, to acknowledge and confess our many sins and wickedness; and that we should not disguise nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by His infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hands, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beg you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying—

*¶ Or he shall say,*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

### **A General Confession**

*¶ To be said by the whole congregation, with the Minister, all kneeling.*

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But You, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; According to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of Your holy Name. *Amen.*

## The Declaration of Absolution, or Remission of Sins

¶ *To be pronounced by the Presbyter alone, or by the Bishop if he be present, standing; the people still kneeling.*

¶ *But note, That the Presbyter, at his discretion, may use, instead of what follows, the Declaration of Absolution from the Order for the Holy Communion. If the Minister be not a Presbyter, he shall remain kneeling, and read the Collect for the Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who desires not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, has given power, and commandment, to His Ministers, to declare and pronounce to His people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and genuinely believe His holy Gospel.

Wherefore let us beg Him to grant us true repentance, and His Holy Spirit, that those things may please Him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to His eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¶ *Then the Minister shall kneel, and say the Lord's Prayer; the people still kneeling, and repeating it with him, both here, and wheresoever else it is used in Divine Service.*

**O**UR Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Or

**O**ur Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your Name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

¶ *Then, still kneeling, he shall say, or sing,*

O Lord, open our lips.

Answer. *And our mouth shall show forth Your praise.*

Minister. O God, make speed to save us.

Answer. *O Lord, make haste to help us.*

¶ *Here, all standing up, the Minister shall say, or sing,*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Answer. *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Minister. Praise the Lord.

Answer. *The Lord's Name be praised.*

¶ Then shall be said or sung the following Cantic; except on those days for which other Canticles are appointed; and except also, that the whole text of Psalm 95 may be used in this place.

¶ But note, That on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday the *Venite* may be omitted.

¶ On the days hereafter named, immediately before the *Venite* may be sung or said,

¶ On the Sundays in Advent. *Our King and Saviour draws nigh; \* O come, let us adore Him.*

¶ On Christmas Day and until the Epiphany. *Alleluia. Unto us a Child is born; \* O come, let us adore Him. Alleluia.*

¶ On the Epiphany and seven days after, and on the Feast of the Transfiguration. *The Lord has manifested forth His glory; \* O come, let us adore Him.*

¶ On Monday in Easter Week and until Ascension Day. *Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed; \* O come, let us adore Him. Alleluia.*

¶ On Ascension Day and until Whitsunday. *Alleluia. Christ the Lord ascends into heaven; \* O come, let us adore Him. Alleluia.*

¶ On Whitsunday and six days after. *Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord fills the world; \* O come, let us adore Him. Alleluia.*

¶ On Trinity Sunday. *Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God; \* O come, let us adore Him.*

¶ On the Purification, and the Annunciation. *The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us; \* O come, let us adore Him.*

¶ On other Festivals for which a proper Epistle and Gospel are ordered. *The Lord is glorious in His saints; \* O come, let us adore Him.*

***Venite, exultemus Domino. from Psalms 95 and 96***

**O** COME, let us sing unto the LORD;  
     \* let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation  
 Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving;  
     \* and show ourselves glad in Him with psalms.  
 For the LORD is a great God;  
     \* and a great King above all gods.  
 In His hand are all the corners of the earth;  
     \* and the strength of the hills is His also.  
 The sea is His, and He made it;  
     \* and His hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down,  
     \* and kneel before the LORD our Maker.  
 For He is the Lord our God;  
     \* and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.  
 O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;  
     \* let the whole earth stand in awe of Him.  
 For He comes, for He comes to judge the earth;  
     \* and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with His truth.

**G**LORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*¶ Then shall follow a portion of the Psalms according to the use of this Church. And at the end of every Psalm, and likewise at the end of the Venite, Benedictus es, Magnificate, Benedictus, Jubilate, and at the end of the whole portion or selection from the Psalter, shall be sung or said the Gloria Patri.*

**G**LORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*¶ Then shall be read the FIRST LESSON, as it is appointed. And note, That before every Lesson, the Minister shall say, Here begins such a chapter (or verse of such a chapter) of such a Book; and after every Lesson, Here ends the First (or the Second) Lesson. Or the Minister may say, This is the Word of the Lord, the people responding, Thanks be to God.*

*¶ And after that shall be said or sung the following Hymn.*

*¶ But note, That on any day when the Holy Communion is immediately to follow, the Minister at his discretion, after any one of the following Canticles of Morning Prayer has been said or sung, may pass at once to the Communion Service.*

*Te Deum laudamus*

**W**E praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.  
All the earth worships You, the Father everlasting.  
To You all Angels cry aloud; the Heavens, and all the Powers therein;  
To You Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts;  
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of Your glory.  
The glorious company of the Apostles praise You.  
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise You.  
The noble army of Martyrs praise You.  
The holy Church throughout all the world acknowledges You;  
The Father: of an infinite Majesty;  
Your adorable, true, and only Son;  
Also the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.

**Y**OU are the King of Glory, O Christ.  
You are the everlasting Son of the Father.  
When You took upon Yourself to deliver man,  
You did humble Yourself to be born of a Virgin.  
When You had overcome the sharpness of death,  
You did open the kingdom of Heaven to all believers.  
You sit at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that You shall come to be our Judge.  
We therefore pray You, help Your servants,  
Whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with Your Saints,  
In glory everlasting.

**O** LORD, save Your people, and bless Your heritage.  
Govern them, and lift them up for ever.  
Day by day we magnify You;  
And we worship Your Name, ever world without end.  
Guarantee, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.  
O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.  
O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

*Or this canticle*

*Benedictus es, Domine*

**B**LESSED are You, O Lord God of our fathers:  
\*praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed are You for the name of Your Majesty:  
\*praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed are You in the temple of Your holiness:  
\*praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed are You Who beholds the depths, and dwells between the Cherubim:  
\*praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed are You on the glorious throne of Your kingdom:  
\*praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed are You in the firmament of heaven:  
\*praised and exalted above all for ever.

*Or this canticle (in either version)*

***Benedicite, omnia opera Domini (Version 1)***

**O** ALL you Works of the Lord, bless you the Lord:

\*praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O you angels of the Lord, bless you the lord:

\*praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

**O** you heavens, bless you the Lord:

\*praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O you waters that be above the firmament, bless you the Lord:

\*praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O all you Powers of the Lord, bless you the Lord:

\*praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O you Sun and Moon, bless you the Lord:

\*praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O you Stars of heaven, bless you the Lord:

\*praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O you Showers and Dew, bless you the Lord:

\*praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O you Winds of God, bless you the Lord:

\*praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O you Fire and Heat, bless you the Lord:

\*praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O you Winter and Summer, bless you the Lord:

\*praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O you Dews and Frosts, bless you the Lord:

\*praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O you Frost and Cold, bless you the Lord:

\*praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O you Ice and Snow, bless you the Lord:

\*praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O you Nights and days, bless you the Lord:

\*praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O you Light and darkness, bless you the Lord:

\*praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O you Lightnings and Clouds, bless you the Lord:

\*praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

**O** LET the Earth bless the Lord,



\*yes, let it praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.  
O you Mountains and Hills, bless you the Lord:  
\*praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O all you Green Things upon the earth, bless you the Lord:  
\*praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O you Wells, bless you the Lord:  
\*praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O you Seas and Floods, bless you the Lord:  
\*praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O you Whales, and all that move in the waters, bless you the Lord:  
\*praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O all you Fowls of the air, bless you the Lord:  
\*praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O all you Beasts and cattle, bless you the Lord:  
\*praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O you Children of Men, bless you the Lord:  
\*praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

**O** LET Israel bless the lord:  
\*praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O you Priests of the Lord, bless you the Lord:  
\*praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O you Servants of the Lord, bless you the Lord:  
\*praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O you Spirits and Souls of the Righteous, bless you the Lord:  
\*praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O you holy and humble Men of heart, bless you the Lord:  
\*praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

**L**et us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
\*praise Him, and magnify Him for ever

***Benedicite, omnia opera Domini (Version 2)***

1 **O** ALL you Works of the Lord, bless you the Lord; 2 O you angels of the Lord, bless you the lord:3  
O you heavens, bless you the Lord: praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

4 O you waters that be above the firmament, bless you the Lord: 5 O all you Powers of the Lord, bless  
you the Lord: 6 O you Sun and Moon, bless you the Lord: praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

7 O you Stars of heaven, bless you the Lord: 8 O you Showers and Dew, bless you the Lord: 9 O you  
Winds of God, bless you the Lord: praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

10 O you Fire and Heat, bless you the Lord: 11 O you Winter and Summer, bless you the Lord: 12  
O you Dews and Frosts, bless you the Lord: praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

13 O you Frost and Cold, bless you the Lord: 14 O you Ice and Snow, bless you the Lord: 15 O you Nights and days, bless you the Lord: praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

16 O you Light and darkness, bless you the Lord: 17 O you Lightnings and Clouds, bless you the Lord: 18 O let the Earth bless the Lord; yea, let it praise Him and magnify Him for ever.

19 O you Mountains and Hills, bless you the Lord: 20 O all you Green Things upon the earth, bless you the Lord: 21 O you Wells, bless you the Lord: praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

22 O you Seas and Floods, bless you the Lord: 23 O you Whales, and all that move in the waters, bless you the Lord: 24 O all you Fowls of the air, bless you the Lord: praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

25 O all you Beasts and cattle, bless you the Lord: praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

26 O you Children of Men, bless you the Lord: 27 O let Israel bless the lord: 28 O you Priests of the Lord, bless you the Lord: praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

29 O you Servants of the Lord, bless you the Lord: 30 O you Spirits and Souls of the Righteous, bless you the Lord: 31 O you holy and humble Men of heart, bless you the Lord: praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

32 O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless you the Lord; praise Him and magnify Him for ever.

**G**LORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Or this Psalm*

### **Magnificate Dominum** from Psalm 34

**O** MAGNIFY the Lord with me,  
\*and let us exalt His name to-gether.  
O taste and see that the Lord is good:  
\*blessed is the man who trusts in Him.  
O fear the Lord, you who are His saints;  
\*for there is no want to them who fear Him.  
The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,  
\*and His ears are open unto their cry.  
The Lord is near to those who are of a broken heart,  
\*and saves such as are of a contrite spirit.  
The Lord redeems the souls of His servants;  
\*and none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.

¶ *Then shall be read, in like manner, the SECOND LESSON, taken out of the New Testament, as it is appointed.*  
¶ *And after that shall be sung or said the Hymn following.*

¶ *But note, That, save on the Sundays in Advent, the latter portion thereof may be omitted.*

***Benedictus. St. Luke 1:68-79***

**B**LESSED be the Lord God of Israel;  
\* for He has visited and redeemed His people;  
And has raised up a mighty salvation for us,  
\* in the house of His servant David;  
As He spoke by the mouth of His holy Prophets,  
\* which have been since the world began;  
That we should be saved from our enemies,  
\* and from the hand of all that hate us.  
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers,  
\* and to remember His holy covenant;  
To perform the oath which He swore to our forefather Abraham,  
\* that He would give us;  
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies  
\* might serve Him without fear;  
In holiness and righteousness before Him,  
\* all the days of our life.  
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Highest:  
\* for you shall go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways;  
To give knowledge of salvation unto His people  
\* for the remission of their sins,  
Through the tender mercy of our God;  
\* whereby the day-spring from on high has visited us;  
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death,  
\* and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

¶ *Or this Psalm.*

***Jubilate Deo. Psalm 100***

**O** BE joyful in the LORD, all you lands:  
\* serve the LORD with gladness, and come before His Presence with a song.  
  
Be sure that the LORD He is God;  
\*it is He that has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His  
pasture.  
O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise;  
\* be thankful unto Him, and speak good of His Name.  
For the LORD is gracious, His mercy is everlasting;  
\* and His truth endures from generation to generation.

¶ *Then shall be said the Apostles' Creed by the Minister and the people, standing, except only such days as the Creed of St. Athanasius is appointed to be read.*

### *Apostles' Creed*

**I** BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, And sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there He shall come 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.

*And after that, these Prayers following, the people devoutly kneeling; the Minister first pronouncing,*

The Lord be with you.

Answer. *And with your spirit.*

Minister. Let us pray.

O Lord, show Your mercy upon us.

Answer. *And grant us Your salvation.*

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer. *And take not Your Holy Spirit from us.*

*¶ Then shall follow the COLLECT OF THE DAY, except when the Communion Service is read; and then the Collect of the Day shall be omitted here.*

### **A Collect for Peace**

**O** GOD, the author of peace and lover of harmony, in knowledge of Whom stands our eternal life, Whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us Your humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in Your defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A Collect for Grace**

**O** LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, Who has safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with Your mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*¶ The following Prayers shall be omitted here when the Litany is said, and may be omitted when the Holy Communion is to follow.*

*¶ And note, That the Minister may here end the Morning Prayer with such general intercessions taken out of this Book, with extemporaneous prayers, or with the Grace, as he shall think fit.*

*¶ Here may also follow an Anthem or Hymn.*

*The following State Prayer and the one after shall be said by the Parishes in the United States of America*

### **A Prayer for the President of the United States, and all in Civil Authority**

**O** LORD, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, Who does from Your throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; Most heartily we beg You, with Your favour to behold and bless Your servant [N], our President, [*our Senate and Representatives in Congress assembled*], [N],

the Governor of our State (or Commonwealth), and all others in authority; and so replenish them with the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to Your will, and walk in Your way. Empower them plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant them in health and prosperity long to live; and finally, after this life, to attain everlasting joy and happiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

*Or this*

**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, 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.*

*The following State Prayer and the three after shall be said by the Parishes in Canada*

**A Prayer for the Prime Minister of Canada,  
and all in Civil Authority**

**O** LORD our Governor, Whose glory is in all the world; We commend the Dominion of Canada to Your merciful care, that being guided by Your Providence, we may dwell secure in Your peace. Grant to our Prime Minister ....., The Members of the House of Commons and Senate, the Lt. Governors, Premiers and Legislative Assemblies of our Provinces and Territories, 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.*

**A Prayer for the Queen's Majesty**

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**THE ORDER FOR**  
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*The Minister shall begin the Evening Prayer by reading one or more of the following Sentences of Scripture; and then he shall say that which is written after them in a voice that is audible to all. But he may, at his discretion, pass at once from the Sentences to the Lord's Prayer.*

**T**he LORD is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him *Habakkuk 2:20*

LORD, I have loved the habitation of Your house, And the place where Your glory dwells.  
*Psalm 26:8*

Let my prayer be set before You as incense, The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.  
*Psalm 141:2*

Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth. *Psalm 96:9*

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*

When a wicked man turns away from the wickedness which he committed, and does what is lawful and right, he preserves himself alive. *Ezekiel 18:27*

Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities. *Psalm 51:9*

Rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the LORD your God, For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm. *Joel 2:13*

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart— These, O God, You will not despise. *Psalm 51:17*

**Advent**

Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning— lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. *St. Mark 13:35,36*

**Christmas**

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. *Revelation 21:3*

**Epiphany**

The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising. *Isaiah 60:3*

**Lent**

I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me. *Psalm 51:3*

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him. We have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in His laws, which He set before us. *Daniel 9:9,10*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 St. John 1:8,9*

### **Good Friday**

All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. *Isaiah 53:6*

### **Easter**

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

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. *Colossians 3:1*

### **Ascension**

Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us. *Hebrews 9:24*

### **Whitsunday**

There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, The holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High. *Psalms 46:4*

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely. *Revelation 22:17*

### **Trinity**

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!" *Isaiah 6:3*

**D**EARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moves us, in various places, to acknowledge and confess our many sins and wickedness; and that we should not disguise nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by His infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hands, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beg you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying—

¶ *Or he shall say as follows,*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.



## A General Confession

*¶ To be said by the whole congregation, with the Minister, all kneeling.*

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But You, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; According to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of Your holy Name. *Amen.*

### The Declaration of Absolution, or Remission of Sins

*¶ To be pronounced by the Presbyter alone, or by the Bishop if he be present, standing; the people still kneeling.*

*¶ But note, That the Presbyter, at his discretion, may use, instead of what follows, the Declaration of Absolution from the Order for the Holy Communion. If the Minister be not a Presbyter, he shall remain kneeling, and read the Collect for the Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who desires not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, has given power, and commandment, to His Ministers, to declare and pronounce to His people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and genuinely believe His holy Gospel.

Wherefore let us beg Him to grant us true repentance, and His Holy Spirit, that those things may please Him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to His eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*¶ Then the Minister shall kneel, and say the Lord's Prayer; the people still kneeling, and repeating it with him.*

**O**UR Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Or

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*¶ Then, still kneeling, he shall say, or sing,*

O Lord, open our lips.

Answer. *And our mouth shall show forth Your praise.*

Minister. O God, make speed to save us.

Answer. *O Lord, make haste to help us.*

¶ Here, all standing up, the Minister shall say, or sing,

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
Answer. *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*  
Minister. Praise the Lord.  
Answer. *The Lord's Name be praised.*

¶ Then shall follow a portion of the Psalms according to the use of this Church. And at the end of every Psalm, and likewise at the end of the Magnificat, Cantate Domino, Bonum est confiteri, Nunc Dimittis, Deus Misereatur, Benedic, anima mea, may be sung or said the Gloria Patri; and at the end of the whole portion or selection from the Psalter, shall be sung or said the Gloria Patri, or else the Gloria in excelsis, as follows

### **Gloria Patri**

**G**lory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

**G**LORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. You Who takes away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You Who sits at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.*

*For You Only are holy; You Only art the Lord; You Only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

**G**LORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

¶ Then shall be read the FIRST LESSON, as it is appointed.

¶ And after that shall be said or sung the Magnificat, or one of the Evening canticles following.

*But note, that the Minister, at his discretion, may omit one of the Lessons in Evening Prayer, the Lesson read followed by an Evening Canticle.*

### **Magnificat St. Luke 1 : 46-55**

**M**Y soul does magnify the Lord,  
    \*and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For He has regarded  
    \*the lowliness of His handmaiden.  
For behold, from henceforth  
    \*all generations shall call me blessed.  
For He that is mighty has magnified me;  
    \*and holy is His Name.  
And His mercy is on them that fear Him  
    \*throughout all generations.  
He has showed strength with His arm;

\*He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He has put down the mighty from their seat,  
\*and has exalted the humble and meek.  
He has filled the hungry with good things;  
\*and the rich He has sent empty away.

He remembering His mercy has helped His servant Israel;  
\*as He promised to our forefathers, Abraham, and his seed, for ever.

*Or this Psalm*

*Canatate Domino* Psalm 98

**O** SING unto the Lord a new song;  
\*for He has done marvellous things.  
With His Own right hand, and with His holy arm  
\*has He gotten Himself the victory.  
The LORD declared His salvation;  
\*His righteousness has He openly shown in the sight of the heathen.  
He has remembered His mercy and truth toward the house of Israel;  
\*and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.  
Show yourselves joyful in the Lord, all you lands;  
\*sing, rejoice, and give thanks.  
Praise the lord upon the harp;  
\*sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.  
With trumpets also and horns,  
\*O show yourselves joyful before the LORD, the King.  
Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is;  
\*the round world, and those that dwell therein.  
Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful to-gether before the LORD;  
\*for He comes to judge the earth.  
With righteousness shall He judge the world,  
and the peoples with equity.

*Or this Bonum est confiteri* from Psalm 92

**I**T is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD,  
\*and to sing praises unto Your Name, O Most High;  
To tell of Your loving-kindness early in the morning,  
\*and of Your truth in the night season;  
Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute;  
\*upon a loud instrument, and upon the harp.  
For You, LORD, have made me glad through Your works;  
\*and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of Your hands.

*Then may be read the SECOND LESSON, taken out of the New Testament, as it is appointed.  
And after that shall be sung or said the Hymn called Nunc Dimittis, as follows*

*Nunc Dimittis* St. Luke 2 : 29-32

**L**ORD, now let Your servant depart in peace,  
    \*according to Your word.  
For my eyes have seen Your salvation,  
    \*Which You have prepared before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the gentiles,  
    \*and to be the glory of Your people Israel.

*Or else this Psalm*

*Deus misereatur* Psalm 67

**G**od be merciful unto us, and bless us,  
    \*and show us the light of His countenance, and be merciful unto us.  
That Your way may be known upon earth,  
    \*Your saving health among all nations.  
Let the peoples praise You, O God;  
    \*Yes, let all the peoples praise You.  
O Let the nations rejoice and be glad;  
    \*For You shall judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.  
Let the peoples praise You, O God;  
    \*Yes, let all the peoples praise You.  
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase;  
    And God, even our own God, shall give us His blessing.  
God shall bless us;  
    \*And all the ends of the world shall fear Him.

*Or this*

*Benedic, anima mea* from Psalm 103

**P**RAISE the LORD, O my soul;  
    \*and all that is within me, praise His holy name.  
Praise the LORD, O my soul,  
    \*and forget not all His benefits:  
Who forgives all your sin,  
    and heals all your infirmities;  
Who saves your life from destruction,  
    \*and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness.  
O praise the LORD, you angels of His, you that excel in strength;  
    you that fulfill His commandment, and hearken unto the voice of His Word.  
O praise the Lord, all you His hosts;  
    you servants of His who do His pleasure.  
  
O speak good of the LORD, all you worlds of His, in all places of His dominion:  
    \*praise the LORD, O my soul.

¶ *Then shall be said the Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed by the Minister and the people, standing, except only such days as the Creed of St. Athanasius is appointed to be read.*

### *Apostles' Creed*

**I** BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, And sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there He shall come 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.

### *Nicene Creed*

**I** BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sits on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord, and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

*And after that, these Prayers following, the people devoutly kneeling; the Minister first pronouncing,*

The Lord be with you.

Answer. *And with your spirit.*

Minister. Let us pray.

*Here, if it has not already been said, shall follow the Lord's Prayer*

Minister. O Lord, show Your mercy upon us.

Answer. *And grant us Your salvation.*

Minister. O Lord, save the State. (*or Queen*)

Answer. *And mercifully hear us when we call upon You.*

Minister. Clothe Your Ministers with righteousness.

Answer. *And make Your chosen people joyful.*

Minister. O Lord, save Your people.

Answer. *And bless Your inheritance.*

Minister. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Answer. *For it is You, Lord, only, Who makes us dwell in safety.*

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer. *And take not Your Holy Spirit from us.*

¶ Then shall follow the COLLECT OF THE DAY, and after that the Collects and Prayers following

### A Collect for Peace

**O** GOD, from Whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto Your servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments, and also that by You, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

### A Collect for Aid Against Perils

**L**IGHTEN our darkness, we beg You, O Lord; and by Your great mercy defend us against all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Your only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

¶ Here may also follow an Anthem or Hymn.

¶ And note, That the Minister may here end the Evening Prayer with such general intercessions taken out of this Book, with extemporaneous prayers, or with the Grace, as he shall think fit.

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*¶ Here ends the Order of Evening Prayer.*

## The Athanasian Creed

### *Quicumque vult*

*¶ Upon these feasts: Christmas Day, the Epiphany, Saint Matthias, Easter Day, Ascension Day, Whitsunday, Saint John Baptist, Saint James, Saint Bartholomew, Saint Matthew, Saint Simon and Sain Jude, Saint Andrew, and upon Trinity Sunday, may be sung or said at Morning Prayer, instead of the Apostles' Creed, this Confession of our Christian Faith, commonly called the Creed of Saint Athanasius, by the Minister and people standing.*

**W**HOSOEVER will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the catholic Faith.

Which Faith except every one keeps whole and undefiled, without doubt he shall perish everlastingly.

And the catholic Faith is this: That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity;  
Neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the Substance.

For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Spirit.

But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, is all one: the glory equal, the majesty co-eternal.

Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit.

The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, and the Holy Spirit uncreated.

The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, and the Holy Spirit incomprehensible.

The Father eternal, the Son eternal, and the Holy Spirit eternal;

And yet they are not three eternals, but one Eternal.



As also there are not three incomprehensibles, nor three uncreated, but one Uncreated and one Incomprehensible.

So likewise the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, and the Holy Spirit almighty;  
And yet they are not three almighties, but one Almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God;  
And yet they are not three Gods, but one God.

So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, and the Holy Spirit Lord;  
And yet not three Lords, but one Lord.

For as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge every Person by Himself to be God and Lord; So are we forbidden by the catholic Faith to say there are three Gods, or three Lords.

The Father is made of none, neither created, nor begotten.

The Son is of the Father alone, not made, nor created, but begotten.

The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding.

So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

And in this Trinity none is before or after other; none is greater or less than another;  
But the whole three Persons are co-eternal together and co-equal.

So that in all things, the Unity in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshipped.

He therefore that will be saved must thus think of the Trinity.

Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation that he also believe rightly the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the true Faith is that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man;

God, of the Substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; and Man, of the Substance of His Mother, born in the world;

Perfect God, and perfect Man, of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting;

Equal to the Father, as touching His Godhead; and inferior to the Father, as touching His Manhood.

Who although He is God and Man, yet He is not two, but one Christ;

One, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh, but by taking of the Manhood unto God;

One altogether, not by confusion of Substance, but by unity of Person.

For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man, so God and Man is one Christ.

Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, and rose again the third day from the dead;

He ascended into heaven; He sits on the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from where He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

At whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies, and shall give account for their own works.

And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting; and they that have done evil, into everlasting fire.

This is the catholic Faith, which except a man believe faithfully, he cannot be saved.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## The Litany or General Supplication

¶ *To be used after the Third Collect at Morning or Evening Prayer; or before the Holy Communion; or separately.*  
¶ *When used as a separate service, after the singing of a Hymn, the Minister shall say,*

The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with your spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

¶ *The four Suffrages following shall be said first by the Minister, with the people responding after him. And note, That the Suffrages may be said by the Minister and people together.*

**O** God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth;  
*Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.*  
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world;  
*Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.*  
O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful;  
*Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.*  
O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God;  
*Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.*

**R**EMEMBER not against us, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take vengeance of our sins: Spare us, good Lord, spare Your people, whom You have redeemed with Your most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.  
*Spare us, good Lord.*

**F**ROM all evil and mischief; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from Your wrath, and from everlasting damnation,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle and murder, and from sudden death,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of Your Word and Commandment,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By the mystery of Your holy Incarnation; by Your holy Nativity and Circumcision; by Your Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By Your Agony and Bloody Sweat; by Your Cross and Passion; by Your precious Death and Burial; by Your glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Spirit,  
*Good Lord deliver us*

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgement,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

**W**E sinners beg You to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please You to rule and govern Your holy Church universal in the right way;

*We beg You to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please You so to rule the heart of Your servant, the President of the United States, that he may above all things seek Your honour and glory;

*We beg You to hear us, good Lord.*

¶ *Or, in the parishes of Canada,*

That it may please You so to rule the heart of Your servant, our Queen, that she may above all things seek Your honour and glory;

*We beg You to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please You to bless and preserve all those in governing authority and Magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth;

*We beg You to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please You to illuminate all Bishops, Presbyters, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of Your Word; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth, and show it accordingly;

*We beg You to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please You to send forth labourers into Your harvest;

*We beg You to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please You to bless and keep all Your people;

*We beg You to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please You to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord;

*We beg You to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please You to give us an heart to love and fear You, and diligently to live after Your commandments;

*We beg You to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please You to give to all Your people increase of grace to hear meekly Your Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit;

*We beg You to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please You to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived;

*We beg You to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please You to strengthen such as do stand; and to comfort and help the weak-hearted; and to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet;

*We beg You to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please You to succour, help, and comfort, all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation;

*We beg You to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please You to preserve all who travel by land, by water, or by air, all women in child-birth, all sick persons, and young children; and to show Your pity upon all prisoners and captives;

*We beg You to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please You to defend, and provide for, the fatherless children, and widows, and all who are desolate and oppressed;

*We beg You to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please You to have mercy upon all men;

*We beg You to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please You to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;

*We beg You to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please You to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so that in due time we may enjoy them;

*We beg You to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please You to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to clothe us with the grace of Your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to Your holy Word;

*We beg You to hear us, good Lord.*

Son of God, we beg You to hear us.

*Son of God, we beg You to hear us.*

O Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world;

*Grant us Your peace.*

O Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world;

*Have mercy upon us.*

O Christ, hear us.

*O Christ, hear us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Christ, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister, and the people with him, say the Lord's Prayer*

¶ *On Ash Wednesday, all that follows may be omitted up to the Prayer, We humbly beg You, O Father, etc.; after which may be read the Commination or the Penitential Office.*

**O**UR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Your Name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

**O**ur Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. Amen.

#### THE LESSER LITANY

¶ *The Minister may, at his discretion, begin the Litany here, or omit all that follows, to the Prayer, We humbly beg You, O Father, etc.*

Minister. O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins.

Answer. Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

**O** GOD, merciful Father, Who despises not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as are sorrowful; Mercifully assist our prayers which we make before You in all our troubles and

adversities, whenever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils which the craft and subtlety of the devil or man works against us, may by Your good providence, be brought to nothing; that we Your servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto You in Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for Your Name's sake.*

**O** GOD, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that You did in their days, and in the old time before them.

*O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for Your honour.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

From our enemies defend us, O Christ.

*Graciously look upon our afflictions.*

With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts.

*Mercifully forgive the sins of Your people.*

Favourably with mercy hear our prayers.

*O Son of David, have mercy upon us.*

Both now and ever guarantee to hear us, O Christ.

*Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.*

O Lord, let Your mercy be shown upon us;

*As we do put our trust in You.*

**W**E humbly beg You, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and for the glory of Your Name, turn away from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in Your mercy, and evermore serve You in holiness and pureness of living, to Your honour and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*Here, at the Minister's discretion, may be added other Prayers from this Book, or may be read the Commination or the Penitential Office.*

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

**A**Lmighty God, Who has given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto You; and does promise that when two or three are gathered together in Your Name You will grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Your servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of Your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

#### **2 Corinthians 13:14**

**T**HE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **Amen.**

¶ *Here ends the Litany.*

## **A Commination or Denouncing of God's Anger and Judgements Against Sinners**

With certain Prayers,  
to be used on the first day of Lent,  
and at other times, as the Ordinary shall appoint

*¶ That portion of the Litany being ended up to the Lord's Prayer, the Presbyter, or Bishop if he be present, shall say as follows, the people standing. And note, That all that follows may be omitted up to A PENITENTIAL OFFICE.*

**B**RETHREN, in the primitive Church there was a godly discipline, that, at the beginning of Lent, such persons who were convicted of notorious sin were put to open penance, and punished in this world, that their souls might be saved in the day of the Lord; and that others, admonished by their example, might be more afraid to offend.

Instead whereof, until the said discipline may be restored again, (which is much to be wished,) it is thought good that at this time (in the presence of you all) should be read the general sentences of God's cursing against impenitent sinners, gathered out of the twenty-seventh chapter of Deuteronomy, and other places of Scripture; and that you should answer to every Sentence, Amen: To the intent that, being admonished of the great indignation of God against sinners, you may be moved to earnest and true repentance; and may walk more warily in these dangerous days; fleeing from such vices, for which you affirm with your own mouths the curse of God to be due.

