

The Convergent Prayer Book  
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Dear Friend,

The publication of this Prayer Book is a joyous event for the Convergent Christian Communion! This Prayer Book represents another step in our evolution, as a Communion, toward a more perfect balance of Christian Tradition. When our Communion formed in 2014, our founders envisioned a church that represented the best that Christian Tradition had to offer, and this Prayer Book represents another opportunity for us to show what that means. Because we pulled from our collective spiritual heritage, we know that you find familiarity within these pages, and maybe some things that are new.

The Convergent Christian Communion (CCC) exists within the Convergence and Independent Catholic Movements. We believe in promoting unity but not uniformity within the Church of Christ by bringing together the Sacramental/Catholic, Evangelical, and Charismatic streams of Christianity. Instead of the seeing the major branches of the Church as being in opposition to one another, we view them as being complementary. We recognize that Convergent Christianity in Phoenix does not look like Convergent Christianity in Dallas or Atlanta; considering this diversity, each local community is encouraged to modify and adapt these liturgies to reflect their own approach\*. Additionally, we view this Prayer Book as a living document so the officially published and endorsed version may change from time to time as we continue our conversations and growth on this journey together.

Finally, I wish to give thanks to the members of the CCC Liturgy Committee who have worked tirelessly over the past 5 years to bring us to this day. Your hard work and dedication are a testament to your passion and calling to the ministry of this Communion and the Church as a whole.

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Presiding Bishop

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# THE DAILY OFFICE

## **Additional Guidance**

*The Confession and Apostles' Creed may be omitted, provided they have been said once during the course of the day.*

*In the opening versicles, the Officiant and People may join in saying "Alleluia" (outside of Lent) as an alternative to the versicles "Praise the Lord/The Lord's name be praised."*

*The following form of the Gloria Patri may be used:*

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

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

*A sermon may also be preached after the Office or after the hymn or anthem (if sung) following the collects.*

# MORNING PRAYER

*The Officiant may begin Morning Prayer by reading an opening sentence of Scripture or another appropriate Scripture. The Confession of Sin may be said, or the Office may continue with "O Lord, open our lips."*

## Opening Sentences of Scripture

The Lord is in his holy temple. Let all the earth be silent before him! *Habakkuk 2:20*

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to Lord's house!" *Psalms 122:1*

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, Lord, my rock, 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, to your tents. *Psalms 43:3*

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

But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such to be his worshipers. *John 4:23*

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

## Confession of Sins

*The Officiant says to the People:*

Beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our Father, but confessing them with humble hearts so that we may recognize his forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. We should always humbly acknowledge our sins before God, but we should especially do so when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare him worthy of all our praise, to hear the holy Scripture, and to ask, for ourselves and others, those things which are necessary for our life. Therefore, come with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

*Or this*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Then all say one of the following*

### Form 1

Holy One, we confess to you that often we make excuses for not following the way you have called us to go. We have tried to argue and bargain with you to make the burden lighter. We confess that we too often do not look for you in the face of others, nor allow others to see you in our own actions. Too often we have doubted your presence and

failed to worship you with our lives. Make us more complete and faithful followers of you. We ask all these things through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

*Silence is kept for a moment. If the Officiant is an Elder, they may say the following*

God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Through Christ, we are freed to love one another, to forgive one another and to be forgiven. You are forgiven! We are given new life. With full and free hearts, let us answer God's gift with our praise, devotion and service.

*If the Officiant is not an Elder, they may say the following:*

Grant your faithful People, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Then all say.*

Amen

## **Form 2**

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

*Silence is kept for a moment. If the Officiant is an Elder, they may say the following:*

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

*If the Officiant is not an Elder, they may say the following:*

Grant your faithful People, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Then all say:*

Amen

## **The Invitatory**

*All standing*

*Officiant:* O Lord, open our lips;

*People:* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant:* O God, make speed to save us;

*People:* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

*People:* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be for ever and ever. Amen.

*Officiant:* Praise the Lord.

*People:* The Lord's name be praised.



*Then follows the Venite. Alternatively, the Jubilate may be used.  
These seasonal antiphons may be sung or said before and after the Invitatory Psalm.*

**Advent**

Our King and Savior now draws near: O come, let us adore him.

**Christmas**

Alleluia, to us a child is born: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

**Epiphany** through the Baptism of Christ and the Transfiguration  
The Lord has shown forth his glory: O come, let us adore him.

**Lent**

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O come, let us adore him.

**Easter until Ascension**

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

**Ascension until Pentecost**

Alleluia. Christ the Lord has ascended into heaven: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

**Pentecost and the week following**

Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth: O come, let us adore him.  
Alleluia.

**Trinity Sunday**

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God: O come, let us adore him.

**On feasts of the Incarnation**

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us: O come, let us adore him.

**On All Saints and other major saints' days**

The Lord is glorious in his saints: O come, let us adore him.

**Venite**     *O Come Psalm 95:1-7; 8-11*

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the People of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O, that today you would hearken to his voice!

*In Lent, and on other penitential occasions, the following verses are added.*

Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a People who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways." Therefore I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest."

**Jubilate** *Be Joyful Psalm 100*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his People and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his Name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

*During the first week of Easter, the Pascha Nostrum will be used in place of the Invitatory Psalm. It is appropriate to use this canticle throughout Eastertide.*

**Pascha Nostrum** *Christ our Passover* *1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast,  
not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.  
Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;  
death no longer has dominion over him.  
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.  
So also consider yourselves dead to sin,  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.  
Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since by a man came death,  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die,  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

*Then follows.*

**The Psalm or Psalms Appointed**

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

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

**The Lessons**

*The People sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading from....

*After each reading the Reader says:*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

*The People reply:*

Lord, open our hearts to your Word.

*The following Canticles (or appropriate song of praise) are sung or said after each of the lessons.*

**Te Deum Laudamus**      *We Praise You, O God*

We praise you, O God,

we acclaim you as Lord;  
all creation worships you,  
the Father everlasting.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,

The cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

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

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:

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

You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.

When you took our flesh to set us free  
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come to be our judge.

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

Save your People, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
govern and uphold them now and always.

Day by day we bless you;  
we praise your name for ever.

Keep us today, Lord, from all sin;  
have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, show us your love and mercy,  
for we have put our trust in you.

In you, Lord, is our hope,  
let us never be put to shame.

*During Lent the Benedictus es, Domine usually replaces the Te Deum but it may be used at other times as well.*

**Benedictus es, Domine**      *A Song of Praise*      *Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34*

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

**Benedictus**      *The Song of Zechariah*      *Luke 1:68-79*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;  
    he has come to his People and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior,  
    born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies,  
    from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers  
    and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,  
    to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear,  
    holy and righteous in his sight  
    all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
    for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his People knowledge of salvation  
    by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God  
    the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
    and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
    as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be for ever and ever. Amen.

*If desired, a sermon on the Morning Lessons may be delivered.*

## The Apostles' Creed

*Then Officiant and People together, all standing say:*

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

## The Prayers

*The People stand or kneel*

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you

*People:* And with your Spirit

*Officiant:* Let us pray

*In-between each petition all say*

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*After all the petitions are said, all say, pray or sing together*

### Form 1

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.

### Form 2

Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. Let your kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors. Bring us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

*Officiant:* O Lord, show us your mercy;

*People:* And grant us your salvation.

*Officiant:* O Lord, save our nations;

*People:* And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Officiant:* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*People:* And make your chosen People joyful.

*Officiant:* O Lord, save your People;

*People:* And bless your inheritance.

*Officiant:* Give peace in our time, O Lord;  
*People:* For only in you can we live in safety.

*Officiant:* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*People:* Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Officiant:* Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*People:* And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

## **The Collect of the Day**

### **A Collect for Strength to Await Christ's Return (Sunday)**

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered death and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steal us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **A Collect for the Renewal of Life (Monday)**

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

### **A Collect for Peace (Tuesday)**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is joy unspeakable and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us from our enemies; that we may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **A Collect for Grace (Wednesday)**

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day: Defend us by your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor run into any danger; and that guided by your Spirit, we may do what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **A Collect for Guidance (Thursday)**

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

### **A Collect for Endurance (Friday)**

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

### **A Collect for Sabbath Rest (Saturday)**

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all anxieties, may be prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your People in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Before the close of the Office one or both of the following may be used and said in unison*

### **The General Thanksgiving**

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

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

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

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

*From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to the preceding versicle and response. The Officiant may invite the People to join in one of the Graces.*

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

*Or this*

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. *Romans 15:13*

*Or this*

Now to him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to him be the glory in the assembly and in Christ Jesus to all generations for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20-21*

# MIDDAY PRAYER

*The Officiant may begin Midday Prayer with a responsive greeting.*

## Greeting

*Officiant* :O God, make speed to save us;

*All*: O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant*: Glory be to Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

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

*Silence is kept for a moment. Then, one or more of the following, or some other suitable Psalm, is sung or said.*

Psalm 119:105-112 | Psalm 121 | Psalm 124 | Psalm 126

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

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Lessons

*One of the following, or some other suitable passage of Scripture, is read*

Now is the judgment of this world. Now the prince of this world will be cast out. And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all People to myself.” *John 12:31-32*

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away. Behold, all things have become new. But all things are of God, who reconciled us to himself through Jesus Christ, and gave to us the ministry of reconciliation. *2 Cor 5:17-18*

For from the rising of the sun even to its going down, my name is great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering: for my name is great among the nations. *Malachi 1:11*

Be sober and self-controlled. Be watchful. Your adversary, the devil, walks around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Withstand him steadfast in your faith, knowing that your brothers who are in the world are undergoing the same sufferings.