**C**URSED is the man who makes any carved or molten image, to worship it.

*¶ And the people shall answer,*

Amen.

Minister. Cursed is he who curses his father or mother.

Answer. Amen.

Minister. Cursed is he who removes his neighbour's landmark.

Answer. Amen.

Minister. Cursed is he who makes the blind to go out of his way.

Answer. Amen.

Minister. Cursed is he who perverts the judgement of the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow.

Answer. Amen.

Minister. Cursed is he who strikes his neighbour secretly.

Answer. Amen.

Minister. Cursed is he who lies with his neighbour's wife.

Answer. Amen.

Minister. Cursed is he who receives a reward to kill the innocent.

Answer. Amen.

Minister. Cursed is he who puts his trust in man, and takes man for his defence, and in his heart goes from the Lord.

Answer. Amen.

Minister. Cursed are the unmerciful, fornicators, and adulterers, covetous persons, idolaters, slanderers, drunkards, and extortioners.

Answer. Amen.

*¶ Then, the people being seated, the Minister shall say,*

**N**OW seeing that all they are accursed (as the prophet David bears witness) who do err and go astray from the commandments of God; let us (remembering the dreadful judgement hanging over our heads, and always ready to fall upon us) return unto our Lord God, with all contrition and meekness of heart; bewailing and lamenting our sinful life, acknowledging and confessing our offences, and seeking to bring forth worthy fruits of repentance.

For now is the axe put unto the root of the trees, so that every tree that brings not forth good fruit is cut down, and cast into the fire. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God: He shall pour down rain upon the sinners' snares, fire and brimstone, storm and tempest; this shall be their portion to drink. For behold, the Lord is come out of His place to visit the wickedness of such as dwell upon the earth. But who may abide the day of His coming? Who shall be able to endure when He appears? His fan is in His hand, and He will purge His floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn the chaff with unquenchable fire. The day of the Lord comes as a thief in the night: and when men shall say, Peace, and all things are safe, then shall sudden destruction come upon them, as sorrow comes upon a woman labouring with child, and they shall not escape. Then shall appear the wrath of God in the day of vengeance, which obstinate sinners, through the stubbornness of their heart, have heaped upon themselves; which despised the goodness, patience, and long-sufferance of God, when He called them continually to repentance.

Then shall they call upon Me (says the Lord) but I will not hear; they shall seek Me early, but they shall not find Me; and that, because they hated knowledge, and did not receive the fear of the Lord, but abhorred My counsel, and despised My correction. Then shall it be too late to knock when the door shall be shut; and too late to cry for mercy when it is the time of justice. O terrible voice of most just judgement, which shall be pronounced upon them, when it shall be said unto them, Go, you cursed, into the fire everlasting, which is prepared for the devil and his angels.

Therefore, brethren, take heed, while the day of salvation lingers; for the night comes, when none can work. But let us, while we have the light, believe in the light, and walk as children of the light; that we not be cast into utter darkness, where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth. Let us not abuse the goodness of God, Who calls us mercifully to repentance, and of His endless pity promises us forgiveness of that which is past, if with a perfect and true heart we return unto Him. For though our sins be as red as scarlet, they shall be made white as snow; and though they be like purple, yet they shall be made white as wool. Turn (says the Lord) from all your wickedness, and your sin shall not be your destruction: Cast away from you all your ungodliness that you have done: Make yourselves new hearts, and a new spirit: Why will you die, O house of Israel, seeing that I have no pleasure in the death of him that dies, says the Lord God? Turn then, and you shall live.

Although we have sinned, yet have we an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He is the propitiation for our sins. For He was wounded for our offences, and smitten for our wickedness. Let us therefore return unto him, Who is the merciful receiver of all true penitent sinners; assuring ourselves that He is ready to receive us, and most willing to pardon us, if we come to Him

with faithful repentance; if we submit ourselves unto Him, and from henceforth walk in His ways; if we will take His easy yoke and light burden upon us, to follow Him in lowliness, patience, and love, and be ordered by the governance of His Holy Spirit; seeking always His glory, and serving Him duly in our vocation with thanksgiving. This if we do, Christ will deliver us from the curse of the law, and from the extreme curse which shall light upon those who shall be set on the left hand; and He will set us on His right hand, and give us the gracious benediction of His Father, commanding us to take possession of His glorious kingdom: Unto which He guarantees to bring us all, for His infinite mercy. *Amen.*

## A PENITENTIAL OFFICE

¶ *The Commination having been read, the Minister and the people kneeling, then shall be said by all this Psalm following.*  
¶ *And note, That on the first day of Lent, the following Office may be read immediately after the Prayer, We humbly beg You, O Father, in the Litany; or it may be used with Morning Prayer, or Evening Prayer, or as a separate Office; or may be read at other times.*

### *Miserere mei, Deus.* from Psalm 51

**H**AVE mercy upon me, O God, after Your great goodness; \*according to the multitude of Your mercies put away my offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, \* and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults, \* and my sin is ever before me.

Against You only have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight; \* that You might be justified in Your saying, and clear when You shall judge.

Behold, I was formed in wickedness, \* and in sin has my mother conceived me. But lo, You require truth in the inward parts, \* and shall make me to understand wisdom secretly.

You shall purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; \* You shall wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

You shall make me hear of joy and gladness, \* that the bones which You have broken may rejoice.

Turn Your face from my sins, \* and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God, \* and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Your presence, \* and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of Your help again, \* and affirm me with Your free Spirit.

Then shall I teach Your ways to the wicked, \* and sinners shall be converted unto You.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, You Who are the God of my health; \* and my tongue shall sing of Your righteousness.

You shall open my lips, O Lord, \* and my mouth shall show Your praise.

For You desire no sacrifice, else would I give it to You; \* but You delight not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: \* a broken and contrite heart, O God, You shall not despise.

¶ *Minister and people.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.



¶ Then shall the Minister and people together say,

**O**UR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Your Name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Or

**O**UR Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. Amen.

Minister. O Lord, save Your servants;

Answer. Who put their trust in You.

Minister. Send unto them help from above.

Answer. And evermore mightily defend them.

Minister. Help us, O God our Saviour.

Answer. And for the glory of Your Name deliver us; be merciful to us sinners, for Your Name's sake.

Minister. O Lord, hear our prayer.

Answer. And let our cry come unto You.

Minister. Let us pray.

**O** LORD, we beg You, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto You; that they whose consciences are accused by sin, by Your merciful pardon may be absolved; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**O** MOST mighty God, and merciful Father, Who has compassion upon all men, and hates nothing that You has made; and who does not desire the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his sin, and be saved; Mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Your character is always to have mercy; to You only it belongs to forgive sins. Spare us therefore, good Lord, spare Your people, whom You have redeemed; do not enter into judgement with Your servants; but turn Your anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our transgressions, and truly repent of our faults; and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with You in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall the people say this that follows, with the Minister:

**T**URN us, O good Lord, and we shall be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, Be favourable to Your people, Who turn to You in weeping, fasting, and praying. For You are a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity. You spare when we deserve punishment, And in Your wrath think upon mercy. Spare Your people, good Lord, spare them, And let not Your heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for Your mercy is great, And after the multitude of Your mercies look upon us; Through the merits and mediation of Your blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*¶ At the discretion of the Minister, here may be the imposition of ashes upon the people; the Minister saying, Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return, or similar words. Then he shall say,*

**O** GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive; Receive our humble petitions; and though we are tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of Your great mercy loose us; for the honour of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

**T**HE LORD bless us, and keep us. The LORD make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The LORD lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

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**O** ALMIGHTY Father, King eternal, immortal, invisible, only wise God our Saviour; Hasten, we beg You, the coming upon earth of the kingdom of Your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and draw the whole world of mankind into willing obedience to His blessed reign. Overcome all His enemies, and bring low every power that is exalted against Him. Cast out all the evil things which cause wars and fightings among us, and let Your Spirit rule the hearts of men in righteousness and love. Repair the desolations of former days; rejoice the wilderness with beauty; and make glad the city with Your law. Establish every work that is founded on truth and equity, and fulfill all the good hopes and desires of Your people. Manifest Your will, Almighty Father, in the brotherhood of man, and bring in universal peace; through the victory of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For the Church**

**O** GRACIOUS Father, we humbly beg You for Your holy Catholic Church; that You would be pleased to fill it with all truth, in 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, establish it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Him Who died and rose again, and ever lives to make intercession for us, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For the Unity of God's People**

**O** GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace; Deliver Your Church, we beg You, from all prejudice and contention, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; That, as there is but one body, and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling; one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one mind, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For Meetings of Ecclesiastical Bodies**

**ALMIGHTY** and everlasting God, Who, by Your Holy Spirit, did preside in the Council of the blessed Apostles, and has promised, through Your Son Jesus Christ, to be with Your Church to the end of the world; We beg You to be with the Council of this portion of Your Church here assembled in Your Name and Presence. Save us from all error, ignorance, pride, and prejudice; and of Your great mercy guarantee, we beg You, so to direct, sanctify, and govern us in our work, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, that the comfortable Gospel of Christ may be truly preached, truly received, and truly followed, in all places, to the breaking down the kingdom of sin, Satan, and death; till at length the whole of Your dispersed sheep, being gathered into Your fold, shall become partakers of everlasting life; through the merits and death of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

### **For Congregations**

**O** ALMIGHTY God, who hast built Your Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner-stone; Grant that by the operation of the Holy Spirit, all Christians may be so joined together in unity of spirit, and in the bond of peace, that they may be an holy temple, acceptable unto You. And especially to this congregation present, give the abundance of Your grace; That with one heart they may desire the prosperity of Your holy Church, and with one mouth may profess the faith once delivered to the saints. Defend them from the sins of heresy and schism; let not the foot of pride come near to hurt them, nor the hand of the ungodly to cast them down. And grant, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance, that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; That so they may walk in the ways of truth and peace, and at last be numbered with Your saints in glory everlasting; through Your merits, O blessed Jesus, gracious Bishop and Shepherd of our souls, who are, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

### **A Prayer for the Congress**

¶ To be used during its Sessions.

**M**OST gracious God, we humbly beg You, for the people of these United States in general, and especially for their Senate and Representatives in Congress assembled: That You would be pleased to

direct and prosper all their consultations, to the advancement of Your glory, the good of Your Church, the safety, honour, and welfare of Your people; That all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessities, we humbly beg in the Name and mediation of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

### **For the Parliament of Canada**

**M**OST gracious God, we humbly beg You, for the people of this Dominion of Canada in general, and especially for their Parliament assembled: That You would be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations, to the advancement of Your glory, the good of Your Church, the safety, honour, and welfare of Your people; That all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessities, we humbly beg in the Name and mediation of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

### **For Other Law-making Bodies**

**O** GOD, the Fountain of wisdom, Whose statutes are good and gracious and Whose law is truth; We beg You so to guide and bless the Legislature of this *State/Province/Territory*, and all other legislative bodies, that they may ordain for our governance only such things as will please You, to the welfare of the people, and the glory of Your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For Courts of Justice**

**A**LMIGHTY God, Whose judgements are true and right; We humbly beg You to bless and guide all Magistrates and Courts of Justice throughout our land; granting unto them knowledge and firmness; enduing them with the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that they may discern the truth, and impartially administer the law in the fear of You alone; through Him Who shall come to be our Judge, Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For Pastors, or Ministers-in-Charge**

**O** HOLY Jesus, Who hast purchased to Yourself a universal Church, and has promised to be with Your Ministers to the end of the world; Be graciously pleased to bless the ministry and service of him who is appointed to offer the sacrifices of prayer and praise to You in this house, which is called by Your Name. May the words of his mouth, and the meditation of his heart, be always acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, our Strength, and our Redeemer. *Amen.*

**O** LORD Jesus Christ, we beg You that the Ministers of Your Gospel, here and everywhere, may be true to their calling. Clothe them with Your Holy Spirit, that they may remember the words of Holy Writ, that their understanding thereof may be enlightened, and that their witness may be in truth and with power, to the salvation of sinners and the edifying of saints. May they rightly and duly administer Your holy Sacraments, and by their life and doctrine set forth Your true and lively Word. May they be to all men wholesome examples in faith, word, love, chastity, and fidelity; that so Your Name may be glorified, Who are, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

### **For Those about to be Ordained**

**A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, Who has purchased to Yourself a universal Church by the precious blood of Your dear Son; Mercifully look upon the same, and at this time so guide and govern the minds of Your servants, the Bishops and Pastors of Your flock, that they may lay hands suddenly on no man, but faithfully and wisely make choice of fit persons, to serve in the Ministry of Your Church. And to those who shall be ordained to any holy function, give Your grace and heavenly benediction; that both by their life and doctrine they may show forth Your glory, and set forward the salvation of all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, the Giver of all good gifts, Who of Your divine providence hast appointed diverse Orders in Your Church; Give Your grace, we humbly beg You, to all those who are to be called to any office and administration in the same; and so replenish them with the truth of Your doctrine, and clothe them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before You, to the glory of Your great Name, and the benefit of Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For the Increase of the Ministry**

**O** ALMIGHTY God, look mercifully upon the world which You have redeemed by the blood of Your dear Son; and, by Your Holy Spirit, incline the hearts of many to dedicate themselves to the sacred Ministry of Your Church; through the same Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

### **For Missions**

**O** GOD, Who has made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on the face of the whole earth, and did send Your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near; Grant that all men everywhere may seek after You and find You. Pour out Your Spirit upon all flesh, bring the nations into Your fold, and hasten the coming of Your kingdom; through the same Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For Missionaries**

**O** LORD Jesus Christ, the Desire of all nations, Who came down from heaven to seek and to save the lost; Grant Your blessing, we beg You, upon Your missionary servants who are carrying the light of Your Gospel to all the places of the earth. Preserve them from every danger to which they may be exposed; from perils by land, sea, and air, from persecution and pestilence, from discouragement in their labours, and from the devices of the adversary. May they see Your work prospering in their hands; and hasten the time, O gracious Saviour, when the multitude of the lost shall be gathered into Your fold, and when all in every land who neglect Your salvation shall be converted unto You. And to You, Lord Jesus, be the praise; unto Whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

### **For Ministers and People**

**M**OST gracious God, the Giver of all good and perfect gifts; Give Your grace, we beg You, to all the Ministers of Your Word; and so replenish them with the truth of Your doctrine, and clothe them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before You, to the glory of Your great Name, and the benefit of Your holy Church. And to all Your people give Your heavenly grace, that with meek heart and due reverence they may hear and receive Your holy Word, truly serving You in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

### **A Prayer for the Holy Spirit**

**O** GOD, Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful, visit, we pray You, this congregation with Your love and favour; Enlighten their minds more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel; graft in their hearts a love of the truth; increase in them true religion; nourish them with all goodness; and of Your great mercy keep them in the same, O blessed Spirit, Whom, with the Father and the Son together, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end. *Amen.*

### **For Our Country**

**A**LMIGHTY God, who has given us this good land for our heritage; We humbly beg You that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Your favour. Bless us with industry, prosperity, learning, and purity of life. Save us from discord and violence, and from pride and arrogancy. Preserve us from public calamities, pestilence, and famine; from war, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; and especially from national sins and corruption. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought here out of many kinds and tongues. Clothe with wisdom those in authority, that justice and peace may prevail. Make us strong and great in the fear of God, and in the love of righteousness, that, blessed of You, we may be a blessing to all people. In prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in trouble suffer not our trust in Your to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For the Army, the Navy, and the Air Forces of Our Country**

**A**LMIGHTY God, the strong Tower and Refuge of Your people; We entreat Your favour upon the officers and all who are enlisted in the service of defence of our country, upon land, and on the water, and in the air. Ever spare them from being ordered into a war of aggression or oppression. Use them if need be, as Your instruments, in the defence of our national life and liberty. But restrain, we beg You, the greed and wrath of man, that wars may cease in all the earth. Deepen in the hearts of our defenders the spirit of peace; and, for His sake, may they ever love and serve the Prince of Peace, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **In Time of War and Tumults**

**O** ALMIGHTY God, the supreme Governor of all things, Whose power no creature is able to resist, to Whom it belongs justly to punish sinners, and to be merciful to those who truly repent; Save and deliver us, we humbly beg You, from the hands of our enemies; that we, being armed with Your defence, may be preserved evermore from all perils, to glorify You, Who are the only giver of all victory; through the merits of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**O** LORD God of infinite mercy, we humbly beg You to look down with pity upon the nations now engaged in war. Reckon not against Your people their many iniquities, for from the lusts of our own hearts come wars and fightings among us. Look in compassion on those immediately exposed to peril, conflict, sickness, and death; comfort the prisoners, relieve the sufferings of the wounded, and show mercy to the dying. Tenderly regard those who live at home in fear, deprivation, and sorrow. Remove in Your good providence all causes and occasions of war; and of Your great goodness restore peace among the nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For Those about to be Confirmed**

**B**LESS, we beg You, O heavenly Father, those soon to present themselves here, to make audible



confession of Your Son, Jesus the Christ, as their Saviour and their Lord. May they ever be unswerving, and their confession true. Keep them ever obedient to Your holy will and commandments, and faithful in the communion of Your Church, and in Your service, to the glory of the great Head of the Church, our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **For Youth, and Institutions of Learning**

**A**LMIGHTY God, the Author of all being, our only true Guide and Protector; Visit with Your blessing, we pray, our church schools and institutions of learning. Inspire the teachers with a proper sense of their solemn duties, and with grace and strength to fulfill them. May our youth be trained up in Your nurture and admonition. Implant in their hearts that fear of the Lord which is the beginning of wisdom, and that faith which works by love and overcomes the world. Fill their memories with the words of Your Law. Open their understandings to the truth, as it is in Jesus; so that, made wise unto salvation, they may escape the pollutions of error and sin, and become strong in Your hands for the maintenance of pure and undefiled religion among men. Grant this, for the sake of Jesus Christ Your Son, our Saviour. *Amen.*

### **For Schools and Colleges**

**O**nly wise God, our Saviour, with Whom are all the treasures of heavenly understanding; Illuminate all schools and colleges and universities with the light that comes from above; That those who teach may be taught of You, and those who learn may be led by Your Spirit; and grant, that by the increase of knowledge, Your truth may be confirmed and Your glory manifested; through Jesus Christ, Your Living Word. *Amen.*

### **For Christian Education**

**A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who has committed to Your holy Church the care and nurture of Your children; Enlighten with Your wisdom those who teach and those who learn; that, rejoicing in the knowledge of Your truth, they may worship You and serve You from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For Children**

**O**LORD Jesus Christ, Who embraces children with the arms of Your mercy, and makes them living members of Your Church; Give them grace, we pray You, to stand fast in Your faith, to obey Your word, and to abide in Your love; that, being made strong by Your Holy Spirit, they may resist temptation and overcome evil, and may rejoice in the life that now is, and dwell with You in the life that is to come; through Your merits, O merciful Saviour, Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns one God, world without end. *Amen.*

### **In Time of Great Sickness and Mortality**

**O**MOST mighty and merciful God, to Whom alone belong the issues of life and death; In this time of grievous sickness we flee unto You for relief. Deliver us, we beg You, from our peril; give strength and skill to Your ministers of healing; bless the means of cure; and grant, that, perceiving how frail is our earthly life, we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For a Person under Affliction**

**O** MERCIFUL God, and heavenly Father, who has taught us, in Your holy Word, that You do not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men; Look with pity, we beg You, upon the sorrows of Your servant, for whom our prayers are desired. Remember him, O Lord, in mercy; sanctify Your fatherly correction to him; endue his soul with patience under his affliction, and with resignation to Your blessed will; comfort him with a sense of Your goodness; lift up Your countenance upon him and give him peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For Persons in Bereavement**

**O** LORD Jesus Christ, Who Yourself did weep beside the grave, and are touched with the feeling of our sorrows; Fulfill now Your promise that You wilt not leave Your people comfortless, but will come to them. Reveal Yourself unto Your afflicted servants, for whom our prayers are desired, and cause them to hear You saying, I am the Resurrection and the Life. Help them, O Lord, to turn to You with true discernment, and to abide in You through living faith; that, finding now the comfort of Your presence, they may have also a sure confidence in You for all that is to come: until the day break, and the shadows flee away. Hear us for Your great mercy's sake, O Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For a Person, or Persons, Going to Sea**

**O** ETERNAL God, Who alone spreads out the heavens, and rules the raging of the sea; We commend to Your Almighty protection, Your servant, for whose preservation on the great deep our prayers are desired. Guard him, we beg You, from the dangers of the sea, from sickness, from the violence of enemies, and from every evil to which he may be exposed. Conduct him in safety to the haven where he would be, with a grateful sense of Your mercies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For a Person, or Persons, Travelling by Land or by Air**

**O** ALMIGHTY God, Who has raised up the mountains and laid low the valleys, who has marked the great highways of the earth, and does direct the courses of the winds and clouds; With Your protecting care overshadow, guide, and guard, we beg You, those who travel by land or by air; and especially Your servant, for whom our prayers are desired. Protect him from sickness, from violence, from accident, and from all other perils to which he may be exposed. Conduct him safely to the haven where he would be, with a grateful sense of Your mercies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For a Sick Person**

**O** FATHER of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; We humbly beg You to behold, visit, and relieve Your sick servant [N ], for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon him with the eyes of Your mercy; comfort him with a sense of Your goodness; preserve him from the temptations of the enemy; and give him patience under his affliction. In Your good time, restore him to health, and enable him to lead the rest of his life in Your fear, and to Your glory. And grant that when this life is ended, through faith in Your dear Son, he may dwell with You in life everlasting, for the sake of the same, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **For a Sick Child**

**A**LMIGHTY God, and merciful Father, You Who alone can heal; Behold, we humbly beg You, with the eyes of Your mercy, the sick child for whom our prayers are desired. If it be Your good pleasure, deliver him, O Lord, from his bodily pain, and prolong his days here on earth; that he may live to You,

and be an instrument of Your glory. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the love of Your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **For Prisoners**

**O** GOD, who spares us when we deserve punishment, and in Your wrath remembers mercy; We humbly beg You, of Your goodness, to comfort and succour all prisoners. Give them a right understanding of themselves, and of Your warnings and promises, that they may put their confidence in You, and in Your alone. Relieve the distressed, protect the innocent, and awaken the guilty. And, inasmuch as You alone can bring light out of darkness, and good out of evil, grant that Your grace may impel the guilty to seek that only Redeemer Who can free their souls from the chains of sin; and this we beg for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For Christian Service**

**O** LORD, our heavenly Father, Whose blessed Son came, not to be ministered unto, but to minister; We beg You to bless all who, following in His steps, give themselves to the service of their fellow men. Clothe them with wisdom, patience, and courage to strengthen the weak and raise up those who fall; that, being inspired by Your love, they may worthily minister in Your Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the sake of Him who laid down His life for us, the same Your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **For Social Justice**

**A**LMIGHTY God, who created man in Your own image; Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil, and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice among men and nations, to the glory of Your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For Every Man in his Work**

**A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who declares Your glory and shows forth Your handiwork in the heavens and in the earth; Deliver us, we beg You, in our several callings, from the service of mammon, that we may do the work which You give us to do, in truth, in beauty, and in righteousness, with singleness of heart as Your servants, and to the benefit of our fellow men; for the sake of Him Who came among us as one that serves, Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A Prayer for the Impenitent**

**O** MERCIFUL God, Who desires not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live, and has revealed Yourself as pardoning iniquity through Your only Son; We beg Your to have mercy upon the impenitent and unbelieving, especially upon those who are here present. Awaken in them by Your Holy Spirit, a deep sense of their sinfulness and peril. Take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of Your Word. Make them to know and feel that there is no other name under heaven given among men by which they can be saved, but only the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. And so bring them home and number them among Your children, that they may be Yours for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

### **For Rain**

**O** GOD, heavenly Father, Who by Your Son Jesus Christ has promised to all those who seek Your kingdom, and its righteousness, all things necessary to their bodily sustenance; Send us, we beg You, in this our needs, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth to our comfort, and to Your honour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For Fair Weather**

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we humbly beg You, of Your great goodness, to restrain those immoderate rains, by which You have afflicted us; And we pray You to send us such seasonable weather, that the earth may, in due time, yield her increase, for our use and benefit; and give us grace, that we may learn, by Your visitations, to amend our lives, and for Your clemency to give You thanks and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **In Time of Dearth and Famine**

**O** GOD, heavenly Father, whose gift it is that the rain falls, and the earth brings forth her increase; Behold, we beg You, the afflictions of Your people; increase the fruits of the earth by Your heavenly benediction; and grant that the scarcity and barrenness, which we now most justly suffer for our sins, may, through Your goodness, be mercifully turned into plenty; for the love of Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **For Fruitful Seasons**

¶ To be used on Rogation Sunday and the Rogation Days.

**A**LMIGHTY God, Who has blessed the earth that it should be fruitful and bring forth whatsoever is needful for the life of man, and has commanded us to work with quietness, and eat our own bread; Bless the labours of the farmers and fruit growers, and grant such seasonable weather that we may gather in the fruits of the earth, and ever rejoice in Your goodness, to the praise of Your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**O** GRACIOUS Father, who opens Your hand and fills all living things with plenteousness; We beg You of Your infinite goodness to hear us, as we now make our prayers and supplications unto You. Remember not our sins, but Your promises of mercy. Guarantee to bless the lands and multiply the harvests of the world. Let Your breath go forth that it may renew the face of the earth. Show Your loving-kindness, that our land may give her increase; and so fill us with good things that the poor and needy may give thanks unto Your Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A Prayer for Penitence**

**M**OST merciful God, Who are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and has promised forgiveness to all those who confess and forsake their sins; We come before You in an humble sense of our own unworthiness, acknowledging our many transgressions of Your righteous laws. But, O gracious Father, who desires not the death of a sinner, look upon us, we beg You, in mercy, and forgive us all our transgressions. Make us deeply sensible of the great evil of them, and work in us an hearty contrition; that we may obtain forgiveness at Your hands, Who are always ready to receive humble and penitent sinners; for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

### **A Prayer for Forgiveness**

**A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, Who of Your great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who, with hearty repentance and true faith, turn unto You; Have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A Prayer for Christian Faith**

**A**LMIGHTY God and heavenly Father; Open our eyes that we may see ourselves to be sinners in Your sight, partakers of a fallen nature, and actual transgressors against You. Enable us to realize our continual need, both of Your pardoning mercy and of Your quickening grace, and to receive Jesus Christ as the only Saviour of our souls. May we trust in His atonement, and rely on His intercession, as our only hope. Rejoicing in Your free salvation, and renouncing our own righteousness, may we walk in the way of Your commandments, serving You faithfully, and striving against every sin; through the grace that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A Prayer for Future Protection**

**A**LMIGHTY God, by Whose will we were created, by Whose providence we have been sustained, and by Whose mercy we have been called to the knowledge of eternal life; Guarantee unto us evermore Your preserving and protecting grace. Unto You, the support of our infancy, the help of our youth, and the guide of our advancing years, do we commit our lives for the time to come. In all our ways we acknowledge You. Direct our paths. In our prosperity, give us grace to use with moderation our several enjoyments, and a compassionate spirit for the wants of others. Save us from those temptations which might cause us to fall; and in our adversity, fill us with patience and strength. These blessings we ask in the Name of our only Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **A Bidding Prayer**

*¶ To be used before Sermons, or on special occasions.*

*¶ And note, That the Minister, in his discretion, may omit any of the clauses in this Prayer, or may add others, as occasion may require.*

**G**OOD Christian People, I bid your prayers for Christ's holy Catholic Church, the blessed company of all faithful people; that it may please God to confirm and strengthen it in purity of faith, in holiness of life, and in perfectness of love, and to restore to it the witness of visible unity; and more especially for that branch of the same planted by God in this land, in which we are members; that in all things it may work according to God's will, serve Him faithfully, and worship Him acceptably.

You shall pray for *the President of these United States, and for the Governor of this State/The Prime Minister of this Dominion of Canada, and for the Premier of this Province*, and for all who are in authority; that all, and every one of them, may serve truly in their several callings to the glory of God, and the edifying and well-governing of the people, remembering the account they shall be called upon to give at the last great day.

You shall also pray for the ministers of God's holy Word and Sacraments; for Bishops [and herein more especially for the Bishop of this Diocese], that they may minister faithfully and wisely the discipline of Christ; likewise for all Presbyters and Deacons [and herein more especially for the Clergy here residing], that they may shine as lights in the world, and in all things may adorn the doctrine of

God our Saviour.

And you shall pray for a due supply of persons fit to serve God in the Ministry and in the *State/Province*; and to that end, as well as for the good education of all the youth of this land, you shall pray for all schools, colleges, and seminaries of sound and godly learning, and for all whose hands are open for their maintenance; that whatsoever lends to the advancement of true religion and useful learning may forever flourish and abound.

You shall pray for all the people of *these United States/Canada*, that they may live in the true faith and fear of God, and in brotherly love towards one another.

You shall also pray for all who travel by land, sea, or air; for all prisoners and captives; for all who are in sickness or in sorrow; for all who have fallen into grievous sin; for all who, through temptation, ignorance, helplessness, grief, trouble, dread, or the near approach of death, especially need our prayers.

You shall also praise God for rain and sunshine; for the fruits of the earth; for the products of all honest industry; and for all His good gifts, temporal and spiritual, to us and to all men.

Finally, you shall give unto God most high praise and hearty thanks for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all His saints, who have been the choice vessels of His grace and the lights of the world in their several generations; and pray unto God, that we may have grace to direct our lives after their good examples; that, this life ended, we may be made partakers with them of the glorious resurrection, and the life everlasting.

And now, brethren, summing up all our petitions, and all our thanksgivings, in the words which Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**O**UR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Your Name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Or*

**O**ur Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

### *COLLECTS*

**A**SSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers; and direct the way of Your servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by Your most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**G**RANT, we beg You, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears may, through Your grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living; to the honour and praise of Your Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**D**IRECT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Your most gracious favour, and further us with Your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in You, we may glorify Your holy Name; and finally, by Your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**O** ALMIGHTY God, who has knit together Your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of Your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ; Grant us grace so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which You have prepared for those who genuinely love You; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**ALMIGHTY** God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knows our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; We beg You to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, guarantee to give us, for the worthiness of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**BLESSED** be Your Name, O Lord God, for that it has pleased You to have Your dwelling place among the sons of men, and to dwell in the midst of the assembly of the saints upon the earth; Bless, we beg You, the religious services of this day, and grant that in this place which is dedicated to You, Your holy Name may be worshipped, and Your Gospel preached in truth and purity throughout all generations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**ALMIGHTY** God, who has promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in Your Son's Name; We beg You mercifully to incline Your ears unto us, who have now made our prayers and supplications unto You; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to Your will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our need, and to the setting forth of Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### **An Alternate Declaration of Absolution, or Remission of Sins**

**ALMIGHTY** God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who desires not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, has in His holy Word given assurance that He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and genuinely believe His holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beg Him to grant us true repentance, and His Holy Spirit, that those things may please Him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to His eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### **An Alternate Prayer of Humble Access to Holy Communion**

**WE** do not presume to come to this Your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy even to gather up the crumbs under Your Table. But You are the same Lord, Whose character is always to have mercy: Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to commemorate in this breaking of bread the death of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, that we may feed on Him in our hearts by faith, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. *Amen.*

## INVOCATIONS BEFORE THE SERMON

**L**ET the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer. *Amen. Psalm 19:14*

**I**N the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen. St. Matthew 28:19*

## ASCRPTIONS OF PRAISE

**N**OW unto Him Who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us; unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20, 21*

**N**OW unto the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only has immortality, dwelling in the light unto which no man can approach; Whom no man has seen nor can see: to Him be honour and power everlasting. *Amen. 1 Timothy 6:15, 16*

**N**OW unto Him Who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy; to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. *Amen. Jude 24, 25*

**U**NTO Him Who loved us, and washed us from our sins in His Own blood, and has made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen. Revelation 1:5, 6*

**W**ORTHY is the Lamb Who was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. *Amen. Revelation 5:12*

**B**LESSING, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto Him Who sits upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. *Amen. Revelation 5:13*

**A**ND now unto God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, three Persons, one God, be ascribed, as is most justly due, all might, majesty, dominion, and power, both now and for ever, world without end. *Amen.*

## BENEDICTIONS

**T**HE God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, Make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to Whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*



**T**HE peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

**G**RACE, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, through the Holy Spirit our Comforter, be and abide with you all for evermore. *Amen.*

**G**OD the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless you, and keep you; the LORD make His Face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the LORD lift up His Countenance upon you, and give you peace. *Amen.*

## **THANKSGIVINGS**

### **Upon a National Day of Thanksgiving**

**M**OST gracious God, by Whose knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew; We yield to You our genuine thanks and praise for the return of seed-time and harvest, for the increase of the ground and the gathering in of the fruits thereof, and for all the other blessings of Your merciful providence bestowed upon this nation and people. And, we beg You, give us a just sense of these great mercies; such as may appear in our lives by an humble, holy, and obedient walking before You all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honour, world without end. *Amen.*

**M**OST high and mighty Ruler of the universe, by Whom our nation has been established in freedom and preserved in union; We thank and praise You for Your favour shown unto our fathers, and Your faithfulness continued unto their children; For the rich land given us for an inheritance, for the return of seed-time and harvest, for the increase of the ground and the gathering in of the fruits thereof, and for all the other blessings of Your merciful Providence bestowed upon this nation and people. And we humbly pray that, enjoying Your gifts in contentment, we may be enabled by Your grace to use them to Your praise. Especially we thank You for Your great love in sending Your Son to be the Saviour of the world, and in calling us out of our sins into fellowship with Him. And we beg You to grant us always Your Holy Spirit, through Whom we may grow continually in thankfulness toward You, as also into the likeness of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; to Whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

### **For Rain**

**O** GOD, our heavenly Father, by Whose gracious providence the former and the latter rain descend upon the earth, that it may bring forth fruit for the use of man; We give You humble thanks that it has pleased You to send us rain, to the great comfort of us Your unworthy servants, and to the glory of Your holy Name; through Your mercies in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For Fair Weather**

**O** LORD God, who has justly humbled us by Your late visitation of us with immoderate rain and waters, and in Your mercy has relieved and comforted our souls by this seasonable and blessed change

of weather; We praise and glorify Your holy Name for this Your mercy, and will always declare Your loving-kindness from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For Plenty**

**O** MOST merciful Father, Who of Your gracious goodness has heard the devout prayers of Your Church, and turned our famine and scarcity into plenty; We give You humble thanks for this Your special bounty; begging You to continue Your loving-kindness unto us, that our land may yield us her fruits of increase, to Your glory and our comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For Peace, and Deliverance from our Enemies**

**O** ALMIGHTY God, Who are a strong tower of defence unto Your servants against the face of their enemies; We give You praise and thanksgiving for our deliverance from those great and imminent dangers wherewith we were surrounded. We acknowledge that it is of Your goodness that we were not delivered as a prey unto them; and we beg You still to continue Your mercies towards us, that all the world may know that You are our Saviour and mighty Deliverer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For Restoring Public Peace at Home**

**O** ETERNAL God, our heavenly Father, Who alone makes men to be of one mind in a house, and stills the outrage of a violent and unruly people; We bless Your holy Name, that it has pleased You to appease the seditious tumults which have been lately raised up amongst us; most humbly begging Your to grant to all of us grace, that we may henceforth obediently walk in Your holy commandments; and, leading a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty, may continually offer unto You our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for these Your mercies towards us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For the Increase of the Ministry**

**A**LMIGHTY God, Who does look mercifully upon the world which You have redeemed by the blood of Your dear Son; and, by Your Holy Spirit, has inclined the hearts of Your servants to dedicate themselves to the sacred Ministry of Your Church; We give You humble thanks that You have guaranteed to answer our prayers, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For a Recovery from Sickness**

**O** GOD, Who are the giver of life, of health, and of safety; We bless Your Name, that You have been pleased to deliver from his bodily sickness this Your servant, who now desires to return thanks unto You, in the presence of Your people. You are gracious, O Lord, and full of compassion to the children of men. May his heart be duly impressed with a sense of Your merciful goodness, and may he devote the rest of his days to an humble, holy, and obedient walking before You; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For a Child's Recovery from Sickness**

**A**LMIGHTY God and heavenly Father, we give You humble thanks that You have been graciously pleased to deliver from his bodily sickness the child in whose behalf we bless and praise Your Name, in the presence of Your people. Grant, we beg You, O gracious Father, that he, through Your help, may both faithfully live in this world according to Your will, and also may be partaker of everlasting glory in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For Deliverance from a Time of Great Sickness**

**W**E humbly acknowledge before You, O most merciful Father, that all the punishments which are threatened in Your law might justly have fallen upon us, by reason of our manifold transgressions and hardness of heart; Yet seeing it has pleased You of Your tender mercy, upon our weak and unworthy humiliation, to assuage the great sickness whereby we lately have been greatly afflicted, and to restore the voice of joy and health into our dwellings; We offer unto Your Divine Majesty the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, lauding and magnifying Your glorious Name for Your preservation and providence over us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For Deliverance from Peril**

**O** GOD, merciful Father, we praise You for hearing us in the hour of distress, and have become our salvation. You are a God full of compassion, and plenteous in mercy. We are alive to praise You this day, not for our worthiness, but because of Your great mercies. When we were in distress, You helped us; when trouble was hard upon us, and our strength failed, Your almighty arm was our defence. Accept our thanksgiving, and keep us ever mindful of Your mercies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **The Thanksgiving of Women after Child-birth**

**O** ALMIGHTY God, we give You humble thanks that You have been graciously pleased to preserve, through the great pain and peril of child-birth, this woman, Your servant, who desires now to offer her praises and thanksgivings unto You. Grant, we beg You, most merciful Father, that she, through Your help, may faithfully live according to Your will in this life, and also may be partaker of everlasting glory in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For a Safe Return from a Journey**

**M**OST gracious Lord, Whose mercy is over all Your works; We praise Your holy Name that You have been pleased to conduct in safety, through the perils of the great deep (or of his journey), this Your servant, who now desires to return his thanks unto You in Your holy Church. May he be duly sensible of Your merciful providence towards him, and ever express his thankfulness by a holy trust in You, and obedience to Your laws; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Order for**  
**the Administration of the Lord's Supper**  
**or**  
**Holy Communion**

¶ *At the Communion-time the Table shall have upon it a fair white linen cloth. And the Presbyter, standing reverently facing the Table, shall say the Lord's Prayer and the Collect following, the people kneeling; but the Lord's Prayer may be omitted at the discretion of the Presbyter.*

¶ *A Psalm, Hymn, or Anthem may be sung when the Minister enters or, after a sentence of Scripture, the Minister may say,*

The Lord be with you.

Answer. ***And with your spirit.***

Minister. Let us pray.

¶ Then shall be said the COLLECT FOR PURITY following.

**A**LMIGHTY God, unto Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

*Then shall the Minister, turning to the people, rehearse distinctly all the TEN COMMANDMENTS; and the people still kneeling shall, after every Commandment, ask God mercy for their transgressions thereof for the time past, and grace to keep the same for the time to come.*

*And note, That in rehearsing the ten Commandments, the Minister may omit that part of the Commandment that is inset in italics*

*The Decalogue may be omitted, provided it be said at least one Sunday in each month. But note, That whenever it is omitted, the Minister shall say the Summary of the Law, beginning "Hear what our Lord Jesus said.*

**G**OD spoke these words, and said: I am the LORD your God; You shall have no other gods before me.

*Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

**Y**OU shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above, or on the earth beneath, or in the waters below; You shall not bow down to them nor worship them.

*For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.*

*Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

**Y**OU shall not misuse the Name of the LORD your God,

*for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses His Name.*

*Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

**O**BSERVE the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work:

*neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your. The LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.*

*Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

HONOUR your father and your mother,  
*so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the LORD your God is giving you.*  
*Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

YOU shall not murder.  
*Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

YOU shall not commit adultery.  
*Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

YOU shall not steal.  
*Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

YOU shall not give false testimony against your neighbour.  
*Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

YOU shall not covet  
*you shall not covet your neighbour's wife. You shall not set your desire on your neighbour's house or land, his manservant, nor maid servant, his ox or donkey, nor anything that belongs to your neighbour.*  
*Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these Your laws in our hearts, we beg You.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say,*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ said.

**Y**OU shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it, You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. (*Matt.22:37-40*)

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
*Christ, have mercy upon us.*  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Minister.* Let us pray.

**O** ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, we humbly request that You direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of Your laws, and in the works of Your commandments; that, through Your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*For Parishes in The United States of America*

**O** LORD, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, Who does from Your throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; Most heartily we ask You, with Your favour to behold and bless Your servant [N], our President, [*our Senate and Representatives in Congress assembled*], [N], the Governor of our State (or Commonwealth), and all others in authority; and so replenish them with the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to Your will, and walk in Your way. Empower them plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant them in health and prosperity long to live; and finally, after this life, to attain everlasting joy and happiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*For Parishes in Canada*

**O** LORD God Almighty, Who rules the nations of the earth, we humbly ask You with Your favour to behold and bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, that in all things she may be led by Your guidance and be protected by Your power. We pray You also to bless all the Royal Family. Clothe with wisdom the Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, the Lieutenant-Governors of the Provinces, the Prime Minister, and all who are set in authority over us; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¶ *Then shall be said the COLLECT OF THE DAY.*

¶ *And immediately after the Collect may be read an OLD TESTAMENT Lesson, the Reader first saying, The Reading (Lesson) from \_\_\_\_\_, chapter \_\_\_\_\_, beginning at the \_\_\_\_\_ verse. The Old Testament Lesson being ended, the Reader may say, Here ends the Old Testament Lesson, or,*

Reader. This is the Word of the Lord.  
People. *Thanks be to God.*

¶ *After the Old Testament Lesson shall be said or sung a PSALM or Canticle, ending with the Gloria Patri.*

¶ *Then shall be read the EPISTLE Lesson, the Reader first saying, The Reading (Lesson) from the Epistle \_\_\_\_\_, chapter \_\_\_\_\_, beginning at the..... verse. The Epistle being ended, the Reader may say, Here ends the Epistle, or,*

Reader. This is the Word of the Lord.  
People. *Thanks be to God.*

¶ *Here may be sung a Hymn or an Anthem.*

¶ *Then, all the people standing, the Minister appointed shall read the GOSPEL, first saying, The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. \_\_\_\_\_, chapter \_\_\_\_\_, beginning at the \_\_\_\_\_ verse. In response to the announcement of the Gospel shall be said,*

**Glory be to You, O Lord.**

¶ *And after the Gospel, the Minister shall say, The Gospel of the Lord, the people then responding,*

**Praise be to You, O Christ.**

¶ *Then shall be said the CREED commonly called the Nicene, or else the Apostles' Creed; but the Creed may be omitted, if it has been said immediately before in Morning Prayer; provided, That the Nicene Creed shall be said on Christmas Day, Easter Day, Ascension Day, Whitsunday, and Trinity Sunday.*

### **Nicene Creed**

**I** BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And

was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sits on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord, and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

*¶ Then shall be declared unto the people what Services are in the week following to be observed. And here also (if occasion be) shall notice be given of the Communion. And nothing shall be proclaimed or published in the church during the time of Divine Service, but by the Minister.*

*¶ Here may be sung a Hymn or an Anthem.*

*¶ Then shall follow the SERMON. After which, the Presbyter shall return to the Lord's Table, and begin the OFFERTORY, saying one or more of these Sentences following.*

**REMEMBER** the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'  
*Acts 20:35*

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven *St. Matthew 5:16*

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. *St. Matthew 6:19, 20*

Whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.  
*St. Matthew 7:12*

Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." *St. Luke 19:8*

If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things?  
*1 Corinthians 9:11*

Do you not know that those who minister the holy things eat of the things of the temple, and those who serve at the altar partake of the offerings of the altar? Even so the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel. *1 Corinthians 9:13,14*

He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. *2 Corinthians 9:6,7*

Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches. Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. *Galatians 6:6,7*

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the

household of faith. *Galatians 6:10*

Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. *1 Timothy 6:6,7*

Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. *1 Timothy 6:17-19*

For God is not unjust to forget your work and labour of love which you have shown toward His Name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister. *Hebrews 6:10*

Do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. *Hebrews 13:16*

Whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? *1 St. John 3:17*

He who has pity on the poor lends to the LORD, And He will pay back what he has given. *Proverbs 19:17*

Blessed is he who considers the poor; The LORD will deliver him in time of trouble. *Psalms 41:1*

You shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed. Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you. *Deuteronomy 16:16-17*

¶ *While the gifts of the people are being gathered, there may be sung a Hymn or an Anthem.*

¶ *At the same time the Presbyter shall prepare the Table and arrange such Bread and Wine on the Table as he shall think sufficient.*

¶ *When the alms for the poor and other offerings of the people have been received by the Deacons, church-wardens, or other fit persons appointed for that purpose, they shall be brought to the Presbyter who shall humbly present and place them upon the holy Table.*

¶ *The Offering of the congregation having been gathered, it may be dedicated to the Lord in these words following, or the Long Metre Doxology, or other suitable words, said or sung.*

**A**LL things come from You, O LORD, and of Your Own we have given You. Amen.

*1 Chronicles 29:14*

#### CONCERNING THE CELEBRATION

¶ *In the absence of a Presbyter, a Deacon may say all that is before appointed unto the end of the Gospel.*

¶ *Lay persons appointed by the Celebrant shall normally be assigned the reading of the Lessons which precede the Gospel.*

¶ *It is the Bishop's prerogative, when present, to be the principal Celebrant at the Lord's Table, and to preach the Gospel.*

¶ *At all celebrations of the Liturgy, it is fitting that the principal Celebrant, whether Bishop or Presbyter, be assisted by other Presbyters, and by Deacons and lay persons.*

¶ *It is appropriate that the other Presbyters present stand with the Celebrant at the Lord's Table and join in the consecration of the*



gifts, in breaking the Bread, and in distributing Communion.

¶ A Deacon shall read the Gospel and shall also serve at the Lord's Table, preparing and placing on it the offerings of Bread and Wine,

and assisting in the ministration of the Sacrament to the people. In the absence of a Deacon, these duties may be performed by an

assisting Presbyter.

¶ Here, in place of all that follows, may be used the *ALTERNATE FORM FOR THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION*.

## **THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

¶ Here the Presbyter shall give the following or similar invitation.

**O**UR fellow Christians of other branches of Christ's Church, who have been Baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, are affectionately invited to the Lord's Table.

*Then the Presbyter may ask the private intercessions of the congregation for any who have desired the prayer of the Church. After which he shall say,*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant.

**A**LMIGHTY and everliving God, Who by Your holy Apostle has taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; In Your mercy accept our [*\*alms and* ] holy offerings, and receive these our prayers, which we offer unto Your Divine Majesty; beseeching You to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and harmony: And grant that all those who do confess Your holy Name may agree in the truth of Your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech You also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all those in authority, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of Your true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth Your true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer Your holy Sacraments.

And to all Your People give Your heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive Your holy Word; truly serving You in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beg You, of Your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and assist all those, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless Your holy Name for all Your servants departed this life in Your faith and fear; begging You to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of Your heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

*\*If there are no alms, then the enclosed words shall be omitted.*

¶ Then may the Presbyter say this *EXHORTATION*, the people standing. And note, That the Exhortation shall be said on the First Sunday in Advent, the First Sunday in Lent, and Trinity Sunday.

**D**EARLY beloved in the Lord, you who desire to come to the holy Communion of the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ, must consider how Saint Paul exhorts all persons diligently to examine themselves, before they presume to eat of that Bread, and drink of that Cup. For as the benefit is great,

if with a true penitent heart and lively faith we receive that holy Sacrament; so is the danger great, if we receive the same unworthily. Judge therefore yourselves, brethren, that you be not judged by the Lord; truly repent of your past sins; have a lively and steadfast faith in Christ our Saviour; amend your lives, and be in perfect love with all men; so shall you be proper partakers of those holy mysteries.

And above all things you must give most humble and hearty thanks to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, for the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Saviour Christ, both God and man; who humbled Himself, even to the death upon the Cross, for us, miserable sinners, who lay in darkness and the shadow of death; that He might make us the children of God, and exalt us to everlasting life. And to the end that we should always remember the exceeding great love of our Master, and only Saviour, Jesus Christ, thus dying for us, and the innumerable benefits which by his precious blood-shedding he has obtained for us; He has instituted and ordained holy mysteries, as pledges of His love, and for a continual remembrance of His death, to our great and endless comfort. To Him therefore, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, let us give, as we are most bound to do, continual thanks; submitting ourselves wholly to His holy will and pleasure, and studying to serve Him in true holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. *Amen.*

*¶ Then shall the Presbyter say to those who come to receive the Holy Communion. And note, That is the Exhortation above has not been said, the people may remain kneeling, the Presbyter using the words devoutly saying in place of devoutly kneeling.*

**Y**ou who do truly and earnestly repent your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

*¶ Then shall this GENERAL CONFESSION be made, by the Presbyter and all those who are minded to receive the Holy Communion, humbly kneeling, and saying,*

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Therefore with Angels, etc.

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Therefore with Angels, etc.

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¶ *Here may be sung a Hymn.*

¶ *Then shall the Celebrant first receive the Communion in both kinds himself, and then proceed to deliver the same to the Bishops, Presbyters, and Deacons, in like manner; (if any be present,) and after that to the people also in order, into their hands, all devoutly kneeling. And sufficient opportunity shall be given to those present to communicate. And when he delivers the Bread, he shall say,*

**T**HE Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

¶ *And the Minister who delivers the Cup shall say,*

**T**HE Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for you, and be thankful.

¶ *If the consecrated Bread or Wine be spent before all have communicated, the Presbyter is to consecrate more, according to the Form before prescribed; beginning at, All glory be to You, Almighty God, and ending with these words, partakers of His most blessed Body and Blood.*

¶ *When all have communicated, the Minister shall return to the Lord's Table, and reverently place upon it what remains of the consecrated Elements, covering the same with a fair linen cloth.*

¶ *Then shall the Presbyter and the people say the LORD'S PRAYER.*

Presbyter. And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

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¶ *Then shall be said by the Minister, the PRAYER OF OBLATION as follows.*

**O** LORD and heavenly Father, we Your humble servants earnestly desire Your Fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly begging You to grant, that by the merits and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in His blood, we and all Your whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of His passion. And here we offer and present unto You, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto You; humbly begging You, that we, and all partakers of the Holy Communion, may be filled with Your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with Him, that He may dwell in us and we in Him. And although we are unworthy, through our many sins, to offer unto You any sacrifice, yet we beg You to accept this our required duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by Whom, and with Whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto You, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

¶ Then shall be said,

**A**LMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank You, that You promise to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of Your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and do assure us thereby of Your favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of Your Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of Your everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of Your dear Son. And we most humbly beg You, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with Your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as You have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

*¶ Then, all standing, shall be said or sung the GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, or some other suitable Hymn.*

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*For You Only are holy; You Only art the Lord; You Only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

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**T**HE peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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*¶ Whereas it is ordained in this Office for the Administration of the Lord's Supper, that the Communicants should receive the same kneeling; (which order is well meant, for a signification of our humble and grateful acknowledgement of the benefits of Christ therein given to all worthy Receivers, and for the avoiding of such profanation and disorder in the Holy Communion, as might otherwise ensue;) yet, lest the same kneeling should by any persons, either out of ignorance and infirmity, or out of malice and obstinacy, be misconstrued and depraved; It is hereby declared, That thereby no adoration is intended, or ought to be done, either unto the Sacramental Bread or Wine there bodily received, or unto any Corporal Presence of Christ's natural Flesh and Blood. For the Sacramental Bread and Wine remain still in their very natural substances, and therefore may not be adored; (for that were Idolatry, to be abhorred of all faithful Christians;) and the natural Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ are in Heaven, and not here; it being against the truth of Christ's natural Body to be at one time in more places than one.*

## THE ALTERNATE FORM FOR THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

¶ Here the Presbyter shall give the following or similar invitation.

**O**UR fellow Christians of other branches of Christ's Church, and all who love our Divine Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in sincerity, are affectionately invited to the Lord's Table.

¶ Then the Presbyter may ask the secret intercessions of the congregation for any who have desired the prayers of the church. After which he shall say,

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

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**W**E do not presume to come to this Your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Your Table. But You are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy: Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body, and our souls washed through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. *Amen.*

**O** LAMB of God, Who takes away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us.

O LAMB of God, Who takes away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us.

O LAMB of God, Who takes away the sin of the world; grant us Your peace.

*¶ Here may be sung a Hymn.*

*¶ Then shall the Celebrant first receive the Communion in both kinds himself, and then proceed to deliver the same to the Bishops, Presbyters, and Deacons, in like manner, (if any be present,) and after that to the people also in order, into their hands, all devoutly kneeling. And sufficient opportunity shall be given to those present to communicate. And when he delivers the Bread, he shall say,*

**T**HE Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

*¶ And the Minister who delivers the Cup shall say,*

**T**HE Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for you, and be thankful.

*¶ If the consecrated Bread or Wine be spent before all have communicated, the Presbyter is to consecrate more, according to the Form before prescribed; beginning at, All glory be to You, Almighty God, and ending with these words, partakers of*

*His most blessed Body and Blood.*

¶ *When all have communicated, the Minister shall return to the Lord's Table, and reverently place upon it what remains of the consecrated Elements, covering the same with a fair linen cloth.*

*Presbyter.* Let us pray.

**ALMIGHTY** and everliving God, we most heartily thank You, that You promise to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of Your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and do assure us thereby of Your favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of Your Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of Your everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of Your dear Son. And we most humbly beg You, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with Your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as You have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then, all standing, shall be said or sung the GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, or some other suitable Hymn.*

**GLORY** be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. You Who takes away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You Who sits at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.*

*For You Only are holy; You Only art the Lord; You Only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

¶ *Then, the people kneeling, the Presbyter, or Bishop if he be present, shall let them depart with this BLESSING.*

**THE** peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

¶ *Here may be sung a Hymn.*

#### GENERAL RUBRICS

¶ *If any consecrated Bread or Wine remain, apart from that which may be required for the Communion of the sick, the Celebrant or Deacon and other communicants shall reverently eat or drink it, either after the Communion of the people or immediately after the dismissal.*

¶ *If among those who come to be partakers of the Holy Communion, the Minister shall know any to be an open and notorious evil liver, or to have done any wrong to his neighbours by word or deed, so that the congregation be thereby offended; he shall warn him, that he presume not to come to the Lord's Table, until he have openly declared himself to have truly repented and amended his former evil life, that the congregation may thereby be satisfied; and that he has recompensed the parties to whom he has done wrong; or at least declare himself to be in full purpose so to do, as soon as he conveniently may.*

¶ *The same order shall the Minister use with those, between whom he perceives malice and hatred to reign; not permitting them to be partakers of the Lord's Table, until he know them to be reconciled. And if one of the parties, so at variance, be content to forgive from the bottom of his heart all that the other has trespassed*

*against him, and to make amends for that wherein he himself has offended; and the other party will not be persuaded to a godly unity, but remain still in his frowardness and malice; the Minister in that case ought to admit the penitent person to the Holy Communion, and not him that is obstinate. Provided, That every Minister so repelling any, as is herein specified, shall be obliged to give an account of the same to the Ordinary, within fourteen days after, at the farthest.*

*¶ When the Minister gives warning for the celebration of the Holy Communion, he may read this Exhortation.*

DEARLY beloved, on \_\_\_\_\_ day next I purpose, through God's assistance, to administer the most comfortable Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, in remembrance of His meritorious Cross and Passion; whereby alone we obtain remission of our sins, and are made partakers of the kingdom of heaven. To this sacred feast I invite all who are religiously and devoutly disposed, and may the blessed Spirit incline your hearts that you refuse not to come thereto, being so lovingly bidden by Christ Himself.

*¶ Or, in case he shall see the people negligent to come to the Holy Communion, instead of the former, he may use this Exhortation.*

DEARLY beloved brethren, on \_\_\_\_\_ I intend, by God's grace, to celebrate the Lord's Supper: unto which, in God's behalf, I bid you all who are here present; and beg you, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, that you will not refuse to come thereto, being so lovingly called and bidden by God Himself. You know how grievous and unkind a thing it is, when a man has prepared a rich feast, decked his table with all kind of provision, so that there lacks nothing but the guests to sit down; and yet they who are called, without any cause, most unthankfully refuse to come. Which of you in such a case would not be moved? Who would not think a great injury and wrong done unto him? Wherefore, most dearly beloved in Christ, take good heed, lest you, withdrawing yourselves from this holy Supper, provoke God's indignation against you. It is an easy matter for a man to say, I will not communicate, because I am otherwise hindered with worldly business. But such excuses are not so easily accepted and allowed before God. If any man say, I am a grievous sinner, and therefore am afraid to come: wherefore then do ye not repent and amend? When God calls you, are you not ashamed to say you will not come? When you should return to God, will ye excuse yourselves, and say you are not ready? Consider earnestly with yourselves how little such feigned excuses will avail before God. Those who refused the feast in the Gospel, because they had bought a farm, or would try their yokes of oxen, or because they were married, were not so excused, but counted unworthy of the heavenly feast. I, for my part, shall be ready; and, according to mine Office, I bid you in the Name of God, I call you in Christ's behalf, I exhort you to be partakers of this holy Communion. And as the Son of God did guarantee to yield up His soul by death upon the Cross for your salvation; so it is your duty to receive the Communion in remembrance of the sacrifice of His death, as He Himself has commanded.

## THE COLLECTS

*The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel, appointed for the Sunday, shall serve all the Week after, where it is not in this Book otherwise ordered.*

*The Collect appointed for any Sunday or other Feast may be used at the Evening Service of the day before.*

## ADVENT SEASON

### The First Sunday in Advent

**A**LMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through Him Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. *Amen.*

*\*This Collect is to be repeated every day, after the other Collects in Advent, until Christmas Day.*

**The Epistle** - Romans 13:8-14

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 21:1-13

### The Second Sunday in Advent

**B**LESSED Lord, Who has caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your Holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - Romans 15:4-13

**The Gospel** - St. Luke 21:25-33

### The Third Sunday in Advent

**O**LORD Jesus Christ, Who at Your first coming did send Your messenger to prepare Your way before You; Grant that the ministers and stewards of Your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in Your sight, Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 11:2-10

### The Fourth Sunday in Advent

**O**LORD, raise up, we pray You, Your power, and come among us, and with great might assist us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are greatly hindered in running the race that is set before us, Your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - Philippians 4:4-7

**The Gospel** - St. John 1:19-28



## CHRISTMAS SEASON

### The Nativity of our Lord, or the Birthday of Christ, commonly called Christmas Day

[December 25]

**A**LMIGHTY God, Who hast given us Your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made Your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*\*This Collect is to be said daily throughout the Octave*

**The Epistle** - Hebrews 1:1-12

**The Gospel** - St. John 1:1-14

*\*If in any church the Holy Communion be celebrated twice on Christmas Day, the following Collect, Epistle and Gospel may be used at the first Communion.*

**O** GOD, Who makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only Son Jesus Christ; Grant that as we joyfully receive Him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold Him when He shall come to be our Judge, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - Titus 2:11-15

**The Gospel** - St. Luke 2:1-14

### Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr

(December 26)

**G**RANT, O Lord, that, in all our sufferings here upon earth for the testimony of Your truth, we may steadfastly look up to heaven, and by faith behold the glory that shall be revealed; and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may learn to love and bless our persecutors by the example of Your first Martyr Saint Stephen, who prayed for his murderers to You, O blessed Jesus, who stands at the right hand of God to assist all those who suffer for You, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

**For The Epistle** - Acts 7:55-60

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 23:34-39

### Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

(December 27)

**M**ERCIFUL Lord, we beg You to cast Your bright beams of light upon Your Church, that it, being illumined by the doctrine of Your blessed Apostle and Evangelist Saint John, may so walk in the light of Your truth, that it may at length attain to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - 1 St. John 1:1-10

**The Gospel** - St. John 21:19b-25

**The Holy Innocents**  
**[December 28]**

**O** ALMIGHTY God, Who out of the mouths of babes and sucklings has ordained strength, and caused infants to glorify You by their deaths; Mortify and kill all vices in us, and so strengthen us by Your grace, that by the innocency of our lives, and constancy of our faith even unto death, we may glorify Your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**For The Epistle** - Revelation 14:1-5

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 2:13-18

**The First Sunday after Christmas Day**

**A**LMIGHTY God, Who has given us Your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made Your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - Galatians 4:1-7

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 1:18-25

**The Circumcision of Christ**  
**[January 1]**

**A**LMIGHTY God, who made Your blessed Son to be circumcised, and obedient to the law for man; Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit; that, our hearts, and all our members, being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, we may in all things obey Your blessed will; through the same Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle - Philippians 2:9-13

The Gospel - St. Luke 2:15-21

**The Second Sunday after Christmas Day**

**A**LMIGHTY God, Who has poured upon us the new light of Your Incarnate Word; Grant that the same light enkindled in our hearts may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**For The Epistle** - Isaiah 61:1-3

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 2:19-23

**EPIPHANY SEASON**

**The Epiphany, or the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles**  
**[January 6]**

**O** GOD, Who by the leading of a star did manifest Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles; Mercifully grant that we, who know You now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of Your glorious Godhead; through the same Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *This Collect is to be said daily throughout the Octave.*

**The Epistle** - Ephesians 3:1-12

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 2:1-12

*\*The same Epistle and Gospel shall serve unto the next Sunday*

### **The First Sunday after the Epiphany**

**O** LORD, we beg You mercifully to receive the prayers of Your people who call upon You; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - Romans 12:1-5

**The Gospel** - St. Luke 2:41-52

### **The Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who governs all things in heaven and earth; Mercifully hear the supplications of Your people, and grant us Your peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - Romans 12:6-16

**The Gospel** - St. Mark 1:1-11

### **The Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth Your right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - Romans 12:16-21

**The Gospel** - St. John 2:1-11

### **The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**O** GOD, Who knows us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - Romans 13:1-7

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 8:1-13

### **The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**O** LORD, we beseech You to keep Your Church and household continually in Your true religion; that they who do lean only upon the hope of Your heavenly grace may evermore be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - Colossians 3:12-17