*1 Peter 5:8-9*

*After each reading the Reader says:*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

*The People reply:*

Lord, open our hearts to your word.

## The Prayers

*Officiant*: Kyrie eleison. *All*: Lord, have mercy

*Officiant*: Christe eleison *All*: Christ, have mercy

*Officiant*: Kyrie eleison. *All*: Lord, have mercy

*After all the petitions are said, all say, pray or sing:*



## Form 1

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.

## Form 2

Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. Let your Kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors. Bring us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

*Officiant:* O Lord, hear our prayer;

*All:* And let our cry come to you.

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects. Other appropriate Collects may also be used.*

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

Almighty Savior, who at mid-day called your servant Saint Paul to be an apostle to the Gentiles: We pray you to illumine the world with the radiance of your glory, that all nations may come and worship you; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Father of all mercies, you revealed your boundless compassion to your apostle Saint Peter in a three-fold vision: Forgive our unbelief, we pray, and so strengthen our hearts and enkindle our zeal, that we may fervently desire the salvation of all People, and diligently labor in the extension of your kingdom; through him who gave himself for the life of the world, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his Cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*Silence may be kept, and other intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

*From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost, "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to the preceding versicle and response.*

*The Officiant may conclude with this, or one of the other concluding sentences from Morning and Evening Prayer.*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, God's love, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen. *2 Cor 13:14*

*Additional Directions: Other suitable selections from the Psalter include Psalms 19, 67, one or more sections of Psalm 119, or a selection from Psalms 120 through 133.*

*Either version of the Lord's Prayer may be ended with, "deliver us from evil. Amen." omitting the concluding doxology.*

# EVENING PRAYER

*The Officiant may begin Evening Prayer by reading an opening sentence of Scripture or another appropriate Scripture. The Confession of Sin may be said, or the Office may continue with "O Lord, open our lips."*

## Opening Sentences of Scripture

The Lord is in his holy temple. Let all the earth be silent before him! *Habakkuk 2:20*

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to Lord's house!" *Psalms 122:1*

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, Lord, my rock, 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, to your tents. *Psalms 43:3*

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

But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such to be his worshipers. *John 4:23*

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

## Confession of Sins

*The Officiant says to the People:*

Beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our Father, but confessing them with humble hearts so that we may recognize his forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. We should always humbly acknowledge our sins before God, but we should especially do so when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare him worthy of all our praise, to hear the holy Scripture, and to ask, for ourselves and others, those things which are necessary for our life. Therefore, come with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

*Or this*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept for a moment, then all say or sing together*

### Form 1

Holy One, we confess to you that often we make excuses for not following the way you have called us to go. We have tried to argue and bargain with you to make the burden lighter. We confess that we too often do not look for you in the face of others, nor allow others to see you in our own actions. Too often we have doubted your presence and

failed to worship you with our lives. Make us more complete and faithful followers of you. We ask all these things through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

*Silence is kept for a moment. If the Officiant is an Elder, they may say the following*

God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Through Christ, we are freed to love one another, to forgive one another and to be forgiven. You are forgiven! We are given new life. With full and free hearts, let us answer God's gift with our praise, devotion and service.

*If the Officiant is not an Elder, they may say the following:*

Grant your faithful People, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Then all say:*

Amen

## **Form 2**

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

*Silence is kept for a moment. If the Officiant is an Elder, they may say the following*

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

*If the Officiant is not an Elder, they may say the following*

Grant your faithful People, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Then all say:*

Amen

## **The Invitatory**

*All stand.*

*Officiant:* O Lord, open our lips;

*People:* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant:* O God, make speed to save us;

*People:* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant:* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

*People:* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be for ever and ever. Amen.

*Officiant:* Praise the Lord.

*People:* The Lord's name be praised.

*The following or some other suitable hymn or Psalm may be sung or said*

**Phos hilaron**      *O Gladsome Light*

O gladsome light,  
pure brightness of the ever-living Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!  
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing praises to God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

*Then follows.*

**The Psalm or Psalms Appointed**

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

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, for ever and ever. Amen

**The Lessons**

*The People sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying:*

A Reading from....

*After each reading the Reader says:*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

*The People reply:*

Lord, open our hearts to your word.

*The following Canticles are normally sung or said after each of the Lessons, or a song of praise may be used.*

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

My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.  
For he has regarded  
the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold, from now on,  
all generations will call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty has magnified me,  
and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on those who fear him,  
throughout all generations.  
He has shown the strength of his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He has brought down the mighty from their thrones,  
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 fathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.  
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 for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Lord, 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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be for ever and ever.

## The Prayers

*The People stand or kneel.*

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you

*People:* And also with your spirit

*Officiant:* Let us pray..

*In-between each petition all say:*

*Officiant:* Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*After all the petitions are said, all say, pray or sing:*

### Form 1

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.

### Form 2

Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. Let your kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors. Bring us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

*Officiant:* O Lord, show us your mercy;

*People:* And grant us your salvation.

*Officiant:* O Lord, save our nations;

*People:* And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Officiant:* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*People:* And make your chosen People joyful.

*Officiant:* O Lord, save your People;  
*People:* And bless your inheritance.

*Officiant:* Give peace in our time, O Lord;  
*People:* For only in you can we live in safety.

*Officiant:* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*People:* Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Officiant:* Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*People:* And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

## **The Collect of the Day**

### **A Collect for Resurrection Hope (Sunday)**

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

### **A Collect for Peace (Monday)**

O God, the source of all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: Give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

### **A Collect for Aid Against Perils (Tuesday)**

Lighten our darkness, we beseech 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 Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **A Collect for Protection (Wednesday)**

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

### **A Collect for the Presence of Christ (Thursday)**

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.

### **A Collect for Faith (Friday)**

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

### **A Collect for the Eve of Worship (Saturday)**

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

### **The General Thanksgiving**

*Before the close of the Office one or both of the following may be used and said in unison.*

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

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

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

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

*From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to the preceding versicle and response. The Officiant may invite the People to join in one of the Graces.*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, God's love, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

*Or this*

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Romans 15:13*

*Or this*

Now to him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to him be the glory in the assembly and in Christ Jesus to all generations for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20-21*



# COMPLINE

*Officiant:* The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end.

*All:* Amen

*Officiant:* Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*All:* The maker of heaven and earth.

## Confession of Sins

*The Officiant says to the People:*

Beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our Father, but confessing them with humble hearts so that we may recognize his forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. We should always humbly acknowledge our sins before God, but we should especially do so when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare him worthy of all our praise, to hear the holy Scripture, and to ask, for ourselves and others, those things which are necessary for our life. Therefore, come with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

*Or this*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept for a moment, then all say:*

### Form 1

Holy One, we confess to you that often we make excuses for not following the way you have called us to go. We have tried to argue and bargain with you to make the burden lighter. We confess that we too often do not look for you in the face of others, nor allow others to see you in our own actions. Too often we have doubted your presence and failed to worship you with our lives. Make us more complete and faithful followers of you. We ask all these things through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

*Silence is kept for a moment. If the Officiant is an Elder, they may say the following:*

God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Through Christ, we are freed to love one another, to forgive one another and to be forgiven. You are forgiven! We are given new life. With full and free hearts, let us answer God's gift with our praise, devotion and service.

*If the Officiant is not an Elder, they may say the following:*

Grant your faithful People, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Then all say:*

Amen

### Form 2

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

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

*Silence is kept for a moment. If the Officiant is an Elder, they may say the following:*

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

*If the Officiant is not an Elder, they may say the following:*

Grant your faithful People, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Then all say:*

Amen

## The Invitatory

*Officiant:* O God, make speed to save us;

*All:* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

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

*One or more of the following, or some other suitable Psalm, is sung or said.*

Psalm 4 | Psalm 34:1-6 | Psalm 91 | Psalm 134

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

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Lessons

*One of the following, or some other suitable passage of Scripture, is read*

Surely, Lord, you are with us! We are your People; do not abandon us. *Jeremiah 14:9*

“Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” *Matthew 11:28-30*

Now may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead the great shepherd of the sheep with the blood of an eternal covenant, our Lord Jesus, make you complete 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 the glory for ever and ever. Amen. *Hebrews 13:20-21*

Be sober. Be watchful. Your adversary, the devil, walks around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Withstand him steadfast in your faith, knowing that your brothers who are in the world are undergoing the same sufferings. *1 Peter 5:8-9*

*Then after the reading the Reader says:*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

*The People reply:*

Lord, open our hearts to your word.