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 13:24-30

**The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

**O** GOD, Whose blessed Son was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life; Grant us, we beg You, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as He is pure; that, when He shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto Him in His eternal and glorious kingdom; where with You, O Father, and You, O Holy Spirit, He lives and reigns, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - 1 St. John 3:1-8

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 24:23-31

**PRE-LENTEN SEASON**

**The Sunday called Septuagesima,  
or the third Sunday before Lent**

**O** LORD, we beg thee favourably to hear the prayers of Your people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness, for the glory of Your Name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 20:1-16

**The Sunday called Sexagesima,  
or the second Sunday before Lent**

**O** LORD God, Who sees that we do not put our trust in any thing that we do; Mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - 2 Corinthians 11:19-31

**The Gospel** - St. Luke 8:4-15

**The Sunday called Quinquagesima,  
or the Sunday next before Lent**

**O** LORD, Who hast taught us that all our doings without love are worth nothing; Send Your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever lives is counted dead before You. Grant this for Your only Son Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

**The Gospel** - St. Luke 18:31-43

## **THE LENTEN SEASON**

### **The first day of Lent, commonly called Ash Wednesday**

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hates nothing that You have made, and does forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of You, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*\*This Collect is to be said every day in Lent, after the Collect appointed for the day, until Palm Sunday.*

**For The Epistle** - Joel 2:12-17

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 6:16-21

*\*The same Collect, Epistle and Gospel shall serve for every day after, until the next Sunday, except upon the Feast of St. Matthias.*

### **The First Sunday in Lent**

**O** LORD, Who for our sake did fast forty days and forty nights; Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey Your godly motions in righteousness, and true holiness, to Your honour and glory, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 4:1-11

### **The Second Sunday in Lent**

**A**LMIGHTY God, who sees that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 15:21-28

### **The Third Sunday in Lent**

**W**E beseech You, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of Your humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of Your Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - Ephesians 5:1-14

**The Gospel** - St. Luke 11:14-28

### **The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**G**RANT, we beg You, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of Your grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - Galatians - 4:21-31

**The Gospel** - St. John 6:1-14

### PASSIONTIDE

#### The Fifth Sunday in Lent, commonly called Passion Sunday

**W**E beg You, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon Your people; that by Your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - Hebrews 9:11-15

**The Gospel** - St. John 8:46-59

#### The Sunday next before Easter, commonly called Palm Sunday

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who, of Your tender love towards mankind, has sent Your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon Him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility; Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of His patience, and also be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*\*This Collect is to be said every day, after the Collect appointed for the day, until Good Friday.*

**The Epistle** - Philippians 2:5-11

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 27:1-54

*\*And note, That St. Matthew 21:1-17 may be read for the Gospel*

#### Monday before Easter

**A**LMIGHTY 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 the same Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**For The Epistle** - Isaiah 63:1-19

**The Gospel** - St. Mark - 14:1-72

#### Tuesday before Easter

**O** LORD God, whose blessed Son, our Saviour, gave His back to the smiters and hid not His face from shame; Grant us grace to take joyfully the sufferings of the present time, in full assurance of the glory that shall be revealed; through the same Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**For the Epistle** - Isaiah 50:5-11

**The Gospel** - St. Mark 15:1-39

#### Wednesday before Easter

**A**SSIST us mercifully with Your help, O Lord God of our salvation; that we may enter with joy upon the meditation of those mighty acts, whereby You have given unto us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - Hebrews 9:16-28

**The Gospel** - St. Luke 22:1-71

**Thursday before Easter,**  
**commonly called Maundy Thursday**

**A**LMIGHTY Father, Whose dear Son, on the night before He suffered, did institute the Sacrament of His Body and Blood; Mercifully grant that we may thankfully receive the same in remembrance of Him, Who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of life eternal; the same Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, Who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

**The Gospel** - St. Luke 23:1-49

Or else this - St. John 13:1-15

**Good Friday**

**The Collects**

**A**LMIGHTY God, we beg You graciously to behold this Your family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross; Who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, by Whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before You for all estates of men in Your holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve You; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**O** MERCIFUL God, who has made all men, and hates nothing that You have made, nor desires the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live; Have mercy upon all who do not know You as You are revealed in the Gospel of Your Son. Take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of Your Word; and so bring them home, blessed Lord, to Your fold, that they may be made one flock under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - Hebrews 10:1-25

**The Gospel** - St. John 19:1-37

**Easter Even**

**The Collect**

**G**RANT, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of Your blessed Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual putting to death our evil desires we may be buried with Him; and that through the grave, and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for His merits, Who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, the same Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - 1 St. Peter 3:17-22

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 27:57-66

## EASTER DAY

*At Morning Prayer, instead of the Venite, then following shall be said, and may be said throughout the Octave.*

**C**hrist our Passover is sacrificed for us:

\*therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness;

\*but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. *1 Cor. 5:7.*

**C**hrist being raised from the dead dies no more;

\*death has no more dominion over Him.

For in that He died, He died unto sin once:

\*but in that He lives, He lives unto God.

Likewise reckon yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin,

\*but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Rom. 6:9*

**C**hrist is risen from the dead,

\*and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death,

\*by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die,

\*even so in Christ shall all be made alive. *1 Cor. 15:20*

*\*Minister and people.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

\*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, would without end. Amen.

### The Collect

**A**LMIGHTY God, Who through Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ has overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; We humbly beg You that, as by Your special grace preceding us, You put into our minds good desires, so by Your continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *This Collect is to be said daily throughout Easter Week.*

**The Epistle** - Colossians 3:1-4

**The Gospel** - St. John 20:1-10

*\*If in any church the Holy Communion be celebrated twice on Easter day, the following Collect, Epistle and Gospel may be used at the first Communion.*

### The Collect

O GOD, Who for our redemption gave Your only begotten Son to the death of the Cross, and by His glorious resurrection has delivered us from the power of our enemy; Grant us so to die daily from sin, that we may evermore live with Him in the joy of His resurrection; through the same Your Son Christ our Lord. *Amen*



**The Epistle** - 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

**The Gospel** - St. Mark 16:1-8

### **Monday in Easter Week**

**O** GOD, Whose blessed Son did manifest Himself to His disciples in the breaking of bread; Open, we pray, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold You in all Your works; through the same Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - Acts 10:34-43

**The Gospel** - St. Luke 24:13-35

### **Tuesday in Easter Week**

**G**RANT, we beg You, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with reverence the Paschal feast, may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - Acts 13:26-41

**The Gospel** - St. Luke 24:36-48

### **The First Sunday after Easter**

**A**LMIGHTY Father, Who has given Your only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve You in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - 1 St. John 5:4-12

**The Gospel** - St. John 20:19-23

### **The Second Sunday after Easter**

**A**LMIGHTY God, Who has given Your only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life; Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that His inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of His most holy life; through the same Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - 1 St. Peter 2:19-25

**The Gospel** - St. John 10:11-16

### **The Third Sunday after Easter**

**A**LMIGHTY God, Who shows to those who are in error the light of Your truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; Grant unto all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion, that they may avoid those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - 1 St. Peter 2:11-17

**The Gospel** - St. John 16:16-22

### **The Fourth Sunday after Easter**

**O** ALMIGHTY God, Who alone can order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto Your people, that they may love the thing which You command, and desire that which You promise; that so, among the varied and many changes of the world, our hearts may be firmly established, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - St. James 1:17-21

**The Gospel** - St. John 16:5-15

### **The Fifth Sunday after Easter, commonly called Rogation Sunday**

**O** LORD, from Whom all good things do come; Grant to us Your humble servants, that by Your holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by Your merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - St. James 1:22-27

**The Gospel** - St. John 16:23b-33

### **The Ascension Day**

**G**RANT, we beg You, Almighty God, that as we do believe Your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and with Him continually dwell, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*\*This Collect to be said daily throughout the Octave*

**For The Epistle** - Acts 1:1-11

**The Gospel** - St. Luke 24:49-53

*\*The same Collect, Epistle and Gospel shall serve for every day after, until the next Sunday, except upon the Feast of St. Philip and St. James.*

### **The Sunday after Ascension Day**

**O** GOD, the King of glory, who has exalted Your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto Your kingdom in heaven; We beg You, do not leave comfortless; but send to us Your Holy Spirit to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - 1 St. Peter 4:7-11

**The Gospel** - St. John 15:26 - 16:4

### **Pentecost, commonly called Whitsunday**

**O** GOD, Who as at this time did teach the hearts of Your faithful people, by sending to them the light of Your Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*\*This Collect is to be said daily throughout Whitsun Week*

**For The Epistle - Acts 2:1-11**  
**The Gospel - St. John 14:15-31**

*If in any church the Holy Communion be twice celebrated on Whitsunday, the following Collect, Epistle, and Gospel may be used at the first Communion.*

**The Collect**

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful God, grant, we beg You, that by the indwelling of Your Holy Spirit, we may be enlightened and strengthened for Your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**The Epistle - 1 Corinthians 12:4-14**  
**The Gospel - St. Luke 11:9-13**

**Monday in Whitsun Week**

**S**END, we beg You, Almighty God, Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that He may direct and rule us according to Your will, comfort us in all our afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who with You and the same Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**For The Epistle - Acts 10:34-48**  
**The Gospel - St. John 3:16-21**

**Tuesday in Whitsun Week**

**G**RANT, we beg You, merciful God, that Your Church, being gathered together in unity by Your Holy Spirit, may manifest Your power among all peoples, to the glory of Your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**For The Epistle - Acts 8:14-17**  
**The Gospel - St. John 10:1-10**

**TRINITY SEASON**

**Trinity Sunday**

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who has given unto us Your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity; We beg You that You would keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who lives and reigns, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**For The Epistle - Revelation 4:1-11**  
**The Gospel - St. John 3:1-15**

**The First Sunday after Trinity**

**O** GOD, the strength of all those who put their trust in You; Mercifully accept our prayers; and

because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without You, grant us the help of Your grace, that in keeping Your commandments we may please You, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - 1 St. John 4:7-21

**The Gospel** - St. Luke 16:19-31

### **The Second Sunday after Trinity**

**O** LORD, who never fails to help and govern those whom You do bring up in Your steadfast fear and love; Keep us, we beg You, under the protection of Your good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of Your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - 1 St. John 3:13-24

**The Gospel** - St. Luke 14:16-24

### **The Third Sunday after Trinity**

**O** LORD, we beg You mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom You have given an hearty desire to pray, may, by Your mighty aid, be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - 1 St. Peter 5:5b-11

**The Gospel** - St. Luke 15:1-10

### **The Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

**O** GOD, the protector of all who trust in You, without Whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; Increase and multiply upon us Your mercy; that, You being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - Romans 8:18-23

**The Gospel** - St. Luke 6:36-42

### **The Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

**G**RANT, O Lord, we beg You, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance, hat Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - 1 St. Peter 3:8-15a

**The Gospel** - St. Luke 5:1-11

### **The Sixth Sunday after Trinity**

**O** GOD, Who has prepared for those who love You such good things as pass man's understanding; Pour into our hearts such love toward You, that we, loving You above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - Romans 6:3-11

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 5:20-26

### **The Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

**L**ORD of all power and might, Who are 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 of Your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

**The Epistle** - Romans 6:19-23

**The Gospel** - St. Mark 8:1-9

### **The Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

**O** GOD, Whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth; We humbly beg You to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

**The Epistle** - Romans 8:12-17

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 7:15-21

### **The Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

GRANT to us, Lord, we beg You, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without You, may by You be enabled to live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

**The Epistle** - 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

**The Gospel** - St. Luke 15:11-32

### **The Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

**L**ET Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayer of Your humble servants; and, that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

**The Epistle** - 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

**The Gospel** - St. Luke 19:41-47a

### **The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

**O** GOD, Who declares Your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity; Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of Your grace, that we, running the way of Your commandments, may obtain Your gracious promises, and be made partakers of Your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

**The Epistle** - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

**The Gospel** - St. Luke 18:9-14

### **The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; Pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. *Amen*.

**The Epistle** - 2 Corinthians 3:4-9

**The Gospel** - St. Mark 7:31-37

**The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**A**LMIGHTY and merciful God, of Whose only gift it comes that Your faithful people do unto You true and laudable service; Grant, we beg You, that we may so faithfully serve You in this life, that we fail not finally to attain Your heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - Galatians 3:16-22

**The Gospel** - St. Luke 10:23-37

**The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which You do promise, make us to love that which You do command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

**The Epistle** - Galatians 5:16-24

**The Gospel** - St. Luke 17:11-19

**The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**K**EEP, we beg You, O Lord, Your Church with Your perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without You cannot but fall, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - Galatians 6:11-18

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 6:24-34

**The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**O** LORD, we beg You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without Your succour, preserve it evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - Ephesians 3:13-21

**The Gospel** - St. Luke 7:11-17

**The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

**L**ORD, we pray You that Your grace may always both precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - Ephesians 4:1-6

**The Gospel** - St. Luke 14:1-11

**The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**L**ORD, we beg You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil; and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - 1 Corinthians 1:4-8

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 22:34-46

### **The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**O** GOD, forasmuch as 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. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - Ephesians 4:17-32

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 9:1-8

### **The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity**

**O** ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep us, we beg You, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things which You command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - Ephesians 5:15-21

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 22:1-14

### **The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity**

**G**RANT, we beg You, merciful Lord, to Your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve You with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - Ephesians 6:10-20

**The Gospel** - St. John 4:46-54

### **The Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity**

**L**ORD, we beg You to keep Your household the Church in continual godliness; that through Your protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve You in good works, to the glory of Your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - Philippians 1:3-11

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 18:21-35

### **The Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity**

**O** GOD, our refuge and strength, who are the author of all godliness; Be ready, we beg You, to hear the devout prayers of Your Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

**The Epistle** - Philippians 3:17-21

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 22:15-22

### **The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity**

**O** LORD, we beg You, absolve Your people from their offences; that through Your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - Colossians 1:3-12

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 9:18-26

*\*If in any year there be twenty-six Sundays after Trinity, the service for the Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany shall be used on the Twenty-fifth Sunday. If there be twenty-seven, the service for the Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany shall be used on the Twenty-sixth, and the service for the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany on the Twenty-fifth. If there be fewer than twenty-five Sundays, the overplus shall be omitted.*

**The Sunday next before Advent**

**S**TIR up, we beg You, O Lord, the wills of Your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by You be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**For the Epistle** - Jeremiah 23:5-8

**The Gospel** - St. John 6:5-14

**HOLY DAYS**

**Saint Andrew the Apostle**

**[November 30]**

**A**LMIGHTY God, Who did give such grace unto Your holy Apostle Saint Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of Your Son Jesus Christ, and followed him without delay; Grant unto us all, that we, being called by Your holy Word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil Your holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

**The Epistle** - Romans 10:9-21

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 4:18-22

**Saint Thomas the Apostle**

**[December 21]**

**A**LMIGHTY and everliving God, Who, for the greater confirmation of the faith, did suffer Your holy Apostle Thomas to be doubtful in Your Son's resurrection; Grant us so perfectly, and without all doubt, to believe in Your Son Jesus Christ, that our faith in Your sight may never be reprov'd. Hear us, O Lord, through the same Jesus Christ, to Whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - Hebrews 10: - 11:1

**The Gospel** - St. John 20:24-31

**The Conversion of Saint Paul**

**[January 25]**

**O** GOD, Who, through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Saint Paul, has caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world; Grant, we beg You, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show forth our thankfulness unto You for the same, by following the holy doctrine which he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**For the Epistle** - Acts 9:1-22

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 19:27-30

**The Presentation of Christ in the Temple,**  
**commonly called**

**The Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin**

**[February 2]**

**A**LMIGHTY and everliving God, we humbly beg Your Majesty, that, as Your only-begotten Son was



this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto You with pure and clean hearts, by the same Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**For the Epistle** - Malachi 3:1-5

**The Gospel** - St. Luke 2:22-40

**Saint Matthias the Apostle**

**[February 24]**

**O** ALMIGHTY God, Who into the place of the traitor Judas did choose Your faithful servant Matthias to be of the number of the twelve Apostles; Grant that Your Church, being always preserved from false Apostles, may be ordered and guided by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**For the Epistle** - Acts 1:15-26

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 11:25-30

**The Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary**

**[March 25]**

**W**E beg You, O Lord, pour Your grace into our hearts; that, as we have known the incarnation of Your Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by His cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**For the Epistle** - Isaiah 7:10-15

**The Gospel** - St. Luke 1:26-38

**Saint Mark the Evangelist**

**[April 25]**

**O** ALMIGHTY God, who has instructed Your holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of Your Evangelist Saint Mark; Give us grace that, being not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth of Your holy Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - Ephesians 4:7-16

**The Gospel** - St. John 15:1-11

**Saint Philip and Saint James, Apostles**

**[May 1]**

**O** ALMIGHTY God, Whom truly to know is everlasting life; Grant us perfectly to know Your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life; that, following the steps of Your holy Apostles, Saint Philip and Saint James, we may steadfastly walk in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - St. James 1:1-12

**The Gospel** - St. John 14:1-14

**Saint Barnabas the Apostle**

**[June 11]**

**O** LORD God Almighty, Who did empower Your holy Apostle Barnabas with singular gifts of the

Holy Spirit; Leave us not, we beg You, destitute of Your manifold gifts, nor yet of grace to use them always to Your honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**For the Epistle** - Acts 11:22-30

**The Gospel** - St. John 15:12-16

**Saint John Baptist**

**[June 24]**

**A**LMIGHTY God, by Whose providence Your servant John Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of Your Son our Saviour by preaching repentance; Make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through the same Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**For the Epistle** - Isaiah 40:1-11

**The Gospel** - St. Luke 1:57-80

**Saint Peter the Apostle**

**[June 29]**

**O** ALMIGHTY God, Who by Your Son Jesus Christ did give to Your Apostle Saint Peter many excellent gifts, and commanded him earnestly to feed Your flock; Make, we beg You, all Bishops and Pastors diligently to preach Your holy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through the same Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**For the Epistle** - Acts 12:1-11

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 16:13-19

**Saint James the Apostle**

**[July 25]**

**G**RANT, O merciful God, that, as Your holy Apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, without delay was obedient unto the calling of Your Son Jesus Christ, and followed Him; so we, forsaking all worldly and carnal affections, may be evermore ready to follow Your holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**For the Epistle** - Acts 11:27 - 12:3

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 20:20-28

**The Transfiguration of Christ**

**[August 6]**

*\*This Collect, Epistle and Gospel may be used on the Sunday next before Septuagesima*

**O** GOD, Who on the mount did reveal to chosen witnesses Your only-begotten Son wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening; Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may be permitted to behold the King in His beauty, who with You, O Father, and You, O Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - 2 St. Peter 1:13-18

**The Gospel** - St. Luke 9:28-36

**Saint Bartholomew the Apostle**

**[August 24]**

**O** ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who did give to Your Apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach Your Word; Grant, we beg You, unto Your Church, to love that Word which he believed, and both to preach and receive the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**For the Epistle** - Acts 5:12-16

**The Gospel** - St. Luke 22:24-30

**Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

**[September 21]**

**O** ALMIGHTY God, Who by Your blessed Son did call Matthew from the receipt of custom to be an Apostle and Evangelist; Grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires, and inordinate love of riches, and to follow the same Your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 9:9-13

**Saint Michael and all Angels**

**[September 29]**

**O** EVERLASTING God, Who has ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order; Mercifully grant that, as Your holy Angels always do You service in heaven, so, by Your appointment, they may succour and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**For the Epistle** - Revelation 12:7-12

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 18:1-10

**Saint Luke the Evangelist**

**[October 18]**

**A**LMIGHTY God, Who did inspire Your servant Saint Luke the Physician, to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of Your Son; Manifest in Your Church the like power and love, to the healing of our bodies and our souls; through the same Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - 2 Timothy 4:5-15

**The Gospel** - St. Luke 10:1-7

**Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles**

**[October 28]**

**O** ALMIGHTY God, Who ha built Your Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the head corner-stone; Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto You; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - Ephesians 2:19-22

**The Gospel** - St. John 15:17-27

**All Saints' Day**

**[November 1]**

**O** ALMIGHTY God, who has knit together Your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of Your Son Christ our Lord; Grant us grace so to follow Your blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which You have prepared for those who unfeignedly love You; through the same Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*\*This Collect is to be said daily throughout the Octave*

**For the Epistle** - Revelation 7:2, 9-17

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 5:1-12

**A Saint's Day**

**ALMIGHTY** and everlasting God, who does enkindle the flame of Your love in the hearts of the Saints; Grant to us, Your humble servants, the same faith and power of love; that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may profit by their examples; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Or this.

**O** ALMIGHTY God, Who has called us to faith in You, and has compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses; Grant that we, encouraged by the good examples of Your Saints, and especially of Your servant [N.], may persevere in running the race that is set before us, until at length, through Your mercy, we, with them, attain to Your eternal joy; through Him who is the author and finisher of our faith, Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - Hebrews 12:1,2

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 25:31-40

**Feast of the Dedication of a Church**

**O** GOD, Whom year by year we praise for the dedication of this church; Hear, we beg You, the prayers of Your people, and grant that whosoever shall worship before You in this place, may obtain Your merciful aid and protection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - 1 St. Peter 2:1-5

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 21:12-16

**The Ember Days**

**At the Four Seasons**

**O** ALMIGHTY God, Who has committed to the hands of men the ministry of reconciliation; We humbly beg You, by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, to put it into the hearts of many to offer themselves for this ministry; that thereby mankind may be drawn to Your blessed kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**For the Epistle** - Acts 13:44-49

**The Gospel** - St. Luke 4:16-21

**The Rogation Days**  
**Being the Three Days before Ascension Day**

**A**LMIGHTY God, Lord of heaven and earth; We beg You to pour forth Your blessing upon this land, and to give us a fruitful season; that we, constantly receiving Your bounty, may evermore give thanks unto You in Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**For the Epistle** - Ezekiel - 34:25-31

**The Gospel** - St. Luke 11:5-13

**Independence Day**

**O** ETERNAL God, through Whose mighty power our fathers won their liberties of old; Grant, we beg You, that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain these liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**For the Epistle** - Deuteronomy 10:17-21

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 5:43-48

**Thanksgiving Day**

¶ Instead of the Venite, the following shall be said or sung.

*Laudate Dominum*, from Psalm 147

**O** PRAISE the LORD, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God;

\* yes, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

The LORD builds up Jerusalem,

\* and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

He heals those who are broken in heart,

\* and gives medicine to heal their sickness.

O sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving;

\* sing praises upon the harp unto our God:

Who covers the heaven with clouds, and prepares rain for the earth;

\* and makes the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men;

Who gives fodder unto the cattle,

\* and feeds the young ravens that call upon him.

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem;

\* praise your God, O Sion.

For he has made fast the bars of your gates,

\* and has blessed your children within you.

He makes peace in your borders,

\* and fills you with the flour of wheat.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

\*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**O** MOST merciful Father, Who has blessed the labours of the husbandman in the returns of the fruits of the earth; We give You humble and hearty thanks for this Your bounty; begging You to continue Your loving-kindness to us, that our land may still yield her increase, to Your glory and our comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - St. James 1:16-27

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 6:25-34

### At a Marriage

**O** ETERNAL God, we humbly beg You, favourably to behold these Your servants now (*or* about to be) joined in wedlock according to Your holy ordinance; and grant that they, seeking first Your kingdom and Your righteousness, may obtain the manifold blessings of Your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - Ephesians 5:20-33

**The Gospel** - St. Matthew 19:4-6

### At the Burial of the Dead

**O** ETERNAL Lord God, who holds all souls in life; Guarantee, we beseech You, to Your whole Church in paradise and on earth, Your light and Your peace; and grant that we, following the good examples of those who have served You here and are now at rest, may at the last enter with them into Your unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle** - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

**The Gospel** - St. John 6:37-40

## The Order for the Ministration of Holy Baptism of Infants

*¶ At the appointed time, immediately after the reading of the Gospel in the Holy Communion, or at such other time as the Minister shall appoint, the sponsors (and the parents) with the child to be baptized must be ready at the Font, and the Presbyter coming to the Font (which is to be filled with pure Water), and standing there, the people also standing throughout, shall say,*

**H**AS this Child been already baptized, or not?

*¶ If they answer, No: then shall the Presbyter proceed as follows.*

**D**EARLY beloved, forasmuch as all men are conceived and born in sin; and that our Saviour Christ said, None can enter into the kingdom of God, except he be regenerate and born anew of Water and of the Holy Spirit; I beg you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of His bounteous mercy He will grant to this Child that which by nature he cannot have; that he may be baptized with Water and the Holy Spirit, and received into Christ's holy Church, and be made a living member of the same.

*¶ Then shall the Presbyter say,*

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who of Your great mercy did save Noah and his family in the ark from perishing by water; and also did safely lead the children of Israel Your people through the Red Sea, figuring thereby Your holy Baptism; and by the Baptism of Your well-beloved Son Jesus Christ in the river Jordan, did sanctify Water to the mystical washing away of sin: We beg You, for Your infinite mercies, that You will mercifully look upon this Child; wash *him* and sanctify *him* with the Holy Spirit; that *he*, being delivered from Your wrath, may be received into the ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, may so pass the waves of this troublesome world, that finally *he* may come to the land of everlasting life, there to reign with You, world without end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**A**LMIGHTY and immortal God, the aid of all who need, the helper of all who flee to You for consolation, the life of those who believe, and the resurrection of the dead; We call upon You for this Child, that *he*, coming to Your holy Baptism, may receive remission of *his* sins, by spiritual regeneration. Receive *him*, O Lord, as You has promised by Your well-beloved Son, saying, "Ask, and you shall have; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." So give now unto us who ask; let us who seek, find; open the gate unto us who knock; that this Child may enjoy the everlasting benediction of Your heavenly washing, and may come to the eternal kingdom which You hast promised by Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*¶ Then the Presbyter shall say,*

Hear the words of the Gospel, written by Saint Mark, in the 10th chapter, at the 13th verse.

**T**hen they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them

*¶ Or this.*

Hear the words of the Gospel, written by Saint John, in the 3rd chapter, at the 1st verse.

**T**here was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

*¶ Or this.*

Hear the words of the Gospel, written by Saint Matthew, in the 28th chapter, at the 18th verse.

**J**ESUS came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

*¶ Then shall the Minister say,*

**A**ND now, being persuaded of the good will of our heavenly Father toward *this Child*, declared by His Son Jesus Christ; let us faithfully and devoutly give thanks unto Him, and say,

*¶ Minister and people.*

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, heavenly Father, We give You humble thanks, that You have guaranteed to call us to the knowledge of Your grace, and faith in You: Increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore. Give Your Holy Spirit to *this Child*, that *he* may be born again, and be made *an heir* of everlasting salvation; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

*¶ Then the Presbyter shall speak unto the parents and sponsors the following.*

**D**EARLY beloved, you have brought *this Child* here to be baptized, you have prayed that our Lord Jesus Christ would guarantee to receive *him*, to release *him* from *his* sins, to sanctify *him* with the Holy Spirit, to give *him* the kingdom of heaven, and everlasting life. You have heard also that our Lord Jesus Christ has promised in His Gospel to grant all these things that you have prayed for: which promise He, for His part, will most surely keep and perform. Wherefore, after this promise made by Christ, *this Child* must also faithfully, for *his* part, promise by you who are his sureties (until *he* come of age to take it upon *himself*), that *he* will renounce the devil and all his works, and constantly believe God’s holy Word, and obediently keep His commandments.

I ask therefore,

**D**O you, in the name of this Child, renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the sinful desires of the flesh, so that you will not follow, nor be led by them?

*Answer. I renounce them all.*

*Minister.* Having now, in the name of *this Child*, made these promises, will you also on your part, take heed that *this Child* be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; be diligently instructed in the Holy Scriptures; and learn the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, and all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul’s health?

*Answer. I will, by God’s help.*

*Minister.* Will you take heed that *this Child*, so soon as sufficiently instructed, be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him?

*Answer. I will, God being my helper.*

*¶ Then shall the Presbyter say,*

**O** MERCIFUL God, grant that the old Adam in *this Child* may be so buried, that the new man may be raised up in *him*. Amen.

Grant that all sinful affections may die in *him*, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in *him*. Amen.



Grant that *he* may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph, against the devil, the world, and the flesh. *Amen.*

Grant that *he*, being here dedicated to You by our office and ministry, may also be empowered with heavenly virtues, and everlastingly rewarded, through Your mercy, O blessed Lord God, Who does live, and govern all things, world without end. *Amen.*

*Minister.* The Lord be with you.

*Answer.* *And with your spirit.*

*Minister.* Lift up your hearts.

*Answer.* *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

*Minister.* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*Answer.* *It is good and right so to do.*

¶ *Then shall the Presbyter consecrate the Water, saying,*

**I**T is very good, right, and our required duty, that we should give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, because Your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins, did shed out of His most precious side both water and blood; and gave commandment to His disciples, that they should go, teach all nations, and baptize them In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Regard, we beg You, the supplications of Your congregation; sanctify this Water to the mystical washing away of sin; and grant that *this Child*, now to be baptized therein, may receive the fullness of Your grace, and ever remain in the number of Your faithful and elect children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom, with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and evermore. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Presbyter shall take the child into his arms, and shall say to the parents,*

Name this Child.

¶ And then, naming the child accordingly, he shall sprinkle or pour Water upon him, or else shall dip him in the Water discreetly, saying,

**N** I baptize you In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Presbyter shall say,*

**W**E receive this Child into the congregation of Christ's flock; \*and do sign *him* with \* Here the the sign of the Cross, in token that hereafter *he* shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under His banner, against sin, the world, and the devil; and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto *his* life's end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Presbyter say,*

**S**EEING now, dearly beloved brethren, that *this Child* is regenerate, and grafted into the body of Christ's Church, let us give thanks unto Almighty God for these benefits; and with one accord make our prayers unto Him, that *this Child* may lead the rest of *his* life according to this beginning.

¶ *Then shall be said,*

**O**UR Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your Name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Or

**O**UR Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your Name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Presbyter say,*

**W**E yield You hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it has pleased You to regenerate *this Child* with Your Holy Spirit, to receive *him* for Your own *Child* by adoption, and to incorporate *him* into Your holy Church. And we humbly beg You to grant, that *he*, being dead unto sin, and living unto righteousness, and being buried with Christ in His death, may crucify the old man, and utterly abolish the whole body of sin; and that, as *he is made partaker* of the death of Your Son, *he* may also be *partaker* of His resurrection; so that finally, with the residue of Your holy Church, *he* may be an *inheritor* of Your everlasting kingdom; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¶ *Then, the Presbyter may say to the sponsors of the child this Exhortation following,*

**F**ORASMUCH as *this Child* has promised by you *his* sureties to renounce the devil and all his works, to believe in God, and to serve Him; you must remember, that it is your part and duty to see that *this Child* be taught, so soon as *he* shall be able to learn, what a solemn vow, promise, and profession, *he has* here made by you. And that *he* may know these things the better, you shall call upon *him* to hear Sermons; and chiefly you shall provide, that *he* may learn the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, and all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health; and that *this Child* may be virtuously brought up to lead a godly and a Christian life; remembering always, that Baptism represents unto us our profession; which is, to follow the example of our Saviour Christ, and to be made like unto Him; that, as H died, and rose again for us, so should we, who are baptized, die from sin, and rise again unto righteousness; continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all virtue and godliness of living.

¶ *Then shall he say,*

**Y**OU are to take care that *this Child* be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him, so soon as *he* can say the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, and be further instructed in the Catechism set forth for that purpose.

*\*If a Presbyter is not available, then a Deacon may administer Baptism*

## **The Order for The Ministration of Holy Baptism for Adults**

¶ *At the appointed time, immediately after the reading of the Gospel in the Holy Communion, or at such other time as the Minister shall appoint, the sponsors and the adult person to be baptized must be ready at the Font, and the Presbyter*

*coming to the Font (which is to be filled with pure Water), and standing there, the people also standing throughout, shall say,*

**H**AS this Person been already baptized, or not?

*¶ If they answer, No: then shall the Presbyter proceed as follows.*

**D**EARLY beloved, forasmuch as all men are conceived and born in sin; and that our Saviour Christ said, None can enter into the kingdom of God, except he be regenerate and born anew of Water and of the Holy Spirit; I beg you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of His bounteous mercy He will grant to *this Person* that which by nature he cannot have; that he may be baptized with Water and the Holy Spirit, and received into Christ's holy Church, and be made a living *member* of the same.

*¶ Then shall the Presbyter say,*

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who of Your great mercy did save Noah and his family in the ark from perishing by water; and also did safely lead the children of Israel Your people through the Red Sea, figuring thereby Your holy Baptism; and by the Baptism of Your well-beloved Son Jesus Christ in the river Jordan, did sanctify Water to the mystical washing away of sin: We beseech You, for Your infinite mercies, that You will mercifully look upon this Person; wash *him* and sanctify *him* with the Holy Spirit; that *he*, being delivered from Your wrath, may be received into the ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, may so pass the waves of this troublesome world, that finally *he* may come to the land of everlasting life, there to reign with You, world without end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**A**LMIGHTY and immortal God, the aid of all who need, the helper of all who flee to You for succour, the life of those who believe, and the resurrection of the dead; We call upon You for *this Person*, that *he*, coming to Your holy Baptism, may receive remission of his sins, by spiritual regeneration. Receive *him*, O Lord, as You hast promised by Your well-beloved Son, saying, Ask, and you shall have; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. So give now unto us who ask; let us who seek, find; open the gate unto us who knock; that *this Person* may enjoy the everlasting benediction of Your heavenly washing, and may come to the eternal kingdom which You have promised by Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*¶ Then the Presbyter shall say,*

Hear the words of the Gospel, written by Saint John, in the third chapter, at the first verse.

**T**here was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

¶ *Or this.*

Hear the words of the Gospel, written by Saint Matthew, in the twenty-eighth chapter, at the eighteenth verse.

**A**nd Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

¶ *Then shall the Minister say,*

**A**ND now, being persuaded of the good will of our heavenly Father toward *this Person*, declared by His Son Jesus Christ; let us faithfully and devoutly give thanks unto Him, and say,

¶ *Minister and people.*

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, heavenly Father, We give You humble thanks, that You have guaranteed to call us to the knowledge of Your grace, and faith in You: Increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore. Give Your Holy Spirit to *this Person*, that *he* may be born again, and be made *an heir* of everlasting salvation; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Minister*

**W**ELL-BELOVED, you have come here desiring to receive holy Baptism. We have prayed that our Lord Jesus Christ would guarantee to receive you and bless you, to release you from your sins, to give you the kingdom of heaven, and everlasting life.

You have heard also, that our Lord Jesus Christ has promised in His holy Word to grant all those things for which we have prayed; which promise He, for His part, will most surely keep and perform.

Wherefore, after this promise made by Christ, you must also faithfully, for your part, promise in the presence of these your witnesses, and this whole congregation, that you will renounce the devil and all his works, and constantly believe God’s holy Word, and obediently keep His commandments.

¶ *Then shall the Presbyter ask of each of the persons to be baptized, severally, these Questions following.*

**D**O you renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the sinful desires of the flesh, so that you wilt not follow, nor be led by them?

Answer. *I renounce them all.*

Minister. Do you believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith, as contained in the Apostles’ Creed?

Answer. *All this I steadfastly believe.*

Minister. Will you be baptized in this Faith?

Answer. *That is my desire.*

Minister. Will you then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of your life?

Answer. *I will, by God's help.*

¶ *Then shall the Presbyter say,*

**O** MERCIFUL God, grant that the old Adam in this Person may be so buried, that the new man may be raised up in *him*. *Amen.*

Grant that all sinful affections may die in *him*, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in *him*. *Amen.*

Grant that *he* may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph, against the devil, the world, and the flesh. *Amen.*

Grant that *he*, being here dedicated to You by our office and ministry, may also be empowered with heavenly virtues, and everlastingly rewarded, through Your mercy, O blessed Lord God, Who does live, and govern all things, world without end. *Amen.*

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Answer. *And with your spirit.*

Minister. Lift up your hearts.

Answer. *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Minister. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Answer. *It is meet and right so to do.*

¶ *Then shall the Presbyter consecrate the Water, saying,*

**I**T is very meet, right, and our required duty, that we should give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, for that your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins, did shed out of His most precious side both water and blood; and gave commandment to His disciples, that they should go teach all nations, and baptize them In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Regard, we beg You, the supplications of Your congregation; sanctify this Water to the mystical washing away of sin; and grant that *this Person*, now to be baptized therein, may receive the fullness of Your grace, and ever remain in the number of Your faithful and elect children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom, with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and evermore. *Amen.*

*Then the Presbyter shall take each adult by the right hand, and shall say to the sponsors,*  
Name this Person.

¶ *And then, naming the person accordingly, he shall sprinkle or pour Water upon him, or else shall dip him in the Water discreetly, saying,*

**N**I baptize You In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Presbyter shall say,*

**W**E receive this Person into the congregation of Christ's flock; and do sign *him* with the sign of the Cross, in token that hereafter *he* shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and

manfully to fight under His banner, against sin, the world, and the devil; and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto *his* life's end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Presbyter say,*

**S**EEING now, dearly beloved brethren, that *this Person is* regenerate, and grafted into the body of Christ's Church, let us give thanks unto Almighty God for these benefits; and with one accord make our prayers unto Him, that *this Person* may lead the rest of *his* life according to this beginning.

¶ *Then shall be said,*

**O**UR Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your Name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Or

**O**UR Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your Name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Presbyter say,*

**W**E yield You hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it has pleased You to regenerate *this Person* with Your Holy Spirit, to receive *him* for Your Own *Child* by adoption, and to incorporate *him* into Your holy Church. And humbly we beg You to grant, that *he*, being dead unto sin, and living unto righteousness, and being buried with Christ in His death, may crucify the old man, and utterly abolish the whole body of sin; and that, as *he is made partaker* of the death of Your Son, *he* may also be *partaker* of His resurrection; so that finally, with the residue of thy holy Church, *he* may be *an inheritor* of Your everlasting kingdom; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The Presbyter shall use this Exhortation following; speaking to the sponsors first.*

**F**ORASMUCH as *this Person has* promised in your presence to renounce the devil and all his works, to believe in God, and to serve Him; you must remember, that it is your part and duty to put *him* in mind, what a solemn vow, promise, and profession *he has* now made before this congregation, and especially before you *his* chosen witnesses. And you are also to call upon *him* to use all diligence to be rightly instructed in God's holy Word; that so *he* may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, and live godly, righteously, and soberly in this present world.

¶ *And then, speaking to the newly baptized person, the Presbyter shall say,*

**A**ND as for you, who have now by Baptism put on Christ, it is your part and duty also, being made the child of God and of the light, by faith in Jesus Christ, to walk answerably to your Christian calling, and as becomes the children of light; remembering always that Baptism represents unto us our profession; which is, to follow the example of our Saviour Christ, and to be made like unto Him; that as He died, and rose again for us; so should we, who are baptized, die from sin, and rise again unto righteousness; continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all virtue and godliness of living.

¶ *Then the Presbyter shall add,*

**T**HE Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of Whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named; Grant you to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; that, Christ dwelling in your hearts by faith, you may be filled with all the fullness of God. *Amen.*

*\*If a Presbyter is not available, then a Deacon may administer Baptism*

### **PRIVATE BAPTISM**

*¶ When, in consideration of extreme sickness, necessity may require, then the following form shall suffice.*

*¶ The child (or person) being named by some one who is present, the Minister shall sprinkle or pour Water upon him, saying these words,*

**N** I baptize you In the Name of the Father, and of the . Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*¶ After which shall be said the Lord's Prayer, and the Thanksgiving from this Office, beginning, We yield You hearty thanks, etc.*

*¶ But note, That in the case of an adult, the Minister shall first ask the questions provided in this Office for the Baptism of Adults.*

*¶ In cases of extreme sickness, or any imminent peril, if a Minister cannot be procured, then any baptized person present may administer Holy Baptism, using the foregoing form. Such Baptism shall be promptly reported to the parish authorities.*

### **THE RECEIVING OF ONE PRIVATELY BAPTIZED**

*¶ It is expedient that a child or person so baptized be afterward brought to the church, at which time these parts of the foregoing service shall be used: the Gospel, the Questions (omitting the Question*

*Wilt You be baptized in this Faith? and the answer thereto), the Declaration, We receive this Child (or Person), etc., and the remainder of the Office.*

### **CONDITIONAL BAPTISM**

*¶ If there is reasonable doubt whether any person was baptized with Water, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, (which are essential parts of Baptism), such person may be baptized in the form before appointed in this Office; saving that, at the sprinkling or pouring of water (or dipping into it), the Minister shall use this form of words.*

**I**F you art not already baptized, *N.*, I baptize you In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*¶ The Minister of every parish shall often admonish the people, that they do not defer the Baptism of their children, and that it is most convenient that Baptism should be administered upon Sundays and other Holy Days, so that the congregation there present may testify the receiving of those who are newly baptized into the number of Christ's Church; as also because in the ministration of Baptism every man present may be put in remembrance of his own profession made to God in his Baptism. Nevertheless, if necessity so require, Baptism may be administered upon any other day.*

*¶ Due notice shall be given before a child is brought to the church to be baptized. For every child to be baptized there shall be not fewer than three godparents, of whom at least two shall be of the same sex as the child and of whom at least one shall be of the opposite sex; save that, when three cannot be conveniently had, one godfather and one godmother shall suffice. Parents may be godparents for their own children provided that the child shall have at least one other godparent. The godparents shall be persons who have been baptized and confirmed and will faithfully fulfil their responsibilities both by their care for the child committed to their charge and by the example of their own godly living. Nevertheless the Minister shall have power to dispense with the requirement of confirmation in any case in which, in his judgement, need so requires. The Minister shall instruct the parents or guardians of an infant to be admitted to Holy Baptism that the same responsibilities rest on them as are in the service of Holy Baptism required of the godparents.*

¶ *No Minister shall refuse or, save for the purpose of preparing or instructing the parents or guardians or godparents, delay to baptize any infant within his cure that is brought to the church to be baptized, provided that due notice has been given and the provisions relating to godparents are observed. If the Minister shall refuse or unduly delay to baptize any such infant, the parents or guardians may apply to the Bishop of the diocese who shall, after consultation with the Minister, give such directions as he thinks fit.*

¶ *When any such persons as are of riper years are to be baptized, timely notice shall be given to the Minister; that so due care may be taken for their examination, whether they be sufficiently instructed in the principles of the Christian Religion; and that they may be exhorted to prepare themselves, with prayers and fasting, for the receiving of this holy Sacrament. And note, That at the time of the Baptism of an adult, there shall be present with him at the Font at least two sponsors.*

¶ *The word regenerate in this Office of Baptism is well meant for a signification of our grafting and incorporation into Christ's flock and a grateful acknowledgement of the benefits of Christ therein given to all who receive Baptism rightly (Note Article XXVII Of Baptism). Yet, lest the same word should by any persons, out of ignorance, malice, or obstinacy, be misconstrued: It is hereby declared that the use of this word is not intended to denote an essential alteration in nature, nor a passing, as by some mysterious process, into that fullness of religious life marked by faith, repentance, incipient holiness, ardent desires after God, and elevated affections*

## Offices of Instruction

### FIRST OFFICE

¶ *Here may be sung a Hymn, after which shall be said by the Minister and people together, all kneeling, the following Prayer; the Minister first pronouncing,*

The Lord be with you.

*Answer.* And with thy spirit.

*Minister.* Let us pray.

**L**ORD of all power and might, Who are 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 of Your great mercy keep us in the same; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then, the people being seated, the Minister shall ask them the Questions which follow, the people reading or repeating the Answers as appointed.*

**W**hat is your Christian name?

*Answer.* My Christian name is \_\_\_\_\_.

*Question.* Who gave you this name?

*Answer.* My Sponsors gave me this name in Baptism; wherein I was made a member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven.

*Question.* What did your Sponsors then promise for you?

*Answer.* My Sponsors promised and vowed three things in my name: First, that I should renounce the devil and all his works, the pomp and vanity of this wicked world, and all the sinful lusts of the flesh; Secondly, that I should believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith; and



Thirdly, that I should keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of my life.

*Question.* Do you not think that you are bound so to do?

*Answer.* Yes indeed; and by God's help, so I will do. And I heartily thank our heavenly Father, that he has called me to this state of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. And I pray unto God to give me His grace, that I may continue in the same unto my life's end.

*¶ Then the Minister shall say,*

**Y**OU said that your Sponsors promised and vowed that you should believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith. Recite the Articles of the Christian Faith as contained in the Apostles' Creed.

*¶ Then, all standing, shall be said the Apostles' Creed by the Minister and people.*

**I** BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, And sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there He shall come 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

*Question.* What do you chiefly learn in these Articles of your Belief?

*Answer.* First, I learn to believe in God the Father, Who has made me, and all the world.  
Secondly, in God the Son, who has redeemed me, and all mankind.  
Thirdly, in God the Holy Spirit, Who sanctifies me, and all the people of God.  
And this Holy Trinity, One God, I praise and magnify, saying,

*¶ Minister and people.*

**G**LORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*¶ Here may be sung a Hymn, after which the Minister, turning to the people, shall say,*

**Y**OU said that your Sponsors promised and vowed that you should keep God's holy will and commandments.

Tell me how many Commandments there are.

*Answer.* There are Ten Commandments, given in old time by God to the people of Israel.

*¶ Then shall the Minister say,*

Let us ask God's help to know and to keep them.

The Lord be with you.

*Answer.* And with your spirit.

*Minister.* Let us pray.

¶ Then shall be said this Prayer by the Minister and people together, all kneeling.

**O** ALMIGHTY God, Who alone can order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto Your people, That they may love the thing which You command, And desire that which You do promise; That so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, Our hearts may surely there be fixed, Where true joys are to be found; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Then shall the Minister repeat the Ten Commandments, and after every Commandment the people shall say the response. But note, That where so instructed, the people may repeat the Commandments, the Minister saying the response. And note further, That the part of the Commandment which is inset may be omitted.

**G**OD spoke these words, and said: I am the LORD your God; You shall have no other gods before Me.  
*Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

II. YOU shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above, or on the earth beneath, or in the waters below; You shall not bow down to them nor worship them.

*For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.*

*Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

III. YOU shall not misuse the Name of the LORD your God,

*for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses His Name.*

*Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

IV. OBSERVE the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work:

*neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your. The LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.*

*Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

V. HONOUR your father and your mother,

*so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the LORD your God is giving you.*

*Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

VI. YOU shall not murder.

*Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

VII. YOU shall not commit adultery.

*Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

VIII. YOU shall not steal.

*Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

IX. YOU shall not give false testimony against your neighbour.

*Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

X. YOU shall not covet

*you shall not covet your neighbour's wife. You shall not set your desire on your neighbour's house or land, his manservant, nor maid servant, his ox or donkey, nor anything that belongs to your neighbour.*  
*Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these Your laws in our hearts, we beg You.*

*¶ Then shall the Minister say,*

**G**RANT to us, Lord, we beg You, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without You, may by You be enabled to live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*¶ After this, the people being seated, the Minister, turning to them, shall ask the Questions which follow, the people reading or repeating the Answers.*

*Question.* What does our Lord Jesus Christ teach us about these Commandments?

*Answer.* Our Lord Jesus Christ teaches us that they are summed up in these two Commandments: You shalt love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind; this is the first and great Commandment. And the second is, You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

*Question.* What then do you chiefly learn from the Ten Commandments?

*Answer.* I learn two things from these Commandments; my duty towards God, and my duty towards my neighbour.

*Question.* What is your duty towards God?

*Answer.* My duty towards God is To believe in Him, to fear Him, And to love Him with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind.

*Question.* What is your duty towards God in the First and Second Commandments?

*Answer.* To worship Him, to give Him thanks: To put my whole trust in Him, to call upon Him.

*Question.* What is your duty towards God in the Third Commandment?

*Answer.* To honour His holy Name and His Word.

*Question.* What is your duty towards God in the Fourth Commandment?

*Answer.* To serve Him truly all the days of my life.

*Question.* What is your duty towards your neighbour?

*Answer.* My duty towards my neighbour is To love him as myself, and to do to all men as I would they should do unto me.

*Question.* What is your duty towards your neighbour in the Fifth Commandment?

*Answer.* To love, honour, and help my father and mother: To honour and obey the civil authority: To submit myself to all my governors, teachers, spiritual pastors and masters: And to order myself in that lowliness and reverence which becomes a servant of God.

*Question.* What is your duty towards your neighbour in the Sixth Commandment?

*Answer.* To hurt nobody by word or deed: To bear no malice nor hatred in my heart.

*Question.* What is your duty towards your neighbour in the Seventh Commandment?

*Answer.* To keep my body in temperance, soberness, and chastity.

*Question.* What is your duty towards your neighbour in the Eighth Commandment?

*Answer.* To keep my hands from stealing: To be true and just in all my dealings.

*Question.* What is your duty towards your neighbour in the Ninth Commandment?

*Answer.* To keep my tongue from evil speaking, lying, and slandering.

*Question.* What is your duty towards your neighbour in the Tenth Commandment?

*Answer.* Not to covet nor desire other men's goods; But to learn and labour truly to earn mine own living, And to do my duty in that state of life unto which it shall please God to call me.

*¶ Then may be sung a Hymn, after which the Minister shall say as follows.*

**K**NOW this; that you are not able to do these things of yourself, nor to walk in the Commandments of God, and to serve Him, without His special grace; which you must learn at all times to call for by diligent prayer.

*Question.* What is the prayer that our Lord taught us to pray?

*Answer.* The Lord's Prayer.

*Minister.* Let us pray, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, and say,

*¶ Then shall be said by the Minister and people together, all kneeling,*

**O**UR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Your Name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Your is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Or

**O**ur Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**T**HE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

## **SECOND OFFICE**

*¶ Here may be sung a Hymn, after which there shall be said the following Sentence by the Minister and people together.*

**C**OME, and let us walk in the light of the Lord. And He will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in His paths.

*Minister.* Show Your servants Your work;

*People.* And their children Your glory.

*Minister.* Let Your merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us;

*People.* As we do put our trust in You.

*Minister.* Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us,

*People.* But unto Your Name be the praise.

*Minister.* Lord, hear our prayer.

*People.* And let our cry come unto You.

*Minister.* The Lord be with you.

*People.* And with Your spirit.

*Minister.* Let us pray.

**O** ALMIGHTY God, Who has built Your Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the head corner-stone; Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto You; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*¶ Here may be sung a Hymn, after which, the people being seated, the Minister shall ask them the Questions concerning the Church which follow, the people responding.*

**W**HEN were you made a member of the Church?

*Answer.* I was made a member of the Church when I was baptized.

*Question.* What is the Church?

*Answer.* The Church is the Body of which Jesus Christ is the Head, and all baptized people are the members.

*Question.* How is the Church described in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds?

*Answer.* The Church is described in the Creeds as One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic.

*Question.* What do we mean by these words?

*Answer.* We mean that the Church is One; because it is one Body under one Head; Holy; because the Holy Spirit dwells in it, and sanctifies its members; Catholic; because it is universal, holding earnestly the Faith for all time, in all countries, and for all people; and is sent to preach the Gospel to the whole world; Apostolic; because it continues steadfastly in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship.

*Question.* What is your bounden duty as a member of the Church?  
*Answer.* My bounden duty is to follow Christ, to worship God every Sunday in his Church; and to work and pray and give for the spread of his kingdom.

*Question.* What special means does the Church provide to help you to do all these things?

*Answer.* The Church provides the Laying on of Hands, or Confirmation, wherein, after renewing the promises and vows of my Baptism, and declaring my loyalty and devotion to Christ as my Master, I receive the strengthening gifts of the Holy Spirit.

*Question.* What great privilege does our Lord provide for the strengthening of your soul?

*Answer.* Our Lord provides the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion, for the continual strengthening and refreshing of my soul.

*¶ Here may be sung another Hymn, after which the Minister shall proceed with the Questions on the Sacraments, as follows.*

**H**OW many Sacraments has Christ ordained in His Church?

*Answer.* Christ ordained two Sacraments only, as generally necessary to salvation; that is to say, Baptism, and the Supper of the Lord.

*Question.* What do you mean by this word Sacrament?

*Answer.* A Sacrament is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace given unto us; ordained by Christ Himself, as a means whereby we receive this grace, and a pledge to assure us thereof.

*Question.* How many parts are there in a Sacrament?

*Answer.* There are two parts in a Sacrament; the outward and visible sign, and the inward and spiritual grace.

*Question.* What is the outward and visible sign or form in Baptism?

*Answer.* The outward and visible sign or form in Baptism is Water; wherein the person is baptized, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*Question.* What is the inward and spiritual grace in Baptism?

*Answer.* The inward and spiritual grace in Baptism is a death unto sin, and a new birth unto righteousness; whereby we are made the children of grace.

*Question.* What is required of persons to be baptized?

*Answer.* Repentance, whereby they forsake sin; and Faith, whereby they steadfastly believe the promises of God to them in that Sacrament.

*Question.* Why then are infants baptized, when by reason of their tender age they cannot perform repentance and faith?

*Answer.* Because, by the faith of their Sponsors, infants are received into Christ's Church, become the recipients of his grace, and are trained in the household of faith.

*Question.* Why was the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper ordained?

*Answer.* The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was ordained for the continual remembrance of the sacrifice of the death of Christ, and of the benefits which we receive thereby.

*Question.* What is the outward part or sign of the Lord's Supper?

*Answer.* The outward part or sign of the Lord's Supper is Bread and Wine, which the Lord has commanded to be received.

*Question.* What is the inward part, or thing signified?

*Answer.* The inward part, or thing signified, is the Body and Blood of Christ, which are spiritually taken and received by the faithful in the Lord's Supper.

*Question.* What are the benefits whereof we are partakers in the Lord's Supper?

*Answer.* The benefits whereof we are partakers in the Lord's Supper are the strengthening and refreshing of our souls by the Body and Blood of Christ, as our bodies are strengthened and refreshed by the Bread and Wine.

*Question.* Who are welcomed at the Lord's Table?

*Answer.* All who are baptized and in good standing with Christ's Church.

*Question.* What is required of those who come to the Lord's Supper?

*Answer.* It is required of those who come to the Lord's Supper to examine themselves, that they repent truly of their former sins, with steadfast purpose to lead a new life; to have a lively faith in God's mercy through Christ, with a thankful remembrance of His death; and to be in charity with all men.

*¶ Here may be sung a Hymn, after which the Minister shall ask the people the following Questions concerning the Ministry, the people responding.*

**W**HAT orders of Ministers are there in the Church?

*Answer.* Bishops, Presbyters, and Deacons; which orders have been in the Church from the earliest times.

*Question.* What is the office of a Bishop?

*Answer.* The office of a Bishop is to be a chief pastor in the Church; to confer holy Orders; and to administer Confirmation.

*Question.* What is the office of a Presbyter?

*Answer.* The office of a Presbyter is to minister to the people committed to his care; to preach the Word of God; to baptize; to celebrate the Holy Communion; and to pronounce Absolution and Blessing in God's Name.

*Question.* What is the office of a Deacon?

*Answer.* The office of a Deacon is to assist the Presbyter in Divine Service, and in his other ministrations, under the direction of the Bishop.

*¶ Then shall the Minister say,*

The Lord be with you.

*Answer.* And with Your spirit.

*Minister.* Let us pray.

**G**RANT, O Lord, that they who shall renew the promises and vows of their Baptism, and be confirmed by the Bishop, may receive such a measure of Your Holy Spirit, that they may grow in grace unto their life's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**G**RANT, O Father, that when we receive the blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, coming to those holy mysteries in faith, and love, and true repentance, we may receive remission of our sins, and be filled with Your grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**T**HE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

*¶ The Minister of every parish shall diligently, upon Sundays and Holy Days, or on some other convenient occasions, openly in the church, instruct or examine the youth of his parish.*

*¶ And all fathers, mothers, guardians, and sponsors shall bring those, for whose religious nurture they are responsible, to the church at the time appointed, to receive instruction by the Minister.*

*¶ So soon as children are come to a competent age, and can say the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, and are sufficiently instructed in the matter contained in these Offices, they shall be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him.*

**The Order for Confirmation  
or Laying on of Hands upon Those  
who are Baptized and come to  
Years of Discretion**

*¶ Upon the day and time appointed, all who are to be confirmed shall stand in order before the Bishop, sitting in his chair near to the holy Table, the people all standing until the Lord's Prayer; and the Presbyter presenting them shall say,*

**R**EVEREND Father in God, I present unto you *these persons* who now desire to confirm *their* Baptismal Covenant through the Laying on of Hands.

*¶ Then the Bishop, or some Minister appointed by him, shall say,*

**B**ELOVED, it is written in the eighth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles that, when the Apostles in Jerusalem had heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John, who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit. Then they laid their hands upon those who were baptized, and they received the Holy Spirit. Also, in the nineteenth chapter of that same Book, we read that St. Paul laid his hands upon certain disciples at Ephesus, after their baptism, and the Holy Spirit came upon them.

In accordance, therefore, with Holy Scripture, apostolic custom, and the practice of the early Church, we have retained this rite of the laying on of hands upon those who are baptized, in order that they may thus, in open confession before men, confirm their faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and avow their unchanged purpose to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in His holy ways.

*¶ Then shall the Bishop say,*

**D**O you here, in the Presence of God, and of this congregation, renew the solemn promise and vow that you made, or that was made in your name, at your Baptism; ratifying and confirming the same in your own *persons*; and acknowledging *yourselves* bound to believe and to do all those things which you then undertook, or your sponsors then undertook for you?



*¶ And every one shall audibly answer,*

I do.

*¶ Then shall the Bishop say,*

**DO** you promise to follow Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour?

*¶ And every one shall answer,*

I do.

*¶ Then shall the Bishop say,*

**DO** you believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth?

And in Jesus Christ His only begotten Son our Lord? And that He was conceived by the Holy Spirit; born of the Virgin Mary; that He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; that He went down into hell, and also did rise again the third day; that He ascended into heaven, and

sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; and from there shall come again at the end of the world, to judge the living and the dead?

And do you believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Remission of sins; the Resurrection of the body; and everlasting Life after death?

*¶ And every one shall answer,*

All this I steadfastly believe.

*¶ Then shall the Bishop say,*

**DO** you steadfastly purpose, by God's help, to renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the sinful desires of the flesh, so that you will not follow, nor be led by them?

*¶ And every one shall audibly answer,*

I renounce them all.

*¶ The Bishop, standing, shall say,*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*People.* Who has made heaven and earth.

*Bishop.* Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

*People.* Henceforth, world without end.

*Bishop.* Lord, hear our prayer;

*People.* And let our cry come unto You.

*Bishop.* Let us pray.

**ALMIGHTY** and everliving God, Who has guaranteed to regenerate *these Your servants* by Water and

the Holy Spirit, and has given unto *them* forgiveness of all their sins; Strengthen *them*, we beg You, O Lord, with the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, and daily increase in *them* Your manifold gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and fill *them*, O Lord, with the spirit of Your holy fear, now and for ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then all of them in order kneeling before the Bishop, he shall lay his hand upon the head of every one severally, saying,*

**D**EFEND, O Lord, this Your Child (or this Your Servant) with Your heavenly grace; that *he* may continue Yours for ever; and daily increase in Your Holy Spirit more and more, until *he* come unto Your everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Bishop say,*

The Lord be with you.

*People.* And with your spirit.

*Bishop.* Let us pray.

¶ *Then shall the Bishop say the Lord's Prayer; the people kneeling and repeating it with him.*

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

Or

**O**UR Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your Name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

¶ *Then shall the Bishop say,*

**A**LMIGHTY and everliving God, Who makes us both to will and to do those things which are good and acceptable unto Your Divine Majesty; We make our humble supplications unto You for *these Your servants*, upon whom, after the example of Your holy Apostles, we have now laid our hands, to certify *them*, by this sign, of Your favour and gracious goodness towards *them*. Let Your fatherly hand, we beg You, ever be over *them*; let Your Holy Spirit ever be with *them*; and so lead *them* in the knowledge and obedience of Your Word, that in the end *they* may obtain everlasting life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who with You and the same Holy Spirit lives and reigns, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who shows to those who are in error the light of Your truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; Grant unto all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion, that they may avoid those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Bishop shall bless them, saying thus,*

**T**HE blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

*¶ The Confirmation ordinarily shall take place within the Holy Communion, or at such time and place as the Bishop shall direct.*

*¶ If there be no Holy Communion, the service shall continue with the Creed and such other devotions as the Bishop shall direct.*

## **The Form of Solemnization of Matrimony**

*¶ At the day and time appointed for solemnization of Matrimony, the persons to be married shall come into the body of the church, or shall be ready in some proper place, with their friends and neighbours; and there standing together, the Man on the right hand, and the Woman on the left, the Minister shall say,*

**D**EARLY beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God, and in the face of this congregation, to join together this Man and this Woman in holy Matrimony; which is an honourable estate, instituted of God in the time of man's innocency, signifying unto us the mystical union that is between Christ and His Church; which holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with His Presence and first miracle that he performed in Cana of Galilee. It is commended of Saint Paul to be honourable among all men: and therefore is not by any to be entered into, nor taken in hand, unadvisedly, lightly, or wantonly, to satisfy men's carnal lusts and appetites; but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of God; duly considering the causes for which Matrimony was ordained.

*First, It was ordained for the procreation of children, to be brought up in the fear and nurture of the Lord, and to the praise of His holy Name.*

*Secondly, It was ordained for a remedy against sin, and to avoid non-marital sex; that such persons who have not the ability to refrain from non-marital sex might marry, and keep themselves undefiled members of Christ's body.*

*Thirdly, It was ordained for the mutual society, help, and comfort, that the one ought to have of the other, both in prosperity and adversity.*

Into this holy estate these two persons present come now to be joined. If any person can show just cause, why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter for ever hold his peace.

*¶ And also, speaking unto the persons who are to be married, he shall say,*

**I** REQUIRE and charge you both, as you will answer at the dreadful day of judgement when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, that if either of you know any reason or impediment, why you may not be lawfully joined together in Matrimony, you shall now confess it. For be well assured, that so many as are coupled together otherwise than God's Word doth allow are not joined together by God.