*A period of silence may follow. A suitable hymn may be sung.*

## Prayers

*Officiant:* Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

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

*Officiant:* Keep me, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

*People:* Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

*Officiant:* Kyrie eleison.     *All:* Lord, have mercy

*Officiant:* Christe eleison   *All:* Christ, have mercy

*Officiant:* Kyrie eleison.     *All:* Lord, have mercy

*Then all say, pray or sing together*

### Form 1

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.

### Form 2

Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. Let your kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors. Bring us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects. Other appropriate Collects may also be used.*

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

Lighten our darkness, we beseech 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 Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, illumine this night with your celestial brightness, and from the children of light banish the deeds of darkness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## A Collect for Saturdays

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

*One of the following may be added:*

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

*or this*

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

*Silence may be kept, and other intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered. All say or sing the Song of Simeon:*

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

Lord, 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.

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 for ever and ever.

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

*In Easter Season, add Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*The Officiant concludes with the following*

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

*Additional Directions*

*A Bishop or Priest, if present, may pronounce absolution after the confession.*

*For those saying Compline every day, particularly in families or other communities, additional short Scriptural readings may be desired. Some appropriate readings include:*

*Isaiah 26:3-4 | Isaiah 30:15 | Matthew 6:31-34 | 2 Corinthians 4:6 | 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10 |  
1 Thessalonians 5:23 | Ephesians 4:26-27*

*Either version of the Lord's Prayer may be ended with, "deliver us from evil. Amen." omitting the concluding doxology.*

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*It is traditional to use sections I and VI. Other petitions may be added from sections II, III, IV and V. The first petition in section III is used as an introductory petition when others are included from section III, IV &/or V.*

## Section I.

*Officiant:* Holy God our Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

*People:* Have mercy on us.

*Officiant:* Holy God made flesh, Redeemer of the world,

*People:* Have mercy on us.

*Officiant:* Holy God, ever present Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,

*People:* Have mercy on us.

*Officiant:* Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Spirit, one God

*People:* Have mercy on us.

*Officiant:* Holy Mary, Life-giving spring, Theotokos,

*People:* Pray for us.

*Officiant:* All holy choirs of Angels and Archangels, and all holy orders of blessed Spirits,

*People:* Pray for us.

*Officiant:* All holy Matriarchs, Patriarchs, and Prophets; Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, and Virgins; and all the blessed Company of Heaven,

*People:* Pray for us.

## Section II.

*Officiant:* Remember not our sins against you, O God. Preserve us in your will so that we persevere until the glorious day of your appearing.

*People:* Jesus strengthen us.

*Officiant:* From all blindness of heart; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,

*People:* Jesus deliver us.

*Officiant:* From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,

*People:* Jesus deliver us.

*Officiant:* From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, the flesh and our adversary,

*People:* Jesus deliver us.

*Officiant:* From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared,  
*People:* Jesus deliver us.

*Officiant:* In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of  
judgment,  
*People:* Jesus deliver us.

*Officiant:* By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience;  
by your baptism, fasting and temptation,  
*People:* Jesus deliver us.

*Officiant:* By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching  
of your reign,  
*People:* Jesus deliver us.

*Officiant:* By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and  
burial,  
*People:* Jesus deliver us.

*Officiant:* By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the  
Holy Spirit,  
*People:* Jesus deliver us.

### **Section III.**

*Officiant:* Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.  
*People:* Hear us Lord.

*Officiant:* Govern and direct your holy Church Universal; fill it with love and truth; and grant  
it that unity which is your will.  
*People:* Hear us Lord.

*Officiant:* Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all  
the nations.  
*People:* Hear us Lord.

*Officiant:* Enlighten your bishops, elders/priests, and deacons (especially \_) with knowledge  
and understanding, that by their teaching and their example they may proclaim  
your word.  
*People:* Hear us Lord.

*Officiant:* Give your People grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your  
Spirit.  
*People:* Hear us Lord.

*Officiant:* Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

*People:* Hear us Lord.

*Officiant:* Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down the adversary under our feet.

*People:* Hear us Lord.

#### **Section IV.**

*Officiant:* Guide the leaders of this world into the ways of peace and justice.

*People:* Hear us Lord.

*Officiant:* Give your wisdom and strength to those who are in civil authority that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good.

*People:* Hear us Lord.

*Officiant:* Give to the leaders of this nation, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth.

*People:* Hear us Lord.

*Officiant:* Bless those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your People.

*People:* Hear us Lord.

*Officiant:* Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.

*People:* Hear us Lord.

*Officiant:* Bless and keep all your People,

*People:* Hear us Lord.

#### **Section V.**

*Officiant:* Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved (especially \_) and the oppressed.

*People:* Hear us Lord.

*Officiant:* Keep in safety those who travel (especially \_) and all who are in peril.

*People:* Hear us Lord.

*Officiant:* Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit (especially \_) and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

*People:* Hear us Lord.

*Officiant:* Guard and protect all children who are in danger.



*People:* Hear us Lord.

*Officiant:* Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

*People:* Hear us Lord.

*Officiant:* Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

*People:* Hear us Lord.

*Officiant:* Hear us as we remember those who have died (especially \_\_\_\_ ) and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

*People:* Hear us Lord.

## **Section VI.**

*Officiant:* Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

*All:* Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal; have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal; have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal; have mercy on us.

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 for ever and ever. Amen.

Holy and Immortal; have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal; have mercy on us.

# THE PSALTER

# GENERAL DETAILS CONCERNING THE PSALTER

## Concerning the Psalter

The Psalter is a body of liturgical poetry. It is designed for vocal, congregational use, whether by singing or reading. There are several traditional methods of psalmody. The exclusive use of a single method makes the recitation of the Psalter needlessly monotonous. The traditional methods, each of which can be elaborate or simple, are the following:

**Direct recitation denotes** the reading or chanting of a whole psalm, or portion of a psalm, in unison. It is particularly appropriate for the psalm verses suggested in the lectionary for use between the Lessons at the Eucharist, when the verses are recited rather than sung, and may often be found a satisfactory method of chanting them.

**Antiphonal recitation** is the verse-by-verse alternation between groups of singers or readers, e.g., between choir and congregation, or between one side of the congregation and the other. The alternate recitation concludes either with the *Gloria Patri*, or with a refrain (called the antiphon) recited in unison. This is probably the most satisfying method for reciting the psalms in the Daily Office.

**Responsorial recitation** is the name given to a method of psalmody in which the verses of a psalm are sung by a solo voice, with the choir and congregation singing a refrain after each verse or group of verses. This was the traditional method of singing the *Venite*, and the restoration of Invitatory Antiphons for the *Venite* makes possible a recovery of this form of sacred song in the Daily Office. It was also a traditional manner of chanting the psalms between the Lessons at the Eucharist, and it is increasingly favored by modern composers.

**Responsive recitation** is the method which has been most frequently used in Anglican churches, the minister alternating with the congregation, verse by verse.

The version of the Psalms which follows is set out in lines of poetry. The lines correspond to Hebrew versification, which is not based on meter or rhyme, but on parallelism of clauses, a symmetry of form and sense. The parallelism can take the form of similarity (The waters have lifted up, O Lord / the waters have lifted up their voice; / the waters have lifted up their pounding waves. *Psalms 93:4*), or of contrast (The Lord knows the ways of the righteous; / but the way of the wicked is doomed. *Psalms 1:6*), or of logical expansion (Our eyes look to the Lord our God, / until he show us his mercy. *Psalms 123:3*).

The most common verse is a couplet, but triplets are very frequent, and quatrains are not unknown, although quatrains are usually distributed over two verses.

An asterisk divides each verse into two parts for reading or chanting. In reading, a distinct pause should be made at the asterisk.

Three terms are used in the Psalms with reference to God: *Elohim* (“God”), *Adonai* (“Lord”) and the personal name *YHWH*. The “Four-letter Name” (Tetragrammaton) is probably to be vocalized Yahweh; but this is by no means certain, because from very ancient times it has been considered too sacred to be pronounced; and, whenever it occurred, *Adonai* was

substituted for it. In the oldest manuscripts, the Divine Name was written in antique and obsolete letters; in more recent manuscripts and in printed Bibles, after the invention of vowel points, the Name was provided with the vowels of the word *Adonai*. This produced a hybrid form which has been transliterated “Jehovah.”