*¶ If no impediment be alleged, then shall the Minister say to the Man,*

**N** WILL you have this Woman to be your wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Will you love her, comfort her, honour, and keep her in sickness and in

health; and, forsaking all others, keep yourself only unto her, for as long as you both shall live?

*¶ The Man shall answer,*

I will.

*¶ Then shall the Minister say unto the Woman,*

**N** WILL you have this Man to be your wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt you love him, comfort him, honour, and keep him in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, keep yourself only unto him, for as long as you both shall live?

*¶ The Woman shall answer,*

I will.

*¶ Here, if there be a presentation or giving in marriage, the Minister shall say,*

Who gives this Woman to be married to this Man?

*¶ Then shall they give their solemn promise to each other in this manner. The Minister shall require the Man with his right hand to take the Woman by her right hand, and to say after him as follows.*

**I** N. take you N. to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death, according to God's holy ordinance. I give you my solemn promise.

*¶ Then shall they loose their hands; and the Woman, with her right hand taking the Man by his right hand, shall likewise say after the Minister,*

**I** N. take Your N. to be my wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death, according to God's holy ordinance. I give you my solemn promise.

*¶ Then shall they again loose their hands; and the Man shall give to the Woman a Ring, laying the same upon the Book. And, before delivering the Ring to the Man, the Minister may say as follows.*

BLESS, O Lord, this Ring to be a sign and token of the vows between this Man and this Woman, and grant that *he* who gives it and *she* who wears it may abide in Your peace, and continue in Your favour, unto their life's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*¶ Then shall the Minister deliver the Ring unto the Man, to put it upon the fourth finger of the Woman's left hand. And the Man holding the Ring there, and taught repeating after the Minister, shall say,*

N, I give you this Ring as a token of my solemn promise to you this day. I promise to honour you with my body, and to pledge to you all my worldly goods, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*¶ And note, That if there are two Rings given, the Minister shall use the same form preceding, for the Ring given by the Woman to the Man.*

¶ *Then they may both kneel down, and the Minister shall say,*

Let us pray.

¶ *Then shall the Minister and the people say the Lord's Prayer.*

**O**UR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Your Name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Your is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Or*

**O**UR Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister add,*

**O** ETERNAL God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, Giver of all spiritual grace, the Author of everlasting life: Send Your blessing upon these Your servants, this Man and this Woman, whom we bless in Your Name; that they, living faithfully together, may surely perform and keep the vow and covenant made between themselves this day, (whereof *this Ring* given and received *is* a token and pledge,) and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to Your laws; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Then the Minister shall add*

O ETERNAL God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, Giver of all spiritual grace, the Author of everlasting life; Send Your blessing upon these Your servant, this Man and this Woman, whom we bless in Your Name; that they, living faithfully together, may surely perform and keep the vow and covenant made between them, (whereof *this Ring* given and received *is* a token and pledge,) and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to Your laws; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

¶ *The Minister may add one or both of the following Prayers.*

**O** ALMIGHTY God, Creator of mankind, Who only are the well-spring of life; Bestow upon these Your servants, if it is Your will, the gift and heritage of children; and grant that they may see their children brought up in Your faith and fear, to the honour and glory of Your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**O** GOD, who has so consecrated the state of Matrimony that in it is represented the spiritual marriage and unity between Christ and his Church; Look mercifully upon these Your servants, that they may love, honour, and cherish each other, and so live together in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and of peace; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*¶ Then shall the Minister join their right hands together, and say,*

Those whom God has joined together let no man put asunder.

*¶ Then shall the Minister speak unto the people,*

**F**ORASMUCH as *N.* and *N.* have consented to-gether in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and to this end have given and pledged their solemn promise to each the other, and have declared the same by giving and receiving of *a Ring*, and by joining of hands; I pronounce that they are Husband and Wife, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*¶ And the Minister shall add this Blessing.*

GOD the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with His favour look upon you; and so fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace, that you may so live together in this life, that in the world to come you may have life everlasting. *Amen.*

*¶ It is convenient that the newly married persons should receive the Holy Communion at the time of their Marriage, or at the first opportunity after their Marriage.*

*¶ The Minister, at his discretion, may also use any of the following Prayers before the final Blessing.*

**O** GOD of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, bless these Your servants, and sow the seed of eternal life in their hearts; that whatsoever in Your holy Word they shall profitably learn, they may in deed fulfil the same. Look, O Lord, mercifully upon them from heaven, and bless them. And as You did send Your blessing upon Abraham and Sarah, to their great comfort, so guarantee to send Your blessing upon these Your servants; that they obeying Your will, and always being in safety under Your protection, may abide in Your love unto their lives' end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**O** MERCIFUL Lord, and heavenly Father, by Whose gracious gift mankind is increased: We beg You, assist with Your blessing these two persons, that they may both be fruitful in procreation of children, and also live together so long in godly love and honesty, that they may see their children Christianly and virtuously brought up, to Your praise and honour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**O** GOD, Who by Your mighty power has made all things out of nothing; Who also (after other things set in order) did appoint, that out of man (created after Your Own image and likeness) woman should take her beginning; and, knitting them together, taught that it should never be lawful to take apart those whom You by Marriage has made to be one: O God, Who has consecrated the state of Matrimony to such an excellent mystery, that in it is signified and represented the spiritual marriage and unity between Christ and His Church; Look mercifully upon these Your servants, that both this man may love his wife, according to Your Word, (as Christ did love His spouse the Church, who gave Himself for it, loving and cherishing it even as His Own flesh,) and also that this woman may be loving, amiable, and faithful to her husband; and in all quietness, sobriety, and peace, be a follower of holy and godly women. O Lord, bless them both, and grant them to inherit Your everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*This final blessing may be said by the Minister*

**T**he LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.

*¶ The laws respecting Matrimony, whether by publishing the Banns in churches, or by License, being different in the several States and Provinces, every Minister is left to the direction of those laws, in every thing that regards the civil contract between the parties.*

*¶ And when the Banns are published, it shall be in the following form: I publish the Banns of Marriage between N. of \_\_\_\_, and N. of \_\_\_\_. If any of you know cause, or just impediment, why these two persons should not be joined together in holy Matrimony, you are to declare it. This is the first (second or third) time of asking.*

### **The Thanksgiving of Women after Child-birth Commonly called the Churching of Women**

*¶ This Service, or the concluding Prayer alone, as it stands among the Occasional Prayers and Thanksgivings, may be used at the discretion of the Minister.*

*¶ The Woman, at the usual time after her delivery, shall come into the church appropriately dressed, and there, shall kneel down in some convenient place, as has been accustomed, or as the Ordinary shall direct.*

*¶ The Minister shall then say unto her,*

**F**ORASMUCH as it has pleased Almighty God, of His goodness, to give you safe deliverance, and to preserve you; you shall therefore give hearty thanks unto God, and say,

*¶ Then shall be said by both of them the following Hymn, the Woman still kneeling.*

**Dilexi, quoniam.** from Psalm 116

MY delight is in the LORD; because He has heard the voice of my prayer;

Because He has inclined His ear unto me; therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

I found trouble and heaviness; then I called upon the Name of the LORD; O LORD, I beg You, deliver my soul.

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; yes, our God is merciful.

What reward shall I give unto the LORD for all the benefits that He has done unto me?

I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the LORD'S house; even in the midst of You, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*¶ Then shall the Minister say the Lord's Prayer, with what follows; but the Lord's Prayer may be omitted, if this is to be used with the Morning or Evening Prayer.*

**O**UR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Your Name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Or

**O**ur Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Minister.* O Lord, save this woman Your servant;

*Answer.* Who puts her trust in You.

*Minister.* Be to her a strong tower;

*Answer.* From the face of her enemy.

*Minister.* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Answer.* And let our cry come unto You.

*Minister.* Let us pray.

**O** ALMIGHTY God, we give Your humble thanks that You have been graciously pleased to preserve, through the great pain and difficulties of child-birth, this woman, Your servant, who desires now to offer her praises and thanksgivings unto You. Grant, we beg You, most merciful Father, that she, through Your help, may faithfully live according to Your will in this life, and also may be a partaker of everlasting glory in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *Then may be said,*

**G**RANT, we beg You, O heavenly Father, that the child of this Your servant may daily increase in wisdom and stature, and grow in Your love and service, until he come to Your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *The Woman, that comes to give her Thanks, may offer accustomed offerings, which shall be applied by the Minister and the churchwardens to the relief of distressed women in childbirth; and if there be a Communion, it is convenient that she receive the Holy Communion.*

## **The Order for the Visitation of the Sick**

¶ *The following Service, or any part thereof, may be used at the discretion of the Minister.*

¶ *When any person is sick, notice shall be given thereof to the Minister of the parish; who, coming into the sick person's presence, shall say,*

**P**EACE be to this house, and to all who dwell in it.

¶ *After which he shall say the Antiphon following, and then, according to his discretion, one of the Penitential Psalms.*

*Antiphon.* Remember not, Lord, our iniquities; Nor the iniquities of our forefathers.

*Minister.* Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.



**O**UR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Your Name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

*Or*

**O**ur Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. Amen.

*Minister.* O Lord, save Your servant;

*Answer.* Who puts his trust in You.

*Minister.* Send him help from Your holy place;

*Answer.* And evermore mightily defend him.

*Minister.* Let the enemy have no advantage of him;

*Answer.* Nor the wicked approach to hurt him.

*Minister.* Be unto him, O Lord, a strong tower;

*Answer.* From the face of his enemy.

*Minister.* O Lord, hear our prayer.

*Answer.* And let our cry come unto You.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say,*

**O**LORD, look down from heaven, behold, visit, and relieve this Your servant. Look upon him with the eyes of Your mercy, give him comfort and sure confidence in You, defend him in all danger, and keep him in perpetual peace and safety; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Here may be said any one or more of the Psalms following, with Antiphon and Collect.*

*Antiphon.* I called upon the LORD with my voice; And he heard me out of His holy hill.

**Domine, quid multiplicati?** from Psalm 3

**L**ORD, how they are increased that trouble me! Many are they that rise against me.

Many one there be that say of my soul, There is no help for him in his God.

But You, O LORD, are my defender; You are my worship, and the lifter up of my head.

I called upon the LORD with my voice, and he heard me out of His holy hill.

I laid down and slept, and rose up again; for the LORD sustained me.

Salvation belongs to the LORD; and Your blessing is upon Your people.

**The Collect**

**H**EAR us, Almighty and most merciful God and Saviour; extend Your accustomed goodness to this Your servant who is grieved with sickness. Visit him, O Lord, with Your loving mercy, and so restore him to his former health, that he may give thanks unto You in Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Antiphon.* I will go unto the altar of God; Unto the God of my joy and gladness.

**Judica me, Deus.** Psalm 43

**G**IVE sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people; O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.

For You are the God of my strength; why have You put me from Your? and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresses me?

O send out Your light and Your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me unto Your holy hill, and to Your dwelling;

And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness; and upon the harp will I give thanks unto You, O God, my God.

Why are You so heavy, O my soul? and why are You so disquieted within me?

O put Your trust in God; for I will yet give Him thanks, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

**The Collect**

**S**ANCTIFY, we beg You, O Lord, the sickness of this Your servant; that the sense of his weakness may add strength to his faith, and seriousness to his repentance; and grant that he may dwell with You in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Antiphon.* I have considered the days of old; And the years that are past.

**Voce mea ad Dominum.** from Psalm 77

**I** WILL cry unto God with my voice; even unto God will I cry with my voice, and He shall hearken unto me.

In the time of my trouble I sought the Lord: I stretched forth my hands unto Him, and ceased not in the night season; my soul refused comfort.

When I am in heaviness, I will think upon God; when my heart is vexed, I will complain.

You hold my eyes waking: I am so feeble that I cannot speak.

I have considered the days of old, and the years that are past.

I call to remembrance my song, and in the night I commune with my own heart, and search out my spirit.

Will the Lord absent Himself for ever? and will He be no more intreated?

Is His mercy clean gone for ever? and is His promise come utterly to an end for evermore?

Has God forgotten to be gracious? and will He shut up His loving-kindness in displeasure?

And I said, It is my own infirmity; but I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High.

**The Collect**

**H**EAR, O Lord, we beg You, these our prayers, as we call upon You on behalf of this Your servant; and bestow upon him the help of Your merciful consolation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Antiphon.* Though I walk in the midst of trouble; Yet shall You refresh me.

**Confitebor tibi.** from Psalm 138

**I** WILL give thanks unto You, O Lord, with my whole heart; even before the gods will I sing praise unto You.

I will worship toward Your holy temple, and praise Your Name, because of Your loving-kindness and

truth; for You have magnified Your Name, and Your word, above all things.

When I called upon You, You heard me; and empowered my soul with much strength.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shall You refresh me; You shall stretch forth Your hand upon the furiousness of my enemies, and Your right hand shall save me.

The LORD shall make good His loving-kindness toward me; yes, Your mercy, O LORD, endures for ever; despise not then the works of Your Own hands.

### **The Collect**

**O** GOD, the Strength of the weak and the Comfort of sufferers; Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to Your servant the help of Your power, that his sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Antiphon.* The LORD saves Your life from destruction; And crowns You with mercy and loving-kindness.

**Benedic, anima mea.** from Psalm 103

**P**RAISE the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, praise His holy Name.

Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:

Who forgives all Your sin, and heals all Your infirmities;

Who saves Your life from destruction, and crowns You with mercy and loving-kindness.

O praise the LORD, you angels of His, you that excel in strength; you that fulfil His commandment, and hearken unto the voice of His word.

O praise the LORD, all you His hosts; you servants of His that do His pleasure.

O speak good of the LORD, all you works of His, in all places of His dominion: praise the LORD, O my soul.

### **The Collect**

**A**CCCEPT, we beg You, merciful Lord, the devout praise of Your humble servant; and grant him an abiding sense of Your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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*¶ Any of the following Psalms -- 20, 27, 42, 91, 121, 146 -- may, at the discretion of the Minister, be substituted for any of those given above.*

*¶ Here shall be said,*

**O** SAVIOUR of the world, Who by Your Cross and precious Blood has redeemed us; Save us, and help us, we humbly beg You, O Lord.

*¶ As occasion demands, the Minister shall address the sick person on the meaning and use of the time of sickness, and the opportunity it affords for spiritual profit.*

*¶ Here may the Minister inquire of the sick person as to his acceptance of the Christian Faith, and as to whether he repents truly of his sins, and be in charity with all the world; exhorting him to forgive, from the bottom of his heart, all persons that have offended him; and if he has offended any other, to ask them forgiveness; and where he has done injury or wrong to any man, that he make amends to the uttermost of his power.*

*¶ Then shall the sick person be moved to make a special confession of his sins, if he feel his conscience troubled with any matter; after which confession, on evidence of his repentance, the Minister shall assure him of God's mercy and forgiveness.*

*¶ Then the Minister shall say,*

Let us pray.

**O** MOST merciful God, Who, according to the multitude of Your mercies, so puts away the sins of those who truly repent, that You remember them no more; Open Your eye of mercy upon this Your servant, who most earnestly desires pardon and forgiveness. Renew in *him*, most loving Father, whatsoever has been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by *his* own carnal will and frailness; preserve and continue this sick member in the unity of the Church; consider *his* contrition, accept *his* tears, assuage *his* pain, as shall seem to You most expedient for *him*. And forasmuch as *he* puts *his* full trust only in Your mercy, impute not unto *him* *his* former sins, but strengthen *him* with Your blessed Spirit; and, when You are pleased to take *him* from here, take *him* unto Your favour; through the merits of Your most dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**T**HE Almighty Lord, Who is a most strong tower to all those who put their trust in Him, to Whom all things in heaven, in earth, and under the earth, do bow and obey; Be now and evermore Your defence; and make You know and feel, that there is no other Name under heaven given to man, in Whom, and through Whom, you may receive health and salvation, but only the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*¶ Here the Minister may use any part of the service of the Book, which, in his discretion, he shall think convenient to the occasion; and after that shall say,*

**U**NTO God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you. The LORD bless you, and keep you. The LORD make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

## **PRAYERS**

*¶ These Prayers may be said with the foregoing Service, or any part thereof, at the discretion of the Minister.*

### **A Prayer for Recovery**

**O** GOD of heavenly powers, Who, by the might of Your command, drives away from men's bodies all sickness and all infirmity; Be present in Your goodness with this Your servant, that *his* weakness may be banished and *his* strength recalled; that *his* health being restored, *he* may bless Your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A Prayer for Healing**

**O** ALMIGHTY God, Who are the giver of all health, and the aid of those who turn to You for succour; We entreat Your strength and goodness in behalf of this Your servant, that *he* may be healed of *his* infirmities, to Your honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A Thanksgiving for the Beginning of a Recovery**

**G**REAT and mighty God, Who brings down to the grave, and brings up again; We bless Your wonderful goodness, for having turned our heaviness into joy and our mourning into gladness, by restoring this our *brother* to some degree of *his* former health. Blessed be Your Name that You did not forsake *him* in his sickness; but did visit *him* with comforts from above; did support *him* in patience and

submission to Your will; and at last did send *him* seasonable relief. Perfect, we beg You, this Your mercy towards *him*; and prosper the means which shall be made use of for *his* cure: that, being restored to health of body, vigour of mind, and cheerfulness of spirit, *he* may be able to go to Your house, to offer You an oblation with great gladness, and to bless Your holy Name for all Your goodness towards *him*; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, to Whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

**A Prayer for a Sick Person,  
when there Appears but Small Hope of Recovery**

**O** FATHER of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; We fly to You for succour in behalf of this Your servant, here lying in great weakness of body. Look graciously upon *him*, O Lord; and the more the outward man decays, strengthen *him*, we beg You, so much the more continually with Your grace and Holy Spirit in the inner man. Give *him* genuine repentance for all the errors of *his* life past, and steadfast faith in Your Son Jesus; that *his* sins may be done away by Your mercy, and *his* pardon sealed in heaven; through the same Your Son, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

**A Prayer for the Despondent**

**C**OMFORT, we beg You, most gracious God, this Your servant, cast down and faint of heart amidst the sorrows and difficulties of the world; and grant that, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, *he* may be enabled to go upon *his* way rejoicing, and give You continual thanks for Your sustaining providence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**A Prayer which may be said by the Minister  
in Behalf of All Present at the Visitation**

**O** GOD, Whose days are without end, and Whose mercies cannot be numbered; Make us, we beg You, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let Your Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness, all our days: that, when we shall have served You in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favour with You our God, and in perfect charity with the world. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**A Commendatory Prayer for a Sick Person  
at the Point of Departure**

**O** ALMIGHTY God, with Whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect, after they are delivered from their earthly prisons; We humbly commend the soul of this Your servant, our dear *brother*, into Your hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator, and most merciful Saviour; begging You, that it may be precious in Your sight. Wash it, we pray You, in the blood of that immaculate Lamb, that was slain to take away the sins of the world; that whatsoever defilements it may have contracted, through the lusts of the flesh or the wiles of Satan, being purged and done away, it may be presented pure and without spot before You; through the merits of Jesus Christ Your only Son our Lord. *Amen.*

**LITANY FOR THE DYING**

O GOD the Father;

*Have mercy upon the soul of Your servant.*

O God the Son; *Have mercy upon the soul of Your servant.*

O God the Holy Spirit;  
*Have mercy upon the soul of Your servant.*  
O holy Trinity, one God;  
*Have mercy upon the soul of Your servant.*

From all evil, from all sin, from all tribulation;  
*Good Lord, deliver him.*

By Your holy Incarnation, by Your Cross and Passion, by Your precious Death and Burial;  
*Good Lord, deliver him.*

By Your glorious Resurrection and Ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Spirit;  
*Good Lord, deliver him.*

We sinners do beg You to hear us, O Lord God; That it may please You to deliver the soul of Your servant from the power of the evil one, and from eternal death;

*We beg You to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please You mercifully to pardon all *his* sins.

*We beg You to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please You to grant *him* a place of refreshment and everlasting blessedness;

*We beg You to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please You to give *him* joy and gladness in Your kingdom, with Your saints in light;

*We beg You to hear us, good Lord.*

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world;

*Have mercy upon him.*

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world;

*Have mercy upon him.*

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world;

*Grant him Your peace.*

Lord, have mercy.

*Christ, have mercy.*

Lord, have mercy.

**O**UR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Your Name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

Or

**O**ur Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. *Amen.*

*Minister.* Let us pray.

**O** SOVEREIGN Lord, Who desires not the death of a sinner; We beg You to loose the spirit of this Your servant from every bond, and set *him* free from all evil; that *he* may rest with all Your saints in the eternal habitations; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

### **An Absolution to be said by the Presbyter**

**T**HE Almighty and merciful Lord grant You pardon and remission of all Your sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

### **A Commendation**

**D**EPART, O Christian soul, out of this world,

In the Name of God the Father Almighty Who created You.

In the Name of Jesus Christ Who redeemed You.

In the Name of the Holy Spirit Who sanctified You.

May Your rest be this day in peace, and Your dwelling-place in the Paradise of God.

### **A Commendatory Prayer when the Soul is Departed**

**I**NTO Your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend the soul of Your servant, now departed from the body. Acknowledge, we humbly beg You, a sheep of Your own fold, a lamb of Your own flock, a sinner of Your own redeeming. Receive *him* into the arms of Your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. *Amen.*

### **UNCTION OF THE SICK**

*¶ When any sick person shall in humble faith desire the ministry of healing through Anointing or Laying on of Hands, the Minister may use such portion of the foregoing Office as he shall think fit, and the following.*

**O** BLESSED Redeemer, relieve, we beg You, by Your indwelling power, the distress of this Your servant; release him from sin, and drive away all pain of soul and body, that being restored to soundness of health, he may offer You praise and thanksgiving; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**I** ANOINT You with oil (or I lay my hand upon You), In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; begging the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all Your pain and sickness of body being put to flight, the blessing of health may be restored unto You. *Amen.*

*¶ The Minister is ordered, from time to time, to advise the people, while they are in health, to make Wills arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, and, when of ability, to leave Bequests for religious and charitable uses.*

### **The Communion of the Sick**

*¶ Forasmuch as all mortal men are subject to many sudden perils, diseases, and sicknesses, and ever uncertain what time they shall depart out of this life; therefore, to the intent they may be always in readiness to die, whensoever it shall please Almighty God to call them, the Ministers shall diligently from time to time, but especially in the time of pestilence, or other infectious sickness, exhort their parishioners to the often receiving of the Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ, when it shall be publicly administered in the church; that so doing, they may, in case of sudden visitation, have the less cause to be disquieted for lack of the same. But if the sick person be not able to come to the church, and yet is desirous to receive the Communion in his house; then he must give timely notice to the Minister, signifying also how many there are to communicate with him; and all things necessary being prepared, the Minister shall there celebrate the Holy Communion, beginning with the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel, here following.*

### **The Collect**

**A**LMIGHTY, everliving God, Maker of mankind, Who does correct those whom You do love, and chastise every one whom You do receive; We beg You to have mercy upon this Your servant visited with Your hand, and to grant that he may take his sickness patiently, and recover his bodily health, if it be Your gracious will; and that, whensoever his soul shall depart from the body, it may be without spot presented unto You; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle.** Hebrews 12:5, 6

**M**y son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives.

**The Gospel.** St. John 5:24

**M**ost assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgement, but has passed from death into life.

*¶ Or the following Collect, Epistle, and Gospel.*

### **The Collect**

**O** LORD, holy Father, by Whose loving-kindness our souls and bodies are renewed; Mercifully look upon this Your servant, that, every cause of sickness being removed, he may be restored to soundness of health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Epistle.** 1 St. John 5:13-15

**T**HESE things I have written to you who believe in the Name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the Name of the Son of God. Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

**The Gospel.** St. John 6:47-51

**J**ESUS said, Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.

*¶ After which the Minister shall proceed according to the form before prescribed for the Holy Communion, beginning at these words, You who do truly, etc.*

*¶ At the time of the distribution of the holy Sacrament, the Minister shall first receive the Communion himself, and after minister unto those who are appointed to communicate with the sick, and last of all to the sick person.*

*¶ When circumstances render it expedient to shorten the Service, the following form shall suffice: The Confession and the Absolution; Lift up your hearts, etc., through the Sanctus; The Prayer of Consecration, ending with these words, partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; The Prayer of Humble Access; The Communion; The Lord's Prayer; The Blessing. And note, That for the Confession and Absolution the following may be used.*



## **The Confession**

**O** ALMIGHTY Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Have mercy upon us, O God, after Your great goodness; according to the multitude of Your mercies, do away our offences and cleanse us from our sins; for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

## **The Absolution**

**T**HE Almighty and merciful Lord grant you Absolution and Remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

¶ But if a man, either by reason of extremity of sickness, or for want of warning in due time to the Minister, or by any other just impediment, do not receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood, the Minister shall instruct him, that if he do truly repent him of his sins, and steadfastly believe that Jesus Christ has suffered death upon the Cross for him, and shed his Blood for his redemption, earnestly remembering the benefits he has thereby, and giving him hearty thanks therefore, he does eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ profitably to his soul's health, although he does not receive the Sacrament with his mouth.

¶ This Office may be used with aged and bed-ridden persons, or such as are not able to attend the public Ministration in church, substituting the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for the Day, for those appointed above.

## **The Order for the Burial of the Dead**

¶ *Here is to be noted, That this Office is appropriate to be used only for the faithful departed in Christ, provided that in any other case the Minister may, at his discretion, use such part of this Office, or such devotions taken from other parts of this Book, as may be fitting.*

¶ *The Minister, meeting the Body and going before it, either into the church, or towards the grave, shall say or sing one or more of the following Sentences.*

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die." *St. John 11:25,26*

For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth; And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That in my flesh I shall see God, Whom I shall see for myself, And my eyes shall behold, and not another. *Job 19:25-27*

For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD. *1 Timothy 6:7; Job 1:21*

He who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgement, but has passed from death into life. *St. John 5:24*

I know Whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day. *2 Timothy 1:12*

¶ *After they are come into the church may be sung a Hymn. Then shall be said one or more of the following selections, taken from the Psalms. The Gloria Patri may be omitted except at the end of the whole portion or selection from the Psalter.*

**Dominus illuminatio.** from Psalm 27

**T**HE LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

\* the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

One thing have I desired of the LORD, which I will require;

\* even that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the LORD, and to visit His temple.

For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His tabernacle;

\* yea, in the secret place of His dwelling shall He hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

And now shall He lift up my head

\* above mine enemies round about me.

Therefore will I offer in His dwelling an holy offering, with great gladness:

\* I will sing and speak praises unto the LORD.

Hearken unto my voice, O LORD, when I cry unto You;

\* have mercy upon me, and hear me. My heart has talked of You, Seek my face:

\* Your face, LORD, will I seek.

O hide not Your face from me,

\* nor cast Your servant away in displeasure.

You have been my succour;

\* leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

I should utterly have fainted,

\* but that I believe surely to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

O delay the LORD'S leisure;

\* be strong, and He shall comfort Your heart; and put Your trust in the LORD.

**Dixi, custodiam.** from Psalm 39

**L**ORD, let me know mine end, and the number of my days:

\* that I may be guaranteed how long I have to live.

Behold, You have made my days as it were a span long: and mine age is even as nothing in respect of You;

\* and surely every man living is altogether vanity.

For man walks in a vain shadow, and disquiets himself in vain:

\* he heaps up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what is my hope?

\* truly my hope is even in You.

Deliver me from all mine offences;

\* and make me not a rebuke unto the foolish.

When You with rebukes chastens man for sin, You make his beauty to consume away, like as it were a moth eating a garment:

\* every man therefore is but vanity.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with Your ears consider my calling:

\* hold not Your peace at my tears.

For I am a stranger with Your, and a sojourner,

\* as all my fathers were.

O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength,

\* before I go from here, and be seen no more.

**Deus noster refugium.** from Psalm 46

**G**OD is our hope and strength,

\* a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved,

\* and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof rage and swell,

\* and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God;

\* the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed;

\* God shall help her, and that right early.

Be still then, and know that I am God:

\* I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us;

\* the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**Domine, refugium.** from Psalm 90

**L**ORD, You have been our refuge:

\* from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made:

\* You are God from everlasting, and world without end.

You turn man to destruction:

\* again You say Come again, you children of men.

For a thousand years in Your sight are but as yesterday, when it is past;

\* and as a watch in the night.

As soon as You scatter them, they are even as a sleep:

\* and fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green, and grows up:

\* but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.

For we consume away in Your displeasure,

\* and are afraid at Your wrathful indignation.

You have set our misdeeds before Your:

\* and our secret sins in the light of Your countenance.

For when You are angry, all our days are gone:

\* we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.

The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years:

\* yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow; so soon it passes away, and we are gone.

But who regards the power of Your wrath?

\* or fears Your indignation?

So teach us to number our days:

\* that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

**Dilexi, quoniam.** from Psalm 116

**M**Y delight is in the LORD;

\* because He has heard the voice of my prayer;

Because He has inclined his ear unto me;

\* therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

The snares of death surrounded me round about,

\* and the pains of hell took hold of me.

I found trouble and heaviness; then called I upon the Name of the LORD;

\* O LORD, I beg You, deliver my soul. Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;

\* yes, our God is merciful.

The LORD preserves the simple:

\* I was in misery, and he helped me.

Turn again then unto Your rest, O my soul;

\* for the LORD has rewarded You.

And why? You hast delivered my soul from death,

\* mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the LORD

\* in the land of the living.

I will receive the cup of salvation,

\* and call upon the Name of the LORD.

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

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

## **The Form and Manner of Making Deacons**

¶ *When the day appointed by the Bishop is come, there shall be a Sermon or Exhortation, declaring the duty and Office of such as come to be admitted Deacons; how necessary that Order is in the Church of Christ, and also, how the people ought to esteem them in their Office.*

¶ *Then, the people standing, a Presbyter shall present unto the Bishop, sitting in his chair near to the holy Table, such as desire to be ordained Deacons, each of them being properly vested, saying,*

**R**EVEREND Father in God, I present unto you *these persons* present, to be admitted *Deacons*.

¶ *The Bishop.*

**T**AKE heed that the *persons*, whom ye present unto us, be apt and meet, for their learning and godly conversation, to exercise *their* Ministry duly, to the honour of God and the edifying of His Church.

¶ *The Presbyter shall answer,*

**I** HAVE inquired concerning *them*, and also examined *them*, and think *them* so to be.

¶ *Then the Bishop shall say unto the people,*

**B**RETHREN, if there be any of you who knows any impediment, or notable crime, in *any of these persons* presented to be ordered *Deacons*, for the which he ought not to be admitted to that Office, let him come forth in the Name of God, and show what the crime or impediment is.

¶ *And if any great crime or impediment be objected, the Bishop shall cease from Ordering that person, until such time as the party accused shall be found clear of that crime.*

¶ *Then the Bishop (commending such as shall be found meet to be ordained, to the prayers of the congregation) shall, with the Clergy and people present, say the Litany.*

¶ *And note, That after the Suffrage, "That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops," etc., shall be said the following Suffrage.*

**T**HAT it may please You to bless *these Your servants*, now to be admitted to the Order of Deacons, and to pour Your grace upon *them*; that *they* may duly execute their Office, to the edifying of Your Church, and to the glory of Your holy Name.