The Hebrew reverence and reticence with regard to the Name of God has been carried over into the classical English versions, the Prayer Book Psalter and the King James Old Testament, where it is regularly rendered “Lord”. In order to distinguish it, however, from “Lord” as a translation of *Adonai*, *YHWH* is represented in capital and small capital letters: LORD.

From time to time, the Hebrew text has *Adonai* and *YHWH* in conjunction. Then, the Hebrew custom is to substitute *Elohim* for *YHWH*, and our English tradition follows suit, rendering the combined title as “Lord GOD.”

In two passages (Psalm 68:4 and Psalm 83:18), the context requires that the Divine Name be spelled out, and it appears as YAHWEH. A similar construction occurs in the Canticle, “The Song of Moses.”

The ancient praise shout, “Hallelujah,” has been restored, in place of its English equivalent, “Praise the Lord.” The Hebrew form has been used, rather than the Latin form “Alleluia,” as being more appropriate to this context; but also to regain for our liturgy a form of the word that is familiar from its use in many well-known anthems. The word may, if desired, be omitted during the season of Lent.

NOTE: The Psalter that follows is an unaltered version of the Psalter as it appears in the Book of Common Prayer (1979) of The Episcopal Church.

# BOOK ONE: PSALMS 1-41

## First Day: Morning Prayer

### 1 **Beatus vir qui non abiit**

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of  
the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when  
judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

### 2 **Quare fremuerunt gentes?**

- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar? \*  
Why do the Peoples mutter empty threats?
- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,  
and the princes plot together, \*  
against the Lord and against his Anointed?
- 3 “Let us break their yoke,” they say; \*  
“let us cast off their bonds from us.”
- 4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; \*  
the Lord has them in derision.
- 5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, \*  
and his rage fills them with terror.

- 6 "I myself have set my king \*  
upon my holy hill of Zion."
- 7 Let me announce the decree of the Lord: \*  
he said to me, "You are my Son;  
this day have I begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for  
your inheritance \*  
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- 9 You shall crush them with an iron rod \*  
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
- 10 And now, you kings, be wise; \*  
be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- 11 Submit to the Lord with fear, \*  
and with trembling bow before him;
- 12 Lest he be angry and you perish; \*  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
- 13 Happy are they all \*  
who take refuge in him!

### **3 Domine, quid multiplicati**

- 1 Lord, how many adversaries I have! \*  
how many there are who rise up against me!
- 2 How many there are who say of me, \*  
"There is no help for him in his God."
- 3 But you, O Lord, are a shield about me; \*  
you are my glory, the one who lifts up my head.
- 4 I call aloud upon the Lord, \*  
and he answers me from his holy hill;
- 5 I lie down and go to sleep; \*  
I wake again, because the Lord sustains me.
- 6 I do not fear the multitudes of People \*

who set themselves against me all around.

7 Rise up, O Lord; set me free, O my God; \*  
surely, you will strike all my enemies across the face,  
you will break the teeth of the wicked.

8 Deliverance belongs to the Lord. \*  
Your blessing be upon your People!

#### **4 Cum invocarem**

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **5 Verba mea auribus**

1 Give ear to my words, O LORD; \*  
consider my meditation.

2 Hearken to my cry for help, my King and my God, \*  
for I make my prayer to you.

- 3 In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; \*  
early in the morning I make my appeal and watch for you.
- 4 For you are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, \*  
and evil cannot dwell with you.
- 5 Braggarts cannot stand in your sight; \*  
you hate all those who work wickedness.
- 6 You destroy those who speak lies; \*  
the bloodthirsty and deceitful, O LORD, you abhor.
- 7 But as for me, through the greatness of your mercy I will  
go into your house; \*  
I will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of you.
- 8 Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness,  
because of those who lie in wait for me; \*  
make your way straight before me.
- 9 For there is no truth in their mouth; \*  
there is destruction in their heart;
- 10 Their throat is an open grave; \*  
they flatter with their tongue.
- 11 Declare them guilty, O God; \*  
let them fall, because of their schemes.
- 12 Because of their many transgressions cast them out, \*  
for they have rebelled against you.
- 13 But all who take refuge in you will be glad; \*  
they will sing out their joy for ever.
- 14 You will shelter them, \*  
so that those who love your Name may exult in you.
- 15 For you, O LORD, will bless the righteous; \*  
you will defend them with your favor as with a shield.

### **First Day: Evening Prayer**

#### **6 Domine, ne in furore**



- 1 Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger; \*  
do not punish me in your wrath.
- 2 Have pity on me, Lord, for I am weak; \*  
heal me, Lord, for my bones are racked.
- 3 My spirit shakes with terror; \*  
how long, O Lord, how long?
- 4 Turn, O Lord, and deliver me; \*  
save me for your mercy's sake.
- 5 For in death no one remembers you; \*  
and who will give you thanks in the grave?
- 6 I grow weary because of my groaning; \*  
every night I drench my bed  
and flood my couch with tears.
- 7 My eyes are wasted with grief \*  
and worn away because of all my enemies.
- 8 Depart from me, all evildoers, \*  
for the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping.
- 9 The Lord has heard my supplication; \*  
the Lord accepts my prayer.
- 10 All my enemies shall be confounded and quake with fear; \*  
they shall turn back and suddenly be put to shame.

**7 Domine, Deus meus**

- 1 O Lord my God, I take refuge in you; \*  
save and deliver me from all who pursue me;
- 2 Lest like a lion they tear me in pieces \*  
and snatch me away with none to deliver me.
- 3 O Lord my God, if I have done these things: \*  
if there is any wickedness in my hands,
- 4 If I have repaid my friend with evil, \*  
or plundered him who without cause is my enemy;

- 5 Then let my enemy pursue and overtake me, \*  
trample my life into the ground,  
and lay my honor in the dust.
- 6 Stand up, O Lord, in your wrath; \*  
rise up against the fury of my enemies.
- 7 Awake, O my God, decree justice; \*  
let the assembly of the Peoples gather round you.
- 8 Be seated on your lofty throne, O Most High; \*  
O Lord, judge the nations.
- 9 Give judgment for me according to my  
righteousness, O Lord, \*  
and according to my innocence, O Most High.
- 10 Let the malice of the wicked come to an end,  
but establish the righteous; \*  
for you test the mind and heart, O righteous God.
- 11 God is my shield and defense; \*  
he is the savior of the true in heart.
- 12 God is a righteous judge; \*  
God sits in judgment every day.
- 13 If they will not repent, God will whet his sword; \*  
he will bend his bow and make it ready.
- 14 He has prepared his weapons of death; \*  
he makes his arrows shafts of fire.
- 15 Look at those who are in labor with wickedness, \*  
who conceive evil, and give birth to a lie.
- 16 They dig a pit and make it deep \*  
and fall into the hole that they have made.
- 17 Their malice turns back upon their own head; \*  
their violence falls on their own scalp.
- 18 I will bear witness that the Lord is righteous; \*

I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

**8 Domine, Dominus noster**

- 1 O Lord our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children \*  
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \*  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \*  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? \*  
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; \*  
you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*  
you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, \*  
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O Lord our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

**Second Day: Morning Prayer**

**9 Confitebor tibi**

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; \*  
I will tell of all your marvelous works.
- 2 I will be glad and rejoice in you; \*  
I will sing to your Name, O Most High.
- 3 When my enemies are driven back, \*  
they will stumble and perish at your presence.

- 4 For you have maintained my right and my cause; \*  
you sit upon your throne judging right.
- 5 You have rebuked the ungodly and destroyed the wicked; \*  
you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.
- 6 As for the enemy, they are finished, in perpetual ruin, \*  
their cities ploughed under, the memory of them perished;
- 7 But the Lord is enthroned for ever; \*  
he has set up his throne for judgment.
- 8 It is he who rules the world with righteousness; \*  
he judges the Peoples with equity.
- 9 The Lord will be a refuge for the oppressed, \*  
a refuge in time of trouble.
- 10 Those who know your Name will put their trust in you, \*  
for you never forsake those who seek you, O Lord.
- 11 Sing praise to the Lord who dwells in Zion; \*  
proclaim to the Peoples the things he has done.
- 12 The Avenger of blood will remember them; \*  
he will not forget the cry of the afflicted.
- 13 Have pity on me, O Lord; \*  
see the misery I suffer from those who hate me,  
O you who lift me up from the gate of death;
- 14 So that I may tell of all your praises  
and rejoice in your salvation \*  
in the gates of the city of Zion.
- 15 The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug, \*  
and in the snare they set is their own foot caught.
- 16 The Lord is known by his acts of justice; \*  
the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.
- 17 The wicked shall be given over to the grave, \*  
and also all the Peoples that forget God.

- 18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, \*  
and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.
- 19 Rise up, O Lord, let not the ungodly have the upper hand; \*  
let them be judged before you.
- 20 Put fear upon them, O Lord; \*  
let the ungodly know they are but mortal.

### **10 Ut quid, Domine?**

- 1 Why do you stand so far off, O Lord, \*  
and hide yourself in time of trouble?
- 2 The wicked arrogantly persecute the poor, \*  
but they are trapped in the schemes they have devised.
- 3 The wicked boast of their heart's desire; \*  
the covetous curse and revile the Lord.
- 4 The wicked are so proud that they care not for God; \*  
their only thought is, "God does not matter."
- 5 Their ways are devious at all times;  
your judgments are far above out of their sight; \*  
they defy all their enemies.
- 6 They say in their heart, "I shall not be shaken; \*  
no harm shall happen to me ever."
- 7 Their mouth is full of cursing, deceit, and oppression; \*  
under their tongue are mischief and wrong.
- 8 They lurk in ambush in public squares  
and in secret places they murder the innocent; \*  
they spy out the helpless.
- 9 They lie in wait, like a lion in a covert;  
they lie in wait to seize upon the lowly; \*  
they seize the lowly and drag them away in their net.
- 10 The innocent are broken and humbled before them; \*  
the helpless fall before their power.

- 11 They say in their heart, “God has forgotten; \*  
he hides his face; he will never notice.”
- 12 Rise up, O Lord;  
lift up your hand, O God; \*  
do not forget the afflicted.
- 13 Why should the wicked revile God? \*  
why should they say in their heart, “You do not care”?
- 14 Surely, you behold trouble and misery; \*  
you see it and take it into your own hand.
- 15 The helpless commit themselves to you, \*  
for you are the helper of orphans.
- 16 Break the power of the wicked and evil; \*  
search out their wickedness until you find none.
- 17 The Lord is King for ever and ever; \*  
the ungodly shall perish from his land.
- 18 The Lord will hear the desire of the humble; \*  
you will strengthen their heart and your ears shall hear;
- 19 To give justice to the orphan and oppressed, \*  
so that mere mortals may strike terror no more.

### **11 In Domino confido**

- 1 In the Lord have I taken refuge; \*  
how then can you say to me,  
“Fly away like a bird to the hilltop;
- 2 For see how the wicked bend the bow  
and fit their arrows to the string, \*  
to shoot from ambush at the true of heart.
- 3 When the foundations are being destroyed, \*  
what can the righteous do?”
- 4 The Lord is in his holy temple; \*  
the Lord’s throne is in heaven.

- 5 His eyes behold the inhabited world; \*  
his piercing eye weighs our worth.
- 6 The Lord weighs the righteous as well as the wicked, \*  
but those who delight in violence he abhors.
- 7 Upon the wicked he shall rain coals of fire and  
burning sulphur; \*  
a scorching wind shall be their lot.
- 8 For the Lord is righteous;  
he delights in righteous deeds; \*  
and the just shall see his face.

### **Second Day: Evening Prayer**

#### **12 *Salvum me fac***

- 1 Help me, Lord, for there is no godly one left; \*  
the faithful have vanished from among us.
- 2 Everyone speaks falsely with his neighbor; \*  
with a smooth tongue they speak from a double heart.
- 3 Oh, that the Lord would cut off all smooth tongues, \*  
and close the lips that utter proud boasts!
- 4 Those who say, “With our tongue will we prevail; \*  
our lips are our own; who is lord over us?”
- 5 “Because the needy are oppressed,  
and the poor cry out in misery, \*  
I will rise up,” says the Lord,  
“and give them the help they long for.”
- 6 The words of the Lord are pure words, \*  
like silver refined from ore  
and purified seven times in the fire.
- 7 O Lord, watch over us \*  
and save us from this generation for ever.
- 8 The wicked prowl on every side, \*  
and that which is worthless is highly prized by everyone.

### 13 **Usquequo, Domine?**

- 1 How long, O Lord?  
will you forget me for ever? \*  
how long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,  
and grief in my heart, day after day? \*  
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?
- 3 Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God; \*  
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
- 4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," \*  
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.
- 5 But I put my trust in your mercy; \*  
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.
- 6 I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly; \*  
I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

### 14 **Dixit insipiens**

- 1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." \*  
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;  
there is none who does any good.
- 2 The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, \*  
to see if there is any who is wise,  
if there is one who seeks after God.
- 3 Every one has proved faithless;  
all alike have turned bad; \*  
there is none who does good; no, not one.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers \*  
who eat up my People like bread  
and do not call upon the Lord?
- 5 See how they tremble with fear, \*  
because God is in the company of the righteous.
- 6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, \*  
but the Lord is their refuge.



7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! \*  
when the Lord restores the fortunes of his People,  
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

### **Third Day: Morning Prayer**

#### **15 *Domine, quis habitabit?***

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

#### **16 *Conserva me, Domine***

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
upon those who are noble among the People.

3 But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

- 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

## 17 Exaudi, Domine

- 1 Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord;  
give heed to my cry; \*  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- 2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; \*  
let your eyes be fixed on justice.
- 3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, \*  
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- 4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; \*  
I have heeded the words of your lips.
- 5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; \*  
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.
- 6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; \*  
incline your ear to me and hear my words.
- 7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, \*  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand

from those who rise up against them.

- 8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; \*  
hide me under the shadow of your wings,
- 9 From the wicked who assault me, \*  
from my deadly enemies who surround me.
- 10 They have closed their heart to pity, \*  
and their mouth speaks proud things.
- 11 They press me hard,  
now they surround me, \*  
watching how they may cast me to the ground,
- 12 Like a lion, greedy for its prey, \*  
and like a young lion lurking in secret places.
- 13 Arise, O Lord; confront them and bring them down; \*  
deliver me from the wicked by your sword.
- 14 Deliver me, O Lord, by your hand \*  
from those whose portion in life is this world;
- 15 Whose bellies you fill with your treasure, \*  
who are well supplied with children  
and leave their wealth to their little ones.
- 16 But at my vindication I shall see your face; \*  
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding  
your likeness.

### **Third Day: Evening Prayer**

#### ***18 Part I Diligam te, Domine.***

- 1 I love you, O Lord my strength, \*  
O Lord my stronghold, my crag, and my haven.
- 2 My God, my rock in whom I put my trust, \*  
my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge;  
you are worthy of praise.
- 3 I will call upon the Lord, \*  
and so shall I be saved from my enemies.

- 4 The breakers of death rolled over me, \*  
and the torrents of oblivion made me afraid.
- 5 The cords of hell entangled me, \*  
and the snares of death were set for me.
- 6 I called upon the Lord in my distress \*  
and cried out to my God for help.
- 7 He heard my voice from his heavenly dwelling; \*  
my cry of anguish came to his ears.
- 8 The earth reeled and rocked; \*  
the roots of the mountains shook;  
they reeled because of his anger.
- 9 Smoke rose from his nostrils  
and a consuming fire out of his mouth; \*  
hot burning coals blazed forth from him.
- 10 He parted the heavens and came down \*  
with a storm cloud under his feet.
- 11 He mounted on cherubim and flew; \*  
he swooped on the wings of the wind.
- 12 He wrapped darkness about him; \*  
he made dark waters and thick clouds his pavilion.
- 13 From the brightness of his presence, through the clouds, \*  
burst hailstones and coals of fire.
- 14 The Lord thundered out of heaven; \*  
the Most High uttered his voice.
- 15 He loosed his arrows and scattered them; \*  
he hurled thunderbolts and routed them.
- 16 The beds of the seas were uncovered,  
and the foundations of the world laid bare, \*  
at your battle cry, O Lord,  
at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.

17 He reached down from on high and grasped me; \*  
he drew me out of great waters.

18 He delivered me from my strong enemies  
and from those who hated me; \*  
for they were too mighty for me.

19 They confronted me in the day of my disaster; \*  
but the Lord was my support.

20 He brought me out into an open place; \*  
he rescued me because he delighted in me.

**Psalm 18: Part II Et retribuēt mihi**

21 The Lord rewarded me because of my righteous dealing; \*  
because my hands were clean he rewarded me;

22 For I have kept the ways of the Lord \*  
and have not offended against my God;

23 For all his judgments are before my eyes, \*  
and his decrees I have not put away from me;

24 For I have been blameless with him \*  
and have kept myself from iniquity;

25 Therefore the Lord rewarded me according to my  
righteous dealing, \*  
because of the cleanness of my hands in his sight.

26 With the faithful you show yourself faithful, O God; \*  
with the forthright you show yourself forthright.

27 With the pure you show yourself pure, \*  
but with the crooked you are wily.

28 You will save a lowly People, \*  
but you will humble the haughty eyes.

29 You, O Lord, are my lamp; \*  
my God, you make my darkness bright.

30 With you I will break down an enclosure; \*

with the help of my God I will scale any wall.