¶ *And note further, That in the discretion of the Bishop, instead of the Litany appointed, may be said the Litany for Ordinations.*

¶ *Then shall be said the Service for the Communion, with the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel, as follows.*

### **The Collect**

**A**LMIGHTY God, Who by Your divine providence has appointed diverse Orders of Ministers in Your Church, and did inspire Your Apostles to choose into the Order of Deacons the first Martyr Saint Stephen, with others; Mercifully behold *these Your servants* now called to the like Office and Administration: so replenish *them* with the truth of Your doctrine, and adorn *them* with innocency of life, that, both by word and good example, *they* may faithfully serve You in this Office, to the glory of Your Name, and the edification of Your Church; through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **The Epistle.** 1 Timothy 3:8-13

**L**IKEWISE deacons must be reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money, holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience. But let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons, being found blameless. Likewise, their wives must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things. Let deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

¶ *Or this.*

### **The Epistle.** Acts 6:2-7

**T**HEN the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we

will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

*¶ Then, the people being seated, the Bishop seated in his chair shall examine every one of those who are to be Ordered, standing before the Bishop, in the presence of the people, after this manner following.*

**D**O you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Spirit to take upon you this Office and Ministration, to serve God for the promoting of His glory, and the edifying of His people?

*Answer.* I trust so.

*Bishop.* Do you think that you are truly called, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, and according to the Canons of this Church, to the Ministry of the same?

*Answer.* I think so.

*Bishop.* Do you genuinely believe all the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and are you persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contain all Doctrine required as necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ?

*Answer.* I do believe them and am so persuaded.

*Bishop.* Will you diligently read the same unto the people assembled in the church where you shall be appointed to serve?

*Answer.* I will.

*Bishop.* It appertains to the Office of a Deacon, in the church where he shall be appointed to serve, to assist the Presbyter in Divine Service, and specially when he ministers the Holy Communion, and to help him in the distribution thereof; and to read Holy Scriptures and Homilies in the church; and to instruct the youth in the Catechism; in the absence of the Presbyter to baptize infants; and to preach, if he be admitted thereto by the Bishop. And furthermore, it is his Office, where provision is so made, to search for the sick, poor, and impotent people of the parish, that they may be relieved with the alms of the parishioners, or others. Will you do this gladly and willingly?

*Answer.* I will so do, by the help of God.

*Bishop.* Will you apply all your diligence to frame and fashion your own *lives*, and the lives of your *families*, according to the Doctrine of Christ; and to make both *yourselves* and them, as much as in you lies, wholesome examples of the flock of Christ?

*Answer.* I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

*Bishop.* Will you reverently obey your Bishop, and other chief Ministers of the Church, and those to whom the charge and government over you is committed, following with a glad mind and will their godly admonitions?

*Answer.* I will endeavour so to do, the Lord being my helper.

*¶ Then, the people standing, the Bishop shall lay his hands severally upon the head of every one to be made Deacon, humbly kneeling before the Bishop, and shall say,*

**T**AKE the Authority to execute the Office of a Deacon in the Church of God committed unto you; In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*¶ Then shall the Bishop deliver to every one of them the Bible, saying,*

**T**AKE the Authority to read the Gospel in the Church of God, and to preach the same, if you be thereto licensed by the Bishop himself.

*¶ If the Deacons are to be vested, each one, with a stole, the following words shall be said by the Bishop immediately after the presentation of the Bible, Receive and wear this stole, as a sign and symbol of the yoke of Christ, and be a faithful servant and Deacon in the Household of God.*

*¶ Then one of them, appointed by the Bishop, shall read the Gospel.*

### **The Gospel. St. Luke 12:35-38**

**L**ET your waist be girded and your lamps burning; and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them. And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.

*¶ Then shall the Bishop proceed in the Communion; and all who are Ordered shall remain, and receive the Holy Communion the same day, with the Bishop.*

*¶ The Communion ended, after the last Collect, and immediately before the Benediction, shall be said this Collect*

**A**LMIGHTY God, Giver of all good things, Who of Your great goodness has guaranteed to accept and *take these Your servants* unto the Office of Deacons in Your Church; Make *them*, we beg You, O Lord, to be modest, humble, and constant in *their* Ministration, to have a ready will to observe all spiritual discipline; that *they*, having always the testimony of a good conscience, and continuing ever stable and strong in Your Son Christ, may so well behave *themselves* in this inferior Office, that *they* may be found worthy to be called unto the higher Ministries in Your Church; through the same Your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory and honour, world without end. *Amen.*

**T**HE peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

*¶ And here it must be declared unto the Deacon, that he must continue in that Office of a Deacon the space of a whole year; (except for reasonable causes it shall otherwise seem good unto the Bishop,) to the intent he may be perfect and well expert in the things appertaining to the ecclesiastical administration. In executing whereof if he be found faithful and diligent, he may be admitted by his Diocesan to the Order of Presbyter, at the times appointed in the Canon; or else, on urgent occasion, upon some other day, in the face of the Church, in such manner and form as hereafter follows.*

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### The Epistle. Ephesians 4:7-13

**B**ut to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men." (Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

### The Gospel. St. Matthew 9:36-38

**W**hen Jesus saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest."

¶ *Or this.*

### The Gospel. St. John 10:1-16

**M**ost assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them.

Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd."

¶ Then, the people being seated, the Bishop shall say unto those who are to be ordained Presbyters as follows.

**Y**OU have heard, *Brethren*, as well in your private examination, as in the exhortation which was now made to you, and in the holy Lessons taken out of the Gospel, and the writings of the Apostles, of what dignity, and of how great importance this Office is, whereunto you are called. And now again we exhort you, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you have in remembrance, into how high a dignity, and to how weighty an Office and charge you are called: that is to say, to be messengers, watchmen, and stewards of the Lord; to teach, and to premonish, to feed and provide for the Lord's family; to seek for Christ's sheep that are dispersed abroad, and for His children who are in the midst of this sinful world, that they may be saved through Christ for ever.

Have always therefore printed in your remembrance, how great a treasure is committed to your charge. For they are the sheep of Christ, which He bought with His death, and for whom He shed His blood. The Church and congregation whom you must serve, is His Spouse, and His Body. And if it shall happen that the same Church, or any member thereof, do take any hurt or hindrance by reason of your negligence, you know the greatness of the fault, and also the horrible punishment that will ensue. Wherefore consider with *yourselves* the end of the Ministry towards the children of God, towards the Spouse and Body of Christ; and see that you never cease your labour, your care and diligence, until you have done all that lies in you, according to your bounden duty, to bring all such as are or shall be committed to your charge, unto that agreement in the faith and knowledge of God, and to that ripeness and perfectness of age in Christ, that there be no place left among you, either for error in religion, or for viciousness in life.

Forasmuch then as your Office is both of so great excellency, and of so great difficulty, you see with how great care and study you ought to apply *yourselves*, as well to show yourselves dutiful and thankful unto that Lord, who has placed you in so high a dignity; as also to beware that neither you *yourselves* offend, nor be occasion that others offend. However, you cannot have a mind and will thereto of *yourselves*; for that will and ability is given of God alone: therefore you ought, and have need, to pray earnestly for His Holy Spirit. And seeing that you cannot by any other means compass the doing of so weighty a work, pertaining to the salvation of man, but with doctrine and exhortation taken out of the Holy Scriptures, and with a life agreeable to the same; consider how studious you ought to be in reading and learning the Scriptures, and in framing the manners both of *yourselves*, and of those who specially pertain unto you, according to the rule of the same Scriptures; and for this self-same cause, how you ought to forsake and set aside, as much as you may, all worldly cares and studies.

We have good hope that you have well weighed these things with yourselves, long before this time; and that you have clearly determined, by God's grace, to give *yourselves* wholly to this Office, whereunto it has pleased God to call you: so that, as much as lies in you, you will apply *yourselves* wholly to this one thing, and draw all your cares and studies this way; and that you will continually pray to God the Father, by the mediation of our only Saviour Jesus Christ, for the heavenly assistance of the Holy Spirit; that, by daily reading and weighing the Scriptures, you may become riper and stronger in your Ministry; and that you may so endeavour yourselves, from time to time, to sanctify the lives of you and yours, and to fashion them after the Rule and Doctrine of Christ, that you may be wholesome and godly examples and patterns for the people to follow.

And now, that this present congregation of Christ may also understand your *minds* and *wills* in these things, and that this your promise may the more move you to do your duties; you shall answer plainly to these things, which we, in the Name of God, and of His Church, shall demand of you touching the same.

**D**O you think in your heart, that you are truly called, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ,

and according to the Canons of this Church, to the Order and Ministry of Presbyter?

*Answer.* I think it.

*Bishop.* Are you persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contain all Doctrine required as necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ? And are you determined, out of the said Scriptures to instruct the people committed to your charge; and to teach nothing, as necessary to eternal salvation, but that which you shall be persuaded may be concluded and proved by the Scripture?

*Answer.* I am so persuaded, and have so determined, by God's grace.

*Bishop.* Will you then give your faithful diligence always so to minister the Doctrine and Sacraments, and the Discipline of Christ, as the Lord has commanded, and as this Church has received the same, according to the Commandments of God; so that you may teach the people committed to your cure and charge with all diligence to keep and observe the same?

*Answer.* I will so do, by the help of the Lord.

*Bishop.* Will you be ready, with all faithful diligence, to banish and drive away from the Church all erroneous and strange doctrines contrary to God's Word; and to use both public and private monitions and exhortations, as well to the sick as to the whole, within your cures, as need shall require, and occasion shall be given?

*Answer.* I will, the Lord being my helper.

*Bishop.* Will you be diligent in Prayers, and in reading the Holy Scriptures, and in such studies as help to the knowledge of the same, laying aside the study of the world and the flesh?

*Answer.* I will endeavour so to do, the Lord being my helper.

*Bishop.* Will you be diligent to frame and fashion your own *selves*, and your *families*, according to the Doctrine of Christ; and to make both *yourselves* and them, as much as in you lies, wholesome examples and patterns to the flock of Christ?

*Answer.* I will apply myself thereto, the Lord being my helper.

*Bishop.* Will you maintain and set forwards, as much as lies in you, quietness, peace, and love, among all Christian people, and especially among those who are or shall be committed to your charge?

*Answer.* I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

*Bishop.* Will you reverently obey your Bishop, and other chief Ministers, who may have the charge and government over you; following with a glad mind and will their godly admonitions, and submitting *yourselves* to their godly judgements?

*Answer.* I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

¶ *Then, all standing, shall the Bishop say,*

**A**LMIGHTY God, Who has given you this will to do all these things; Grant also unto you strength and power to perform the same, that He may accomplish His work which He has begun in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ After this, the congregation, still standing, shall be desired, secretly in their prayers, to make their humble supplications to God for all these things; for the which prayers there shall be silence kept for a space.

¶ After which, the persons to be ordained Presbyters kneeling, and all others standing, the Bishop shall sing or say the *Veni, Creator Spiritus*; the Bishop beginning, and the Presbyters, and others who are present, answering by verses, as follows.

### *Veni, Creator Spiritus*

COME, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,  
    *And lighten with celestial fire.*  
Thou the anointing Spirit art,  
    *Who dost thy seven-fold 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.*

¶ That done, the Bishop shall pray in this wise, and say,

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY God, and heavenly Father, Who, of Your infinite love and goodness towards us, has given to us Your only and most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer, and the Author of everlasting life; Who, after He had made perfect our redemption by His death, and was ascended into heaven, sent abroad into the world His Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Doctors, and Pastors; by whose labour and ministry He gathered together a great flock in all the parts of the world, to set forth the eternal praise of Your holy Name: For these so great benefits of Your eternal goodness, and for that You have guaranteed to call *these* Your *servants* here present to the same Office and Ministry, appointed for the salvation of mankind, we render unto You most hearty thanks, we praise and worship You; and we humbly beg You, by the same Your blessed Son, to grant unto all, which either here or elsewhere call upon Your holy Name, that we may continue to show ourselves thankful unto You for these and all Your other benefits; and that we may daily increase and go forwards in the knowledge and faith of You and Your Son, by the Holy Spirit. So that as well by *these* Your *Ministers*, as by them over whom they

shall be appointed Your *Ministers*, Your holy Name may be for ever glorified, and Your blessed kingdom enlarged; through the same Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, world without end. *Amen*.

¶ *When this Prayer is done, the Bishop with the Presbyters present, shall lay their hands severally upon the head of every one that is to receive the Order of Presbyter; the Receivers humbly kneeling, and the Bishop saying,*

**R**ECEIVE the Holy Spirit for the Office and Work of a Presbyter in the Church of God, now committed unto you by the Imposition of our hands. Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; and whose sins you retain, they are retained. And be a faithful dispenser of the Word of God, and of His holy Sacraments; In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen*.

¶ *Or this.*

**T**AKE the Authority to execute the Office of a Presbyter in the Church of God, now committed to you by the Imposition of our hands. And be a faithful dispenser of the Word of God, and of His holy Sacraments; In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen*.

¶ *Then the Bishop shall deliver to every one of them kneeling, the Bible into his hand, saying,*

**T**AKE the Authority to preach the Word of God, and to minister the holy Sacraments in the congregation, where you shall be lawfully appointed.

¶ *When this is done, the Nicene Creed shall be said, and the Bishop shall go on in the Service of the Communion, which all they who receive Orders shall take together, and remain in the same place where hands were laid upon them, until such time as they have received the Communion.*

¶ *The Communion being done, after the last Collect, and immediately before the Benediction, shall be said this Collect.*

**M**OST merciful Father, we beg You to send upon these Your servants Your heavenly blessing; that they may be clothed with righteousness, and that Your Word spoken by their mouths may have such success, that it may never be spoken in vain. Grant also, that we may have grace to hear and receive what they shall deliver out of Your most holy Word, or agreeable to the same, as the means of our salvation; that in all our words and deeds we may seek Your glory, and the increase of Your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

**T**HE peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

¶ *And if, on the same day, the Order of Deacons be given to some, and the Order of Presbyters to others; the Deacons shall be first presented, and then the Presbyters; and it shall suffice that the Litany be once said for both. The Epistle shall be Ephesians 4:7-13, as before in this Office. Immediately after which, those who are to be made Deacons, shall be examined and ordained, as is above prescribed. Then one of them having read the Gospel, (which shall be either Saint Matthew 9:36-38, as before in this Office; or else Saint Luke 12:35-38, as before in the Form for the Ordering of Deacons,) those who are to be made Presbyters shall likewise be examined and ordained, as is in this Office before appointed. The Collect shall be as follows.*

### The Collect

**A**LMIGHTY God, Giver of all good things, who by Your Holy Spirit hast appointed diverse Orders of Ministers in Your Church; Mercifully behold these Your servants now called to the Office of Deacon

and these Your servants now called to the Office of Presbyter; and so replenish them with the truth of Your Doctrine, and adorn them with innocency of life, that, both by word and good example, they may faithfully serve You in their Ministry, to the glory of Your Name, and the edification of Your Church; through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

## The Form of Consecrating a Bishop

*¶ When all things are duly prepared in the church, and set in order; the Presiding Bishop, or some other Bishop appointed by the Bishops present, shall begin the Communion Service, in which this shall be the Collect.*

### The Collect

**A**LMIGHTY God, who by Your Son Jesus Christ did give to Your holy Apostles many excellent gifts, and did charge them to feed Your flock; Give grace, we beg You, to all Bishops, the Pastors of Your Church, that they may diligently preach Your Word, and duly administer the godly Discipline thereof; and grant to the people, that they may obediently follow the same; that all may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through the same Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*¶ And then shall be read the Epistle.*

### The Epistle. 1 Timothy 3:1-7

**T**his is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behaviour, hospitable, able to teach; not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous; one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?); not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil. Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

*¶ Or this.*

### For the Epistle. Acts 20:17-35

**F**rom Miletus Paul sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. And when they had come to him, he said to them: “You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews; how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

“And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more. Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. Therefore take heed to yourselves and

to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

“So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I have coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. I have shown you in every way, by labouring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

¶ Then shall be read the Gospel.

**The Gospel.** St. John 21:15-17

**J**ESUS said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Feed My lambs.” He said to him again a second time, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Tend My sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Feed My sheep.”

¶ Or this.

**The Gospel.** St. John 20:19-23

**T**hen, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

¶ Or this.

**The Gospel.** St. Matthew 28:18-20

**A**nd Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

*¶ Then shall follow the Nicene Creed, and after that the Sermon; which being ended, the Elected Bishop, vested with his Rochet, shall be presented by two Bishops of this Church unto the Presiding Bishop, or to the Bishop appointed, sitting in his chair near the holy Table; the Bishops who present him saying,*

**R**EVEREND Father in God, we present unto you this godly and well-learned man, to be consecrated Bishop.

¶ Then shall the Presiding Bishop demand Testimonials of the person presented for Consecration, and shall cause them to be read.

¶ He shall then require of him the following Promise of Conformity to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

**I**N the Name of God, Amen. I, *N.*, chosen Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church in *N.*, do promise conformity and obedience to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of the Reformed Episcopal Church. So help me God, through Jesus Christ.

¶ Then the Presiding Bishop shall move the congregation present to pray, saying thus to them,

**B**RETHREN, it is written in the Gospel of Saint Luke, that our Saviour Christ continued the whole night in prayer, before he chose and sent forth his twelve Apostles. It is written also, that the holy Apostles prayed before they ordained Matthias to be of the number of the Twelve. Let us, therefore, following the example of our Saviour Christ, and his Apostles, offer up our prayers to Almighty God, before we admit and send forth this person presented unto us, to the work whereunto we trust the Holy Spirit has called him.

¶ And then shall be said the Litany; save only, that after this place, That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, etc., the proper Suffrage shall be

**T**HAT it may please You to bless this our Brother elected, and to send Your grace upon him, that he may duly execute the Office whereunto he is called, to the edifying of Your Church, and to the honour, praise, and glory of Your Name;

*Answer.* We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

¶ And note, That in the discretion of the Presiding Bishop, instead of the Litany, may be said the Litany for Ordinations.

¶ Then shall be said this Prayer following.

**A**LMIGHTY God, Giver of all good things, who by Your Holy Spirit has appointed diverse Orders of Ministers in Your Church; Mercifully behold this Your servant, now called to the Work and Ministry of a Bishop; and so replenish him with the truth of Your Doctrine, and adorn him with innocency of life, that, both by word and deed, he may faithfully serve You in this Office, to the glory of Your Name, and the edifying and well-governing of Your Church; through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ Then, the people being seated, the Presiding Bishop, sitting in his chair, shall say to him that is to be consecrated,

**B**ROTHER, forasmuch as the Holy Scripture commands that we should not be hasty in laying on hands, and admitting any person to Office in the Church of Christ, which he has purchased with no less price than the effusion of his own blood; before we admit you to this Administration, we will examine you in certain Articles, to the end that the Congregation present may have a trial, and bear witness, how you are minded to behave yourself in the Church of God.

**A**RE you persuaded that you are truly called to this Ministration, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the order of this Church?

*Answer.* I am so persuaded.

*Bishop.* Are you persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contain all Doctrine required as necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ? And are you determined out of the same Holy Scriptures to instruct the people committed to your charge; and to teach or maintain nothing, as necessary to eternal salvation, but that which you shall be persuaded may be concluded and proved by the same?



*Answer.* I am so persuaded, and determined, by God's grace.

*Bishop.* Will you then faithfully exercise yourself in the Holy Scriptures, and call upon God by prayer for the true understanding of the same; so that you may be able by them to teach and exhort with wholesome Doctrine, and to withstand and convince the contrary minded?

*Answer.* I will so do, by the help of God.

*Bishop.* Are you ready, with all faithful diligence, to banish and drive away from the Church all erroneous and strange doctrine contrary to God's Word; and both privately and openly to call upon and encourage others to the same?

*Answer.* I am ready, the Lord being my helper.

*Bishop.* Will you deny all ungodliness and worldly lusts, and live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world; that you may show yourself in all things an example of good works unto others, that the adversary may be ashamed, having nothing to say against you?

*Answer.* I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

*Bishop.* Will you maintain and set forward, as much as shall lie in you, quietness, love, and peace among all men; and diligently exercise such discipline as by the authority of God's Word, and by the order of this Church, is committed to you?

*Answer.* I will so do, by the help of God.

*Bishop.* Will you be faithful in ordaining, sending, or laying hands upon others?

*Answer.* I will so be, by the help of God.

*Bishop.* Will you show yourself gentle, and be merciful for Christ's sake to poor and needy people, and to all strangers destitute of help?

*Answer.* I will so show myself, by God's help.

*Bishop.* Will you faithfully feed the flock of God, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lord over God's heritage, but being an example to the flock?

*Answer.* I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

¶ *Then, all standing, the Presiding Bishop shall say,*

**A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, Who has given you a good will to do all these things; Grant also unto you strength and power to perform the same; that, He accomplishing in you the good work which He has begun, you may be found perfect and irreprehensible at the latter day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Bishop-elect put on the rest of the Episcopal habit, and shall kneel down; and the Veni, Creator Spiritus shall be sung or said over him; the Presiding Bishop shall begin, and the others who are present, standing, shall answer by verses, as follows.*

*Veni, Creator Spiritus*

**C**OME, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,  
*And lighten with celestial fire.*

Thou the anointing Spirit art,  
*Who dost thy seven-fold 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*

¶ *That ended, the Presiding Bishop shall say,*

Lord, hear our prayer.

*Answer.* And let our cry come unto You.

*Bishop.* Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY God, and most merciful Father, who, of Your infinite goodness, has given Your only and dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer, and the Author of everlasting life; Who, after He had made perfect our redemption by His death, and ascended into heaven, poured down His gifts abundantly upon men, making some Apostles, some Prophets, some Evangelists, some Pastors and Doctors, to the edifying and making perfect His Church; Grant, we beg You, to this Your servant, such grace, that he may evermore be ready to spread abroad Your Gospel, the glad tidings of reconciliation with You; and use the authority given him, not to destruction, but to salvation; not to hurt, but to help: so that, as a wise and faithful servant, giving to Your family their portion in due season, he may at last be received into everlasting joy; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, Who, with You and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Presiding Bishop with such other Bishops present shall lay their hands upon the head of the Elected Bishop, kneeling before them, the Presiding Bishop saying,*

**R**ECEIVE the Holy Spirit for the Office and Work of a Bishop in the Church of God, now committed unto You by the Imposition of our hands; In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. And remember that you stir up the grace of God, which is given you by this Imposition of our hands; for God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and love, and soberness.

¶ *Then the Presiding Bishop shall deliver him the Bible, saying,*

**G**IVE heed unto reading, exhortation, and doctrine. Think upon the things contained in this Book. Be diligent in them, that the increase coming thereby may be manifest unto all men; for by so doing you shall both save yourself and those who hear you. Be to the flock of Christ a shepherd, not a wolf; feed

them, devour them not. Hold up the weak, heal the sick, bind up the broken, bring again the outcasts, seek the lost. Be so merciful, that you be not too remiss; so minister discipline, that you forget not mercy; that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, you may receive the never-fading crown of glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Presiding Bishop shall proceed in the Communion Service; with whom the newly consecrated Bishop, with others, shall also communicate.*

¶ *And immediately before the Benediction, shall be said this Prayer.*

**M**OST merciful Father, send down, we beg You, upon this Your servant Your heavenly blessing; and so empower him with Your Holy Spirit, that he, preaching Your Word, may not only be earnest to reprove, beg, and rebuke, with all patience and doctrine; but also may be, to such as believe, a wholesome example in word, in conversation, in love, in faith, in chastity, and in purity; that, faithfully fulfilling his course, at the latter day he may receive the crown of righteousness, laid up by the Lord Jesus, the righteous Judge, Who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**T**HE peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

### **The Litany and Suffrages for Ordinations**

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth;  
*Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world;  
*Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.*

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful;  
*Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.*

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God;  
*Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.*

WE beg You to hear us, good Lord; and that it may please You to grant peace to the whole world, and to Your Church;

*We beg You to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please You to sanctify and bless Your holy Church throughout the world;

*We beg You to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please You to inspire all Bishops, Presbyters, and Deacons, with love of You and of Your truth;

*We beg You to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please You to endue all Ministers of Your Church with devotion to Your glory and to the salvation of souls;

*We beg You to hear us, good Lord.*

¶ *Here, at the Ordination of Deacons or of Presbyters shall be said,*

That it may please You to bless *these Your servants*, now to be admitted to the Order of Deacons (*or Presbyters*), and to pour Your grace upon *them*; that *they* may duly execute *their* Office, to the edifying of Your Church, and to the glory of Your holy Name;

*We beg You to hear us, good Lord.*

¶ *Here, at the Consecration of a Bishop shall be said,*

That it may please You to bless this our Brother elected, and to send Your grace upon him, that he may duly execute the Office whereunto he is called, to the edifying of Your Church, and to the honour, praise, and glory of Your Name;

*We beg You to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please You to guide by thine indwelling Spirit those whom You call to the Ministry of Your Church; that they may go forward with courage, and persevere unto the end;

*We beg You to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please You to increase the number of the Ministers of Your Church, that the Gospel may be preached to all people;

*We beg You to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please You to hasten the fulfilment of Your purpose, that Your Church may be one;

*We beg You to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please You to grant that we, with all Your saints, may be partakers of Your everlasting kingdom;

*We beg You to hear us, good Lord.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**O**UR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Or

**O**ur Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your Name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

*Minister:* Hearken unto our voice, O Lord, when we cry unto You;

*Answer:* Have mercy upon us and hear us.

*Minister:* O Lord, arise, help us;

*Answer:* And deliver us for Your Name's sake.

*Minister:* Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness;

*Answer:* And let Your saints sing with joyfulness.

*Minister:* Lord, hear our prayer;

*Answer:* And let our cry come unto You.

*Minister:* Let us pray.

**O** GOD, who does ever hallow and protect Your Church; Raise up therein, through Your Spirit, good and faithful stewards of the mysteries of Christ, that by their ministry and example Your people may abide in Your favour and be guided in the way of truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

## The Form of Consecration of a Church or Chapel

¶ *The following Office may be used with the Order for the Holy Communion, or at Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer, or separately.*

¶ *The Bishop is to be received at the entrance of the church or chapel by the church-wardens and vestrymen, or some other persons appointed for that purpose. The Bishop and the Clergy who are present shall go up the aisle of the church, or chapel, to the holy Table, repeating the following Psalm alternately, the Bishop beginning and the Clergy responding.*

**Domini est terra.** Psalm 24

THE earth is the LORD'S, and all that therein is;

\* the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

2 For He has founded it upon the seas,

\* and stablished it upon the floods.

3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD?

\* or who shall rise up in His holy place?

4 Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart;

\*and that has not lifted up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD,

\* and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6 This is the generation of them that seek him;

\* even of them that seek Your face, O God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O you gates; and be lifted up, you everlasting doors;

\* and the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who is this King of glory?

\* It is the LORD strong and mighty, even the LORD mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O you gates; and be lifted up, you everlasting doors;

\* and the King of glory shall come in.

10 Who is this King of glory?

\* Even the LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory.

*The Bishop and Clergy together.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

\*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *The Bishop shall go within the rails, with such of the Clergy as can be there accommodated. The Bishop, sitting in his chair; shall have the instruments of Donation and Endowment, if there be any, presented to him; and then standing up, and turning to the congregation, he shall say,*

**D**EARLY beloved in the Lord; forasmuch as devout and holy men, as well under the Law as under the Gospel, moved either by the express command of God, or by the secret inspiration of the blessed Spirit, and acting agreeably to their own reason and sense of the natural decency of things, have erected houses for the public worship of God, and separated them from all unhallowed, worldly, and common uses, in order to fill men's minds with greater reverence for His glorious Majesty, and affect their hearts with more devotion and humility in His service; which pious works have been approved of and graciously accepted by our heavenly Father; Let us not doubt but that He will also favourably approve our godly purpose of setting apart this place in solemn manner, for the several Offices of religious worship, and let us faithfully and devoutly beg His blessing on this our undertaking.

¶ *Then the Bishop, kneeling, shall say the following Prayer.*

**O** ETERNAL God, mighty in power, and of majesty incomprehensible, Whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands; and Who yet has been graciously pleased to promise Your especial presence, wherever two or three of Your faithful servants shall assemble in Your Name, to offer up their praises and supplications unto You; Guarantee, O Lord, to be present with us, who are here gathered together with all humility and readiness of heart, to consecrate this place to the honour of Your great Name; separating it henceforth from all unhallowed, ordinary, and common uses; and dedicating it to Your service, for reading Your holy Word, for celebrating Your holy Sacraments, for offering to Your glorious Majesty the sacrifices of prayer and thanksgiving, for blessing Your people in Your Name, and for all other holy offices: accept, O Lord, this service at our hands, and bless it with such success as may tend most to Your glory, and the furtherance of our happiness both temporal and spiritual; through Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

¶ *After this the Bishop shall stand up, and turning his face towards the congregation, shall say,*

**R**EGARD, O Lord, the supplications of Your servants, and grant that whosoever in this house shall be received by Baptism into the congregation of Christ's flock, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and may continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto his life's end. *Amen.*

**G**RANT, O Lord, that they who at this place shall in their own persons renew the promises and vows of their Baptism, and be Confirmed by the Bishop, may receive such a measure of Your Holy Spirit, that they may grow in grace unto their life's end. *Amen.*

**G**RANT, O Lord, that whosoever shall receive in this place the blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, may come to that holy ordinance with faith, charity, and true repentance; and being filled with Your grace and heavenly benediction, may, to their great and endless comfort, obtain remission of their sins, and all other benefits of His passion. *Amen.*

**G**RANT, O Lord, that by Your holy Word which shall be read and preached in this place, and by Your Holy Spirit grafting it inwardly in the heart, the hearers thereof may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and may have power and strength to fulfil the same. *Amen.*

**G**RANT, O Lord, that whosoever shall be joined together in this place in the holy estate of Matrimony, may faithfully perform and keep the vow and covenant between them made, and may remain in perfect love together unto their life's end. *Amen.*

**G**RANT, we beg You, blessed Lord, that whosoever shall draw near to You in this place, to give You thanks for the benefits which they have received at Your hands, to set forth Your most worthy praise, to confess their sins unto You, and to ask such things as are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as for the soul, may do it with such steadiness of faith, and with such seriousness, affection, and devotion of mind, that You may accept their bounden duty and service, and guarantee to give whatever in Your infinite wisdom You shall see to be most expedient for them. All which we beg for Jesus Christ's sake, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

¶ *Then, the Bishop sitting in his chair, the Sentence of Consecration is to be read by some person appointed by him, and*

*then laid by him upon the Communion Table; after which, the Bishop shall say,*

**BLESSED** be Your Name, O Lord, that it has pleased You to put it into the hearts of Your servants to appropriate and devote this house to Your honour and worship; and grant that all who shall enjoy the benefit of this pious work, may show forth their thankfulness, by making a right use of it, to the glory of Your blessed Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*¶ When there is a Communion, the following shall be the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel.*

### **The Collect**

**O** MOST glorious God, Whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain; Graciously accept the Dedication of this place to Your service; and grant that all who shall call upon You here may worship You in spirit and in truth, and may in their lives show forth Your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For the Epistle.** Revelation 21:2-5

Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.” Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.”