- 31 As for God, his ways are perfect;  
the words of the Lord are tried in the fire; \*  
he is a shield to all who trust in him.
- 32 For who is God, but the Lord? \*  
who is the Rock, except our God?
- 33 It is God who girds me about with strength \*  
and makes my way secure.
- 34 He makes me sure-footed like a deer \*  
and lets me stand firm on the heights.
- 35 He trains my hands for battle \*  
and my arms for bending even a bow of bronze.
- 36 You have given me your shield of victory; \*  
your right hand also sustains me;  
your loving care makes me great.
- 37 You lengthen my stride beneath me, \*  
and my ankles do not give way.
- 38 I pursue my enemies and overtake them; \*  
I will not turn back till I have destroyed them.
- 39 I strike them down, and they cannot rise; \*  
they fall defeated at my feet.
- 40 You have girded me with strength for the battle; \*  
you have cast down my adversaries beneath me;  
you have put my enemies to flight.
- 41 I destroy those who hate me;  
they cry out, but there is none to help them; \*  
they cry to the Lord, but he does not answer.
- 42 I beat them small like dust before the wind; \*  
I trample them like mud in the streets.
- 43 You deliver me from the strife of the Peoples; \*

you put me at the head of the nations.

- 44 A People I have not known shall serve me;  
no sooner shall they hear than they shall obey me; \*  
strangers will cringe before me.
- 45 The foreign Peoples will lose heart; \*  
they shall come trembling out of their strongholds.
- 46 The Lord lives! Blessed is my Rock! \*  
Exalted is the God of my salvation!
- 47 He is the God who gave me victory \*  
and cast down the Peoples beneath me.
- 48 You rescued me from the fury of my enemies;  
you exalted me above those who rose against me; \*  
you saved me from my deadly foe.
- 49 Therefore will I extol you among the nations, O Lord, \*  
and sing praises to your Name.
- 50 He multiplies the victories of his king; \*  
he shows loving-kindness to his anointed,  
to David and his descendants for ever.

#### **Fourth Day: Morning Prayer**

##### ***19 Cæli enarrant***

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect  
and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the Lord are just  
and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the Lord is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean  
and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.

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

## **20 Exaudiat te Dominus**

1 May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble, \*  
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;



- 2 Send you help from his holy place \*  
and strengthen you out of Zion;
- 3 Remember all your offerings \*  
and accept your burnt sacrifice;
- 4 Grant you your heart's desire \*  
and prosper all your plans.
- 5 We will shout for joy at your victory  
and triumph in the Name of our God; \*  
may the Lord grant all your requests.
- 6 Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed; \*  
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,  
with the victorious strength of his right hand.
- 7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, \*  
but we will call upon the Name of the Lord our God.
- 8 They collapse and fall down, \*  
but we will arise and stand upright.
- 9 O Lord, give victory to the king \*  
and answer us when we call.

**21 Domine, in virtute tua**

- 1 The king rejoices in your strength, O Lord; \*  
how greatly he exults in your victory!
- 2 You have given him his heart's desire; \*  
you have not denied him the request of his lips.
- 3 For you meet him with blessings of prosperity, \*  
and set a crown of fine gold upon his head.
- 4 He asked you for life, and you gave it to him: \*  
length of days, for ever and ever.
- 5 His honor is great, because of your victory; \*  
splendor and majesty have you bestowed upon him.

- 6 For you will give him everlasting felicity \*  
and will make him glad with the joy of your presence.
- 7 For the king puts his trust in the Lord; \*  
because of the loving-kindness of the Most High, he  
will not fall.
- 8 Your hand will lay hold upon all your enemies; \*  
your right hand will seize all those who hate you.
- 9 You will make them like a fiery furnace \*  
at the time of your appearing, O Lord;
- 10 You will swallow them up in your wrath, \*  
and fire shall consume them.
- 11 You will destroy their offspring from the land \*  
and their descendants from among the Peoples of the earth.
- 12 Though they intend evil against you  
and devise wicked schemes, \*  
yet they shall not prevail.
- 13 For you will put them to flight \*  
and aim your arrows at them.
- 14 Be exalted, O Lord, in your might; \*  
we will sing and praise your power.

#### **Fourth Day: Evening Prayer**

#### **22 *Deus, Deus meus***

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \*  
and are so far from my cry  
and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \*  
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, \*  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; \*  
they trusted, and you delivered them.

- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; \*  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, \*  
scorned by all and despised by the People.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 “He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; \*  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \*  
and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \*  
you were my God when I was still in my  
mother’s womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \*  
and there is none to help.
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me; \*  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me, \*  
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water;  
all my bones are out of joint; \*  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;  
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; \*  
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
- 16 Packs of dogs close me in,  
and gangs of evildoers circle around me; \*  
they pierce my hands and my feet;  
**I** can count all my bones.
- 17 They stare and gloat over me; \*

they divide my garments among them;  
they cast lots for my clothing.

- 18 Be not far away, O Lord; \*  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- 19 Save me from the sword, \*  
my life from the power of the dog.
- 20 Save me from the lion's mouth, \*  
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- 21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; \*  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- 22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them; \*  
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who  
worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a People yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

### **23 Dominus regit me**

1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those  
who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

### **Fifth Day: Morning Prayer**

#### **24 Domini est terra**

1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, \*  
the world and all who dwell therein.

2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas \*  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

3 "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? \*  
and who can stand in his holy place?"

4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, \*  
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,  
nor sworn by what is a fraud.

5 They shall receive a blessing from the Lord \*

and a just reward from the God of their salvation.”

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, \*  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 “Who is this King of glory?” \*  
“The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord, mighty in battle.”

9 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 “Who is he, this King of glory?” \*  
“The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory.”

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

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
- 10 For your Name's sake, O Lord, \*  
forgive my sin, for it is great.
- 11 Who are they who fear the Lord? \*  
he will teach them the way that they should choose.
- 12 They shall dwell in prosperity, \*  
and their offspring shall inherit the land.
- 13 The Lord is a friend to those who fear him \*  
and will show them his covenant.
- 14 My eyes are ever looking to the Lord, \*  
for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.
- 15 Turn to me and have pity on me, \*  
for I am left alone and in misery.
- 16 The sorrows of my heart have increased; \*  
bring me out of my troubles.
- 17 Look upon my adversity and misery \*  
and forgive me all my sin.
- 18 Look upon my enemies, for they are many, \*  
and they bear a violent hatred against me.
- 19 Protect my life and deliver me; \*  
let me not be put to shame, for I have trusted in you.
- 20 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, \*  
for my hope has been in you.

21 Deliver Israel, O God, \*  
out of all his troubles.

## 26 **Judica me, Domine**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, \*  
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,

10 Whose hands are full of evil plots, \*  
and their right hand full of bribes.

11 As for me, I will live with integrity; \*  
redeem me, O Lord, and have pity on me.

12 My foot stands on level ground; \*  
in the full assembly I will bless the Lord.

## **Fifth Day: Evening Prayer**

### **27 *Dominus illuminatio***



- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear? \*  
the Lord is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, \*  
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who  
stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, \*  
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, \*  
yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord;  
one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days  
of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord \*  
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe  
in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

- 13 You have been my helper;  
cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, \*  
the Lord will sustain me.
- 15 Show me your way, O Lord; \*  
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, \*  
for false witnesses have risen up against me,  
and also those who speak malice.
- 17 What if I had not believed  
that I should see the goodness of the Lord \*  
in the land of the living!
- 18 O tarry and await the Lord=s pleasure;  
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; \*  
wait patiently for the Lord.

**28 Ad te, Domine**

- 1 O Lord, I call to you;  
my Rock, do not be deaf to my cry; \*  
lest, if you do not hear me,  
I become like those who go down to the Pit.
- 2 Hear the voice of my prayer when I cry out to you, \*  
when I lift up my hands to your holy of holies.
- 3 Do not snatch me away with the wicked or with the  
evildoers, \*  
who speak peaceably with their neighbors,  
while strife is in their hearts.
- 4 Repay them according to their deeds, \*  
and according to the wickedness of their actions.
- 5 According to the work of their hands repay them, \*  
and give them their just deserts.

- 6 They have no understanding of the Lord's doings,  
nor of the works of his hands; \*  
therefore he will break them down and not  
build them up.
- 7 Blessed is the Lord! \*  
for he has heard the voice of my prayer.
- 8 The Lord is my strength and my shield; \*  
my heart trusts in him, and I have been helped;
- 9 Therefore my heart dances for joy, \*  
and in my song will I praise him.
- 10 The Lord is the strength of his People, \*  
a safe refuge for his anointed.
- 11 Save your People and bless your inheritance; \*  
shepherd them and carry them for ever.

## **29 Afferte Domino**

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the Lord \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The Lord shall give strength to his People; \*  
the Lord shall give his People the blessing of peace.

### **Sixth Day: Morning Prayer**

#### ***30 Exaltabo te, Domine***

1 I will exalt you, O Lord,  
because you have lifted me up \*  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

2 O Lord my God, I cried out to you, \*  
and you restored me to health.

3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; \*  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

4 Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; \*  
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, \*  
his favor for a lifetime.

6 Weeping may spend the night, \*  
but joy comes in the morning.

7 While I felt secure, I said,  
"I shall never be disturbed. \*  
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as  
the mountains."

8 Then you hid your face, \*  
and I was filled with fear.

9 I cried to you, O Lord; \*

I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

10 “What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? \*  
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; \*  
O Lord, be my helper.”

12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; \*  
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; \*  
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

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

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

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

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

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

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

6 I hate those who cling to worthless idols, \*  
and I put my trust in the Lord.

7 I will rejoice and be glad because of your mercy; \*  
for you have seen my affliction;  
you know my distress.

8 You have not shut me up in the power of the enemy; \*  
you have set my feet in an open place.

- 9 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; \*  
my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat and my belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my years with sighing; \*  
my strength fails me because of affliction,  
and my bones are consumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and  
even to my neighbors,  
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; \*  
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*  
I am as useless as a broken pot.
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;  
fear is all around; \*  
they put their heads together against me;  
they plot to take my life.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. \*  
I have said, "You are my God.
- 15 My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me."
- 17 Lord, let me not be ashamed for having called upon you; \*  
rather, let the wicked be put to shame;  
let them be silent in the grave.
- 18 Let the lying lips be silenced which speak against  
the righteous, \*  
haughtily, disdainfully, and with contempt.
- 19 How great is your goodness, O Lord!  
which you have laid up for those who fear you; \*  
which you have done in the sight of all

for those who put their trust in you.

20 You hide them in the covert of your presence from those  
who slander them; \*  
you keep them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.

21 Blessed be the Lord! \*  
for he has shown me the wonders of his love in a  
besieged city.

22 Yet I said in my alarm,  
“I have been cut off from the sight of your eyes.” \*  
Nevertheless, you heard the sound of my entreaty  
when I cried out to you.

23 Love the Lord, all you who worship him; \*  
the Lord protects the faithful,  
but repays to the full those who act haughtily.

24 Be strong and let your heart take courage, \*  
all you who wait for the Lord.

### **Sixth Day: Evening Prayer**

#### **32 *Beati quorum***

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!

2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, \*  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.

4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.

6 I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” \*  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in

time of trouble; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

8 You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

9 “I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you  
should go; \*  
I will guide you with my eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you.”

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; \*  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

### **33 Exultate, justi**

1 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; \*  
it is good for the just to sing praises.

2 Praise the Lord with the harp; \*  
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.

3 Sing for him a new song; \*  
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

4 For the word of the Lord is right, \*  
and all his works are sure.

5 He loves righteousness and justice; \*  
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.

6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, \*  
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.

7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin \*  
and stores up the depths of the sea.



- 8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; \*  
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; \*  
he commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught; \*  
he thwarts the designs of the Peoples.
- 11 But the Lord's will stands fast for ever, \*  
and the designs of his heart from age to age.
- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! \*  
happy the People he has chosen to be his own!
- 13 The Lord looks down from heaven, \*  
and beholds all the People in the world.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze \*  
on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them \*  
and understands all their works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; \*  
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; \*  
for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, \*  
on those who wait upon his love,
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, \*  
and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the Lord; \*  
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, \*  
for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, \*

as we have put our trust in you.

### **34 Benedicam Dominum**

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; \*  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord; \*  
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; \*  
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me \*  
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, \*  
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me \*  
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, \*  
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; \*  
happy are they who trust in him!
- 9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, \*  
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \*  
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
- 11 Come, children, and listen to me; \*  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- 12 Who among you loves life \*  
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking \*  
and your lips from lying words.
- 14 Turn from evil and do good; \*

seek peace and pursue it.

- 15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, \*  
and his ears are open to their cry.
- 16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, \*  
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
- 17 The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them \*  
and delivers them from all their troubles.
- 18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted \*  
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.
- 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, \*  
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.
- 20 He will keep safe all his bones; \*  
not one of them shall be broken.
- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked, \*  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
- 22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, \*  
and none will be punished who trust in him.

### **Seventh Day: Morning Prayer**

#### **35 Judica, Domine**

- 1 Fight those who fight me, O Lord; \*  
attack those who are attacking me.
- 2 Take up shield and armor \*  
and rise up to help me.
- 3 Draw the sword and bar the way against those  
who pursue me; \*  
say to my soul, "I am your salvation."
- 4 Let those who seek after my life be shamed and humbled; \*  
let those who plot my ruin fall back and be dismayed.
- 5 Let them be like chaff before the wind, \*  
and let the angel of the Lord drive them away.

- 6 Let their way be dark and slippery, \*  
and let the angel of the Lord pursue them.
- 7 For they have secretly spread a net for me without a cause; \*  
without a cause they have dug a pit to take me alive.
- 8 Let ruin come upon them unawares; \*  
let them be caught in the net they hid;  
let them fall into the pit they dug.
- 9 Then I will be joyful in the Lord; \*  
I will glory in his victory.
- 10 My very bones will say, "Lord, who is like you? \*  
You deliver the poor from those who are too strong for them,  
the poor and needy from those who rob them."
- 11 Malicious witnesses rise up against me; \*  
they charge me with matters I know nothing about.
- 12 They pay me evil in exchange for good; \*  
my soul is full of despair.
- 13 But when they were sick I dressed in sack-cloth \*  
and humbled myself by fasting;
- 14 I prayed with my whole heart,  
as one would for a friend or a brother; \*  
I behaved like one who mourns for his mother,  
bowed down and grieving.
- 15 But when I stumbled, they were glad and gathered together;  
they gathered against me; \*  
strangers whom I did not know tore me to pieces and  
would not stop.
- 16 They put me to the test and mocked me; \*  
they gnashed at me with their teeth.
- 17 O Lord, how long will you look on? \*  
rescue me from the roaring beasts,  
and my life from the young lions.

- 18 I will give you thanks in the great congregation; \*  
I will praise you in the mighty throng.
- 19 Do not let my treacherous foes rejoice over me, \*  
nor let those who hate me without a cause  
wink at each other.
- 20 For they do not plan for peace, \*  
but invent deceitful schemes against the  
quiet in the land.
- 21 They opened their mouths at me and said, \*  
“Aha! we saw it with our own eyes.”
- 22 You saw it, O Lord; do not be silent; \*  
O Lord, be not far from me.
- 23 Awake, arise, to my cause! \*  
to my defense, my God and my Lord!
- 24 Give me justice, O Lord my God,  
according to your righteousness; \*  
do not let them triumph over me.
- 25 Do not let them say in their hearts,  
“Aha! just what we want!” \*  
Do not let them say, “We have swallowed him up.”
- 26 Let all who rejoice at my ruin be ashamed and disgraced; \*  
let those who boast against me be clothed with  
dismay and shame.
- 27 Let those who favor my cause sing out with joy and be glad; \*  
let them say always, “Great is the Lord,  
who desires the prosperity of his servant.”
- 28 And my tongue shall be talking of your righteousness \*  
and of your praise all the day long.

### **36 Dixit injustus**

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

- 2 He flatters himself in his own eyes \*  
that his hateful sin will not be found out.
- 3 The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful; \*  
he has left off acting wisely and doing good.
- 4 He thinks up wickedness upon his bed  
and has set himself in no good way; \*  
he does not abhor that which is evil.
- 5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, \*  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,  
your justice like the great deep; \*  
you save both man and beast, O Lord.
- 7 How priceless is your love, O God! \*  
your People take refuge under the  
shadow of your wings.
- 8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; \*  
you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- 9 For with you is the well of life, \*  
and in your light we see light.
- 10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, \*  
and your favor to those who are true of heart.
- 11 Let not the foot of the proud come near me, \*  
nor the hand of the wicked push me aside.
- 12 See how they are fallen, those who work wickedness! \*  
they are cast down and shall not be able to rise.

### **Seventh Day: Evening Prayer**

#### ***37 Noli æmulari - Part I***

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; \*  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, \*  
and like the green grass fade away.

- 3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; \*  
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 Take delight in the Lord, \*  
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, \*  
and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light \*  
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the Lord \*  
and wait patiently for him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, \*  
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; \*  
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, \*  
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.
- 11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; \*  
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
- 12 But the lowly shall possess the land; \*  
they will delight in abundance of peace.
- 13 The wicked plot against the righteous \*  
and gnash at them with their teeth.
- 14 The Lord laughs at the wicked, \*  
because he sees that their day will come.
- 15 The wicked draw their sword and bend their bow  
to strike down the poor and needy, \*  
to slaughter those who are upright in their ways.
- 16 Their sword shall go through their own heart, \*  
and their bow shall be broken.