### **The Gospel.** St. John 2:13-17

Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business. When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers’ money and overturned the tables. And He said to those who sold doves, “Take these things away! Do not make My Father’s house a house of merchandise!” Then His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up.”

*¶ And immediately before the final Blessing, the Bishop shall say this Prayer.*

BLESSED be Your, O Lord God, for that it has pleased You have Your habitation among the sons of men, and to dwell in the midst of the assembly of the saints upon the earth; Grant, we beg You, that in this place now set apart to Your service, Your holy Name may be worshipped in truth and purity through all generations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## **The Form of the Public Reception of Presbyters**

*¶ After suitable Services and a Sermon, the Presbyter to be received shall be presented to the Bishop officiating, by a*

*Presbyter of this Church, saying,*

**REVEREND** Father in God, I present unto you this godly and well-learned Presbyter, to be received into the Ministry of this Church.

*¶ The Bishop, sitting in his chair, shall say to him that is presented,*

**REVEREND** Brother, it has been duly certified to us that you have been ordained to the holy Ministry in the Church, and now desire to exercise your Ministry in this Church.

**DO** you think in your heart, that you are truly called, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, and according to the Canons of this Church, to the Order and Ministry of Presbyter?

*Answer.* I think it.

*Bishop.* Are you persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contain all Doctrine required as necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ? And are you determined, out of the said Scriptures to instruct the people committed to your charge; and to teach nothing, as necessary to eternal salvation, but that which you shall be persuaded may be concluded and proved by the Scripture?

*Answer.* I am so persuaded, and have so determined, by God's grace.

*Bishop.* Will you then give your faithful diligence always so to minister the Doctrine and Sacraments, and the Discipline of Christ, as the Lord has commanded, and as this Church has received the same, according to the Commandments of God; so that you may teach the people committed to your cure and charge with all diligence to keep and observe the same?

*Answer.* I will so do, by the help of the Lord.

*Bishop.* Will you be ready, with all faithful diligence, to banish and drive away from the Church all erroneous and strange doctrines contrary to God's Word; and to use both public and private monitions and exhortations, as well to the sick as to the whole, within your cure, as need shall require, and occasion shall be given?

*Answer.* I will, the Lord being my helper.

*Bishop.* Will you be diligent in Prayers, and in reading the Holy Scriptures, and in such studies as help to the knowledge of the same, laying aside the study of the world and the flesh?

*Answer.* I will endeavour so to do, the Lord being my helper.

*Bishop.* Will you be diligent to frame and fashion your own self, and your family, according to the Doctrine of Christ; and to make both yourself and them, as much as in you lies, wholesome examples and patterns to the flock of Christ?

*Answer.* I will apply myself thereto, the Lord being my helper.

*Bishop.* Will you maintain and set forwards, as much as lies in you, quietness, peace, and love, among all Christian people, and especially among those who are or shall be committed to your charge?

*Answer.* I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

*Bishop.* Will you reverently obey your Bishop, and other chief Ministers, who may have the charge and government over you; following with a glad mind and will their godly



admonitions, and submitting yourself to their godly judgements?

*Answer.* I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

*Bishop.* Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*Answer.* Who has made heaven and earth.

*Bishop.* Let us pray.

¶ *All kneeling, and saying,*

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

*Or*

**O**ur Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your Name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

**M**OST merciful Father, we beg You to send upon this Your servant Your heavenly blessing; that he may be clothed with righteousness, and that Your Word spoken by his mouth may have such success, that it may never be spoken in vain. Grant also, that we may have grace to hear and receive what he shall deliver out of Your most holy Word, or agreeable to the same, as the means of our salvation; that in all our words and deeds we may seek Your glory, and the increase of Your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then, the Presbyter to be received kneeling, the officiating Bishop shall lay his hands upon him, and say,*

**R**EVEREND Brother, take Authority to execute in this Church the Office of a Presbyter, to which you have already been ordained. And be a faithful dispenser of the Word of God, and of His holy Sacraments; In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

¶ *Then the Bishop, or a Presbyter appointed by him, shall deliver a suitable Charge to the newly received Presbyter. After which a Hymn may be sung, followed by collects or extemporaneous prayer, closing with this Benediction.*

GOD the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless you, and keep you; the LORD make His Face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the LORD lift up His Countenance upon you, and give you peace. *Amen.*

### **An Office of Institution of Ministers into Parishes or Churches**

¶ *The Bishop having received due notice of the election of a Minister into a parish or church, as prescribed by the Canons of the Reformed Episcopal Church, and being satisfied that the person chosen is a qualified Minister of this Church, may*

*proceed to institute him into the parish.*

*¶ The following Office may be used with the Order for the Holy Communion, or at Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer, or separately.*

*¶ And note, That Psalm 122, Psalm 132, or Psalm 133 may be read; and further, That the appointed Lessons shall be Ezekiel 33:1-10 and St. John 10:1-18.*

*¶ In any Diocese, the concluding paragraph in the following Letter of Institution may be omitted, where it interferes with the usages, laws, or charters of the church in the same.*

To our well-beloved in Christ, *N. N.*, Presbyter, Greeting.

**W**E do by these presents give and grant unto you, in whose learning, diligence, sound doctrine, and prudence, we do fully confide, our License and Authority to perform the Office of a Presbyter, in the parish (*or church*) of \_\_\_\_\_. And also hereby do institute you into said parish, (*or church*), possessed of full power to perform every act of pastoral function among the people of the same; you continuing in communion with us, and complying with the rubrics and canons of the Church, and with such lawful directions as you shall at any time receive from us.

And as a canonically instituted Presbyter into the Office of Rector of \_\_\_\_\_ parish, (*or church*), you are faithfully to feed that portion of the flock of Christ which is now entrusted to you; not as a man-pleaser, but as continually bearing in mind that you are accountable to us here, and to the Chief Bishop and Sovereign Judge of all, hereafter.

And as the Lord has ordained that they who serve at the altar should live of the things belonging to the altar; so we authorize you to claim and enjoy all the accustomed temporalities appertaining to your cure, until some urgent reason or reasons occasion a wish in you, or in the congregation committed to your charge, to bring about a separation, and dissolution of all pastoral relation, between you and them; of all which you will give us due notice; and in case of any difference between you and your congregation, as to a separation and dissolution of all pastoral connection between you and them, we, your Bishop, with the advice of our Presbyters, are to be the ultimate arbiter and judge.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto affixed our episcopal seal and signature, at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. \_\_\_\_\_, and in the \_\_\_\_\_ year of our consecration.

*¶ At the time designated for the new Incumbent's Institution, the Bishop, or the Institutor appointed by him, attended by the new Incumbent, and by the other Clergy present, shall enter the Chancel. Then, all the Clergy present standing in the Chancel or Choir, except the Bishop, or the Presbyter who acts as Institutor, who shall go within the rails of the holy Table; the wardens (or, in case of their necessary absence, two members of the vestry) standing on the right and left of the Table, without the rails; the senior warden (or the member of the vestry supplying his place) holding the keys of the church in his hand, in open view, the Bishop, or the Presbyter who acts as the Institutor, shall say,*

**D**EARLY beloved in the Lord, we have assembled for the purpose of instituting the Rev. *N. N.* into this parish, (*or church*), as Presbyter and Rector of the same; and we are possessed of your vote that he has been so elected; as also of the prescribed Letter of Institution. But if any of you can show just cause why he may not be instituted, we proceed no further, because we would not that an unworthy person should minister among you.

*¶ If any objection be offered, the Bishop, or the Presbyter who acts as the Institutor, shall judge whether it afford just cause to suspend the Service.*

*¶ No objection being offered, or the Institutor choosing to go on with the Service, then shall be read the Letter of Institution.*

*¶ And then shall the senior warden (or the member of the vestry supplying his place) present the keys of the church to the new Incumbent, saying,*

**I**N the name and behalf of \_\_\_\_ parish (or church) I do receive and acknowledge you, the Rev. N. N., as Presbyter and Rector of the same; and in token thereof, give into your hands the keys of this church.

*¶ Then the new Incumbent shall say,*

**I** N. N. receive these keys of the house of God at your hands, as the pledges of my Institution, and of your parochial recognition, and promise to be a faithful shepherd over you; In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*¶ Here the Instituting Minister shall begin the Office, saying,*

The Lord be with you.

*Answer.* And with your spirit.

*Minister.* Let us pray.

DIRECT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Your most gracious favour, and further us with Your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in You, we may glorify Your holy Name, and finally, by Your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who has taught us to pray unto You, O Almighty Father, in His prevailing Name and words,

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

*Or*

**O**ur Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your Name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

*¶ Then shall the Institutor receive the Incumbent within the rails of the holy Table, and present him the Bible, Book of Common Prayer, and Books of Canons of the General Council and Diocese, saying,*

**R**ECEIVE these Books; and let them be the rule of your conduct in dispensing the divine Word, in leading the Devotions of the people, and in exercising the Discipline of the Church; and be in all things a pattern to the flock committed to your care.

*¶ Then shall be said or sung Exurgat Deus, Psalm 68, or Judica me, Domine, Psalm 26.*

*Minister.* The Law was given by Moses;

*People.* But Grace and Truth came by Jesus Christ:

*Minister and people.* Who is God over all, blessed for evermore. Amen.

*Minister.* Let us pray.

**M**OST gracious Father, the Giver of all good and perfect gifts, who of Your wise providence has appointed diverse Orders in Your Church; Give Your grace, we beg You, to Your servant, to whom the charge of this congregation is now committed; and so replenish him with the truth of Your doctrine, and empower him with innocency of life, that he may faithfully serve before You, to the glory of Your great Name, and the benefit of Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

**O** HOLY Jesus, Who has purchased to Yourself a universal Church, and has promised to be with the Ministers of Historic Succession to the end of the world; Be graciously pleased to bless the ministry and service of him who is now appointed to offer the sacrifices of prayer and praise to You in this house, which is called by Your Name. May the words of his mouth, and the meditation of his heart, be always acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, our Strength and our Redeemer. *Amen.*

**O** GOD, Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful, visit, we pray You, this congregation with Your love and favour; enlighten their minds more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel; graft in their hearts a love of the truth; increase in them true religion; nourish them with all goodness; and of Your great mercy keep them in the same, O blessed Spirit, Whom, with the Father and the Son together, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end. *Amen.*

### **Benediction**

THE God of peace, Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant; Make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight; through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*¶ Then shall the Instituted Minister kneel at the holy Table, to present his Supplication for himself, in this form.*

O LORD my God! I am not worthy that You should come under my roof; yet You have honoured Your servant with appointing him to stand in Your House, and to serve at thy holy Table. To You and to Your service I devote myself, body and soul, with all my powers and faculties. Fill my memory with the words of Your Law; enlighten mine understanding with the illumination of the Holy Spirit; and may all the wishes and desires of my will centre in what You have commanded. And, to make me instrumental in promoting the salvation of the people now committed to my charge, grant that I may faithfully administer Your holy Sacraments, and by my life and doctrine set forth Your true and lively Word. Be ever with me in the performance of all the duties of my ministry; in prayer, to quicken my devotion; in praises, to heighten my love and gratitude; and in preaching, to give a readiness of thought and expression suitable to the clearness and excellency of Your holy Word. Grant this for the sake of Jesus Christ Your Son our Saviour. *Amen.*

¶ The Instituted Minister, standing up, shall say,

The Lord be with you.

*Answer.* And with your spirit.

*Minister.* Let us pray.

**O** ALMIGHTY God, Who has built Your Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets,

Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner-stone; Grant that, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, all Christians may be so joined together in unity of spirit, and in the bond of peace, that they may be an holy temple acceptable unto You. And especially to this congregation present, give the abundance of Your grace; that with one heart they may desire the prosperity of Your holy Apostolic Church, and with one mouth may profess the faith once delivered to the saints. Defend them from the sins of heresy and schism; let not the foot of pride come near to hurt them, nor the hand of the ungodly to cast them down. And grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance, that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; that so they may walk in the ways of truth and peace, and at last be numbered with Your saints in glory everlasting; through the merits of the same Your blessed Son Jesus Christ, the gracious Bishop and Shepherd of our souls, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*¶ Then shall follow the Sermon, and after that, if there be a Communion, the Instituted Minister shall proceed to that Service, and to administer the holy Eucharist to his congregation; and after the Benediction, (which he shall always pronounce,) the wardens, vestry, and others shall salute and welcome him, bidding him God-speed.*

*¶ When the Bishop of the Diocese is present at the Institution of a Minister, he shall make to him the address, as prescribed in this Office in the form of a letter.*

**A Catechism**  
**That is to say, an Instruction to be learned by**  
**every person before he be brought to be**  
**Confirmed by the Bishop**

*QUESTION.* What is your Name?

*Answer.* N. or N. N.

*Question.* Who gave you this Name?

*Answer.* My Sponsors in Baptism; wherein I was made a member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven.

*Question.* What did your Sponsors then do for you?

*Answer.* They promised and vowed three things in my name: First, that I should renounce the devil and all his works, the pomp and vanity of this wicked world, and all the sinful lusts of the flesh; Secondly, that I should believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith; And Thirdly, that I should keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of my life.

*Question.* Do you not think that you are bound to believe, and to do, as they have promised for you?

*Answer.* Yes, indeed; and by God's help, so I will do. And I heartily thank our heavenly Father, that He has called me to this state of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. And I pray unto God to give me His grace, that I may continue in the same unto my life's end.

*Catechist.* Rehearse the Articles of your Belief.

*Answer.* I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven,

And sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

*Question.* What do you chiefly learn in these Articles of your Belief?

*Answer.* First, I learn to believe in God the Father, Who made me, and all the world.

Secondly, in God the Son, Who redeemed me, and all mankind.

Thirdly, in God the Holy Spirit, Who sanctifies me, and all the people of God.

*Catechist.* You said that your Sponsors promised for you, that you should keep God's Commandments. Tell me how many there are.

*Answer.* Ten.

*Question.* What are they?

*Answer.* The same which God spoke in the twentieth chapter of Exodus, saying, I am the LORD Your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

I. You shall have no other gods before Me.

II. YOU shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above, or on the earth beneath, or in the waters below; You shall not bow down to them nor worship them.

*For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.*

III. YOU shall not misuse the Name of the LORD your God,

*for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses His Name.*

IV. OBSERVE the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work:

*neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your. The LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.*

V. HONOUR your father and your mother,

*so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the LORD your God is giving you.*

VI. YOU shall not murder.

VII. YOU shall not commit adultery.

VIII. YOU shall not steal.

IX. YOU shall not give false testimony against your neighbour.

X. YOU shall not covet

*you shall not covet your neighbour's wife. You shall not set your desire on your neighbour's house or land, his manservant, nor maid servant, his ox or donkey, nor anything that belongs to your neighbour.*

*Question.* What do you chiefly learn by these Commandments?

*Answer.* I learn two things; my duty towards God, and my duty towards my neighbour.

*Question.* What is your duty towards God?

*Answer.* My duty towards God is To believe in Him, to fear Him, And to love Him with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength: To worship Him, to give Him thanks: To put my whole trust in Him, to call upon Him: To honour His holy Name and His Word: And to serve Him truly all the days of my life.

- Question.* What is your duty towards your neighbour?  
*Answer.* My duty towards my neighbour is To love him as myself, and to do to all men as I would they should do unto me: To love, honour, and succour my father and mother: To honour and obey the civil authority: To submit myself to all my governors, teachers, spiritual pastors and masters: To conduct myself humbly and reverently toward all my superiors: To hurt nobody by word or deed: To be true and just in all my dealings: To bear no malice nor hatred in my heart: To keep my hands from stealing, and my tongue from evil speaking, lying, and slandering: To keep my body in temperance, soberness, and chastity: Not to covet nor desire other men's goods; But to learn and labour truly to earn mine own living, And to do my duty in that state of life unto which it shall please God to call me.
- Catechist.* My good child, know this; that you are not able to do these things of yourself, nor to walk in the Commandments of God, and to serve Him, without His special grace; which you must learn at all times to call for by diligent prayer. Let me hear, therefore, if you can say the Lord's Prayer.  
*Answer.* Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.
- Question.* What do you desire of God in this Prayer?  
*Answer.* I desire my Lord God, our heavenly Father, Who is the giver of all goodness, to send His grace unto me, and to all people; that we may worship Him, serve Him, and obey Him, as we ought to do. And I pray unto God, that He will send us all things that are needful both for our souls and bodies; and that He will be merciful unto us, and forgive us our sins; and that it will please Him to save and defend us in all dangers both of soul and body; and that He will keep us from all sin and wickedness, and from our spiritual enemy, and from everlasting death. And this I trust He will do of his mercy and goodness, through our Lord Jesus Christ. And therefore I say, Amen, So be it.
- Question.* How many Sacraments hath Christ ordained in His Church?  
*Answer.* Two only, as generally necessary to salvation; that is to say, Baptism, and the Supper of the Lord.
- Question.* What do you mean by this word Sacrament?  
*Answer.* I mean an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace given unto us; ordained by Christ himself, as a means whereby we receive the same, and a pledge to assure us thereof.
- Question.* How many parts are there in a Sacrament?  
*Answer.* Two; the outward visible sign, and the inward spiritual grace.
- Question.* What is the outward visible sign or form in Baptism?  
*Answer.* Water; wherein the person is baptized, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

- Question.* What is the inward and spiritual grace?  
*Answer.* A death unto sin, and a new birth unto righteousness: for being by nature born in sin, and the children of wrath, we are hereby made the children of grace.
- Question.* What is required of persons to be baptized?  
*Answer.* Repentance, whereby they forsake sin; and Faith, whereby they steadfastly believe the promises of God made to them in that Sacrament.
- Question.* Why then are Infants baptized, when by reason of their tender age they cannot perform repentance and faith?  
*Answer.* Because they promise them both by their Sureties; which promise, when they come to age, they themselves are bound to perform.
- Question.* Why was the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper ordained?  
*Answer.* For the continual remembrance of the sacrifice of the death of Christ, and of the benefits which we receive thereby.
- Question.* What is the outward part or sign of the Lord's Supper?  
*Answer.* Bread and Wine, which the Lord hath commanded to be received.
- Question.* What is the inward part, or thing signified?  
*Answer.* The Body and Blood of Christ, which are spiritually taken and received by the faithful in the Lord's Supper.
- Question.* What are the benefits whereof we are partakers thereby?  
*Answer.* The strengthening and refreshing of our souls by the Body and Blood of Christ, as our bodies are by the Bread and Wine.
- Question.* What is required of those who come to the Lord's Supper?  
*Answer.* To examine themselves, whether they repent them truly of their former sins, steadfastly purposing to lead a new life; to have a lively faith in God's mercy through Christ, with a thankful remembrance of His death; and to be in charity with all men.

*¶ The Minister of every parish shall diligently, upon Sundays and Holy Days, or on some other convenient occasions, openly in the church, instruct or examine so many children of his parish, sent unto him, as he shall think convenient, in some part of this Catechism.*

*¶ And all fathers, mothers, and sponsors, shall cause their children, who have not learned their Catechism, to come to the church at the time appointed, and obediently to hear and to be ordered by the Minister, until such time as they have learned all that is here appointed for them to learn.*

*¶ So soon as children are come to a competent age, and can say the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, and can answer to the other questions of this short Catechism, they shall be brought to the Bishop.*

*¶ And whensoever the Bishop shall give notice for children to be brought unto him for their Confirmation, the Minister of every parish shall either bring, or send in writing, with his hand subscribed thereunto, the names of all such persons within his parish, as he shall think fit to be presented to the Bishop to be confirmed.*



**Family Prayer**  
**Forms of Prayer to be used in Families**  
*with*  
**Additional Prayers**

**Forms of Prayer**  
**to be used in Families**

¶ *After the reading of a brief portion of Holy Scripture, let the Head of the household, or some other member of the family, say as follows, Morning or Evening Prayer, all kneeling, and repeating with him the Lord's Prayer.*

**MORNING 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.

Or

**O**ur Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your Name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

¶ Here may follow the COLLECT OF THE DAY.

**Acknowledgement of God's Mercy and Preservation,**  
**especially through the Night Past**

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, in Whom we live and move and have our being; We, Your needy creatures, render You our humble praises, for Your preservation of us from the beginning of our lives to this day, and especially for having delivered us from the dangers of the past night. For these Your mercies, we bless and magnify Your glorious Name; humbly begging You to accept this our morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; for His sake who lay down in the grave, and rose again for us, Your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**Dedication of Soul and Body to God's Service,**  
**with a Resolution to be Growing Daily in Goodness**

**A**ND since it is of Your mercy, O gracious Father, that another day is added to our lives; We here dedicate both our souls and our bodies to You and Your service, in a sober, righteous, and godly life: in which resolution, do You, O merciful God, confirm and strengthen us; that, as we grow in age, we may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**Prayer for Grace to Enable Us**  
**to Perform that Resolution**

**B**UT, O God, who knows the weakness and corruption of our nature, and the manifold temptations

with which we daily meet; We humbly beg You to have compassion on our infirmities, and to give us the constant assistance of Your Holy Spirit; that we may be effectually restrained from sin, and incited to our duty. Imprint upon our hearts such a dread of Your judgements, and such a grateful sense of Your goodness to us, as may make us both afraid and ashamed to offend You. And, above all, keep in our minds a lively remembrance of that great day, in which we must give a strict account of our thoughts, words, and actions to Him Whom You has appointed the Judge of living and dead, Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**For Grace to Guide and Keep Us the Following Day,  
and for God's Blessing on the Business of the Same**

**I**N particular, we implore Your grace and protection for the ensuing day. Keep us temperate in all things, and diligent in our several callings. Grant us patience under our afflictions. Give us grace to be just and upright in all our dealings; quiet and peaceable; full of compassion; and ready to do good to all men, according to our abilities and opportunities. Direct us in all our ways. Defend us from all dangers and adversities; and be graciously pleased to take us, and all who are dear to us, under Your fatherly care and protection. These things, and whatever else You shall see to be necessary and convenient to us, we humbly beg, through the merits and mediation of Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

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.*

**EVENING PRAYER**

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

*Or*

**O**ur Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your Name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. *Amen*

¶ *Here may follow the COLLECT OF THE DAY.*

**Confession of Sins, with a Prayer for  
Contrition and Pardon**

**M**OST merciful God, Who are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and has promised forgiveness to all those who confess and forsake their sins; We come before You in an humble sense of our own unworthiness, acknowledging our manifold transgressions of Your righteous laws.\* But, O gracious Father, who desires not the death of a sinner, look upon us, we beg You, in mercy, and forgive us all our transgressions. Make us deeply sensible of the great evil of them; and work in us an hearty contrition; that we may obtain forgiveness at Your hands, Who art ever ready to receive humble and penitent sinners; for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen*

\* Here let him who reads make a short pause, that every one may secretly confess the sins and failings of that day.

### **Prayer for Grace to Reform and Grow Better**

**AND** lest, through our own frailty, or the temptations which encompass us, we be drawn again into sin; Guarantee us, we beg You, the direction and assistance of Your Holy Spirit. Reform whatever is amiss in the temper and disposition of our souls; that no unclean thoughts, unlawful designs, or inordinate desires, may rest there. Purge our hearts from envy, hatred, and malice; that we may never allow the sun to go down upon our wrath; but may always go to our rest in peace, charity, and good-will, with a conscience void of offence towards You, and towards men; that so we may be preserved pure and blameless, unto the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **The Intercession**

**AND** accept, O Lord, our intercessions for all mankind. Let the light of Your Gospel shine upon all nations; and may as many as have received it, live as becomes it. Be gracious unto Your Church; and grant that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may serve You faithfully. Bless all in authority over us; and so rule their hearts and strengthen their hands, that they may punish wickedness and vice, and maintain Your true religion and virtue. Send down Your blessings, temporal and spiritual, upon all our relations, friends, and neighbours. Reward all who have done us good, and pardon all those who have done or wish us evil, and give them repentance and better minds. Be merciful to all who are in any trouble; and do You, the God of pity, administer to them according to their several necessities; for His sake who went about doing good, Your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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### **The Thanksgiving**

**TO** our prayers, O Lord, we join our genuine thanks for all Your mercies; for our being, our reason, and all other endowments and faculties of soul and body; for our health, friends, food, and clothing, and all the other comforts and conveniences of life. Above all, we adore Your mercy in sending Your only Son into the world, to redeem us from sin and eternal death, and in giving us the knowledge and sense of our duty towards You. We bless You for Your patience with us, notwithstanding our many and great provocations; for all the directions, assistances, and comforts of Your Holy Spirit; for Your continual care and watchful providence over us through the whole course of our lives; and particularly for the mercies and benefits of the past day; begging You to continue these Your blessings to us, and to give us grace to show our thankfulness in a sincere obedience to His laws; through whose merits and intercession we received them all, Your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **Prayer for God's Protection through the Night Following**

**IN** particular, we beg You to continue Your gracious protection to us this night. Defend us from all dangers and mischiefs, and from the fear of them; that we may enjoy such refreshing sleep as may fit us for the duties of the coming day. And grant us grace always to live in such a state that we may never be afraid to die; so that, living and dying, we may be Yours, through the merits and satisfaction of Your Son Christ Jesus, in Whose Name we offer up these our imperfect prayers. *Amen.*

**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.*

**FAMILY PRAYER  
A SHORTER FORM**

**Morning Prayer**

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

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**O**ur Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your Name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

**O** LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, Who has safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with Your mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Here may be added any special Prayers.

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.*

**Evening Prayer**

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

*Or*

**O**ur Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your Name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

**L**IGHTEN our darkness, we beg You, O Lord; and by Your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Your only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *Here may be added any special Prayers.*

**T**HE LORD bless us and keep us. The LORD make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto

us. The LORD lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace, this night and evermore. *Amen.*

## ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

### For the Spirit of Prayer

**O** ALMIGHTY God, who pours out on all who desire it, the spirit of grace and of supplication; Deliver us, when we draw nigh to You, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections, we may worship You in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### In the Morning

**O** GOD, the King eternal, who divides the day from the darkness, and turns the shadow of death into the morning; Drive far off 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 the night comes, rejoice to give You thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, who alone gave us the breath of life, and alone can keep alive in us the holy desires You do impart; We beg You, for Your compassion's sake, to sanctify all our thoughts and endeavours; that we may neither begin an action without a pure intention nor continue it without Your blessing. And grant that, having the eyes of the mind opened to behold things invisible and unseen, we may in heart be inspired by Your wisdom, and in work be upheld by Your strength, and in the end be accepted of You as Your faithful servants; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen*

### At Night

**O** LORD, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in Your mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. *Amen.*

**O** GOD, Who are the life of mortal men, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labour, and the repose of the dead; We thank You for the timely blessings of the day, and humbly supplicate Your merciful protection all this night. Bring us, we beg You, in safety to the morning hours; through Him who died for us and rose again, Your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### Sunday Morning

**O** GOD, who makes us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of Your Son our Lord; Guarantee us this day such blessing through our worship of You, that the days to come may be spent in Your service; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### For Quiet Confidence

**O** GOD of peace, Who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength; By the might of Your Spirit lift us, we pray You, to Your presence, where we may be still and know that You are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **FAMILY PRAYER**

### **For Guidance**

**O** GOD, by Whom the meek are guided in judgement, and light rises up in darkness for the godly; Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what You would have us to do, that the Spirit of Wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in Your light we may see light, and in Your straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For Trustfulness**

**O** MOST loving Father, Who wills us to give thanks for all things, to dread nothing but the loss of You, and to cast all our care on You, who cares for us; Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which You Have manifested unto us in Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**O** HEAVENLY Father, You understand all Your children; through Your gift of faith we bring our perplexities to the light of Your wisdom, and receive the blessed encouragement of Your sympathy, and a clearer knowledge of Your will. Glory be to You for all Your gracious gifts. *Amen.*

### **For Joy in God's Creation**

**O** HEAVENLY Father, Who has filled the world with beauty; Open, we beg You, 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 by Whom all things were made, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For the Children**

**ALMIGHTY** God, heavenly Father, Who has blessed us with the joy and care of children; Give us light and strength so to train them, that they may love whatsoever things are true and pure and lovely and of good report, following the example of their Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **For the Absent**

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

### **For Those We Love**

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

### **For the Recovery of a Sick Person**

**O** MERCIFUL God, Giver of life and health; Bless, we pray You, Your servant, [N.], and those who administer to *him* of Your healing gifts; that *he* may be restored to health of body and of mind; through

Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For One about to Undergo an Operation**

**A**LMIGHTY God our heavenly Father, we beg You graciously to comfort Your servant in *his* suffering, and to bless the means made use of for *his* cure. Fill *his* heart with confidence, that though *he* be sometime afraid, *he* yet may put *his* trust in You; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For a Birthday**

**W**ATCH over Your child, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may be, keeping *him* unspotted from the world. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* fall; and in *his* heart may Your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For Those in Mental Darkness**

**O** HEAVENLY Father, we beg You to have mercy upon all Your children who are living in mental darkness. Restore them to strength of mind and cheerfulness of spirit, and give them health and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For a Blessing on the Families of the Land**

**A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, Who sets the solitary in families; We commend to Your continual care the homes in which Your people dwell. Put far from them, we beg You, every root of bitterness, the desire of vain-glory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy wedlock, have been made one flesh; turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to the fathers; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we be evermore kindly affectioned with brotherly love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For all Poor, Homeless, and Neglected Folk**

**O** GOD, Almighty and merciful, Who heals those who are broken in heart, and turns the sadness of the sorrowful to joy; Let Your fatherly goodness be upon all that You have made. Remember in pity such as are this day destitute, homeless, or forgotten of their fellow-men. Bless the congregation of Your poor. Uplift those who are cast down. Mightily befriend innocent sufferers, and sanctify to them the endurance of their wrongs. Cheer with hope all discouraged and unhappy people, and by Your heavenly grace preserve from falling those whose poverty tempts them to sin; though they be troubled on every side, suffer them not to be distressed; though they be perplexed, save them from despair. Grant this, O Lord, for the love of Him, Who for our sakes became poor, Your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **For Faithfulness in the Use of this World's Goods**

**A**LMIGHTY God, Whose loving hand has given us all that we possess; Grant us grace that we may honour You with our substance, and remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of Your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A General Intercession**

**O** GOD, at Whose word man goes forth to his work and to his labour until the evening; Be merciful to all whose duties are difficult or burdensome, and comfort them concerning their toil. Shield, from bodily accident and harm, the workmen at their work. Protect the efforts of sober and honest industry, and suffer not the hire of the labourers to be kept back by fraud. Incline the heart of employers and of those whom they employ to mutual forbearance, fairness, and good-will. Give the spirit of governance and of a sound mind to all in places of authority. Bless all those who labour in works of mercy or in schools of good learning. Care for all aged persons, and all little children, the sick and the afflicted, and those who travel by land or by sea. Remember all who by reason of weakness are overtaken, or because of poverty are forgotten. Let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before You; and according to the greatness of Your power, preserve those who are appointed to die. Give ear unto our prayer, O merciful and gracious Father, for the love of Your dear Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **Grace before Meat**

**B**LESS, O Father, Your gifts to our use and us to Your service; for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

**G**IVE us grateful hearts, our Father, for all Your mercies, and make us mindful of the needs of others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*