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

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

### **37 Novit Dominus Part II**

19 The Lord cares for the lives of the godly, \*  
and their inheritance shall last for ever.

20 They shall not be ashamed in bad times, \*  
and in days of famine they shall have enough.

21 As for the wicked, they shall perish, \*  
and the enemies of the Lord, like the glory of  
the meadows, shall vanish;  
they shall vanish like smoke.

22 The wicked borrow and do not repay, \*  
but the righteous are generous in giving.

23 Those who are blessed by God shall possess the land, \*  
but those who are cursed by him shall be destroyed.

24 Our steps are directed by the Lord; \*  
he strengthens those in whose way he delights.

25 If they stumble, they shall not fall headlong, \*  
for the Lord holds them by the hand.

26 I have been young and now I am old, \*  
but never have I seen the righteous forsaken,  
or their children begging bread.

27 The righteous are always generous in their lending, \*  
and their children shall be a blessing.

28 Turn from evil, and do good, \*  
and dwell in the land for ever.

29 For the Lord loves justice; \*  
he does not forsake his faithful ones.



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

## **Eighth Day: Morning Prayer**

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

- 1 O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger; \*  
do not punish me in your wrath.
- 2 For your arrows have already pierced me, \*  
and your hand presses hard upon me.
- 3 There is no health in my flesh,  
because of your indignation; \*  
there is no soundness in my body, because of my sin.
- 4 For my iniquities overwhelm me; \*  
like a heavy burden they are too much for me to bear.
- 5 My wounds stink and fester \*  
by reason of my foolishness.
- 6 I am utterly bowed down and prostrate; \*  
I go about in mourning all the day long.
- 7 My loins are filled with searing pain; \*  
there is no health in my body.
- 8 I am utterly numb and crushed; \*  
I wail, because of the groaning of my heart.
- 9 O Lord, you know all my desires, \*  
and my sighing is not hidden from you.
- 10 My heart is pounding, my strength has failed me, \*  
and the brightness of my eyes is gone from me.
- 11 My friends and companions draw back from my affliction; \*  
my neighbors stand afar off.
- 12 Those who seek after my life lay snares for me; \*  
those who strive to hurt me speak of my ruin  
and plot treachery all the day long.
- 13 But I am like the deaf who do not hear, \*  
like those who are mute and do not open their mouth.

- 14 I have become like one who does not hear \*  
and from whose mouth comes no defense.
- 15 For in you, O Lord, have I fixed my hope; \*  
you will answer me, O Lord my God.
- 16 For I said, “Do not let them rejoice at my expense, \*  
those who gloat over me when my foot slips.”
- 17 Truly, I am on the verge of falling, \*  
and my pain is always with me.
- 18 I will confess my iniquity \*  
and be sorry for my sin.
- 19 Those who are my enemies without cause are mighty, \*  
and many in number are those who wrongfully hate me.
- 20 Those who repay evil for good slander me, \*  
because I follow the course that is right.
- 21 O Lord, do not forsake me; \*  
be not far from me, O my God.
- 22 Make haste to help me, \*  
O Lord of my salvation.

### **39 Dixi, Custodiam**

- 1 I said, “I will keep watch upon my ways, \*  
so that I do not offend with my tongue.
- 2 I will put a muzzle on my mouth \*  
while the wicked are in my presence.”
- 3 So I held my tongue and said nothing; \*  
I refrained from rash words;  
but my pain became unbearable.
- 4 My heart was hot within me;  
while I pondered, the fire burst into flame; \*  
I spoke out with my tongue:
- 5 Lord, let me know my end and the number of my days, \*

so that I may know how short my life is.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 Turn your gaze from me, that I may be glad again, \*  
before I go my way and am no more.

#### **40 Expectans, expectavi**

1 I waited patiently upon the Lord; \*  
he stooped to me and heard my cry.

2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; \*  
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

- 3 He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God; \*  
many shall see, and stand in awe,  
and put their trust in the Lord.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the Lord! \*  
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!  
how great your wonders and your plans for us! \*  
there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! \*  
but they are more than I can count.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure \*  
(you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, \*  
and so I said, "Behold, I come.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: \*  
'I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep in my heart.'"
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; \*  
behold, I did not restrain my lips;  
and that, O Lord, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; \*  
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the  
great congregation.
- 12 You are the Lord;  
do not withhold your compassion from me; \*  
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever,
- 13 For innumerable troubles have crowded upon me;  
my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see; \*  
they are more in number than the hairs of my head,  
and my heart fails me.

- 14 Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me; \*  
O Lord, make haste to help me.
- 15 Let them be ashamed and altogether dismayed  
who seek after my life to destroy it; \*  
let them draw back and be disgraced  
who take pleasure in my misfortune.
- 16 Let those who say “Aha!” and gloat over me be confounded, \*  
because they are ashamed.
- 17 Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad; \*  
let those who love your salvation continually say,  
“Great is the Lord!”
- 18 Though I am poor and afflicted, \*  
the Lord will have regard for me.
- 19 You are my helper and my deliverer; \*  
do not tarry, O my God.

### **Eighth Day: Evening Prayer**

#### **41 *Beatus qui intelligit***

- 1 Happy are they who consider the poor and needy! \*  
the Lord will deliver them in the time of trouble.
- 2 The Lord preserves them and keeps them alive,  
so that they may be happy in the land; \*  
he does not hand them over to the will of their enemies.
- 3 The Lord sustains them on their sickbed \*  
and ministers to them in their illness.
- 4 I said, “Lord, be merciful to me; \*  
heal me, for I have sinned against you.”
- 5 My enemies are saying wicked things about me: \*  
“When will he die, and his name perish?”
- 6 Even if they come to see me, they speak empty words; \*  
their heart collects false rumors;  
they go outside and spread them.

- 7 All my enemies whisper together about me \*  
and devise evil against me.
- 8 “A deadly thing,” they say, “has fastened on him; \*  
he has taken to his bed and will never get up again.”
- 9 Even my best friend, whom I trusted,  
who broke bread with me, \*  
has lifted up his heel and turned against me.
- 10 But you, O Lord, be merciful to me and raise me up, \*  
and I shall repay them.
- 11 By this I know you are pleased with me, \*  
that my enemy does not triumph over me.
- 12 In my integrity you hold me fast, \*  
and shall set me before your face for ever.
- 13 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, \*  
from age to age. Amen. Amen.

## BOOK TWO: PSALMS 42-72

### 42 Quemadmodum

- 1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, \*  
so longs my soul for you, O God.
- 2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; \*  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
- 3 My tears have been my food day and night, \*  
while all day long they say to me,  
“Where now is your God?”
- 4 I pour out my soul when I think on these things: \*  
how I went with the multitude and led them into the  
house of God,
- 5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, \*  
among those who keep holy-day.
- 6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
and why are you so disquieted within me?

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

### **43 Judica me, Deus**

- 1 Give judgment for me, O God,  
and defend my cause against an ungodly People; \*  
deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.
- 2 For you are the God of my strength;  
why have you put me from you? \*  
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy  
oppresses me?



- 3 Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, \*  
and bring me to your holy hill  
and to your dwelling;
- 4 That I may go to the altar of God,  
to the God of my joy and gladness; \*  
and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.
- 5 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 6 Put your trust in God; \*  
for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

### **Ninth Day: Morning Prayer**

#### **44 *Deus, auribus***

- 1 We have heard with our ears, O God,  
our forefathers have told us, \*  
the deeds you did in their days,  
in the days of old.
- 2 How with your hand you drove the Peoples out  
and planted our forefathers in the land; \*  
how you destroyed nations and made your People flourish.
- 3 For they did not take the land by their sword,  
nor did their arm win the victory for them; \*  
but your right hand, your arm, and the  
light of your countenance,  
because you favored them.
- 4 You are my King and my God; \*  
you command victories for Jacob.
- 5 Through you we pushed back our adversaries; \*  
through your Name we trampled on those who  
rose up against us.
- 6 For I do not rely on my bow, \*  
and my sword does not give me the victory.

- 7 Surely, you gave us victory over our adversaries \*  
and put those who hate us to shame.
- 8 Every day we gloried in God, \*  
and we will praise your Name for ever.
- 9 Nevertheless, you have rejected and humbled us \*  
and do not go forth with our armies.
- 10 You have made us fall back before our adversary, \*  
and our enemies have plundered us.
- 11 You have made us like sheep to be eaten \*  
and have scattered us among the nations.
- 12 You are selling your People for a trifle \*  
and are making no profit on the sale of them.
- 13 You have made us the scorn of our neighbors, \*  
a mockery and derision to those around us.
- 14 You have made us a byword among the nations, \*  
a laughing-stock among the Peoples.
- 15 My humiliation is daily before me, \*  
and shame has covered my face;
- 16 Because of the taunts of the mockers and blasphemers, \*  
because of the enemy and avenger.
- 17 All this has come upon us; \*  
yet we have not forgotten you,  
nor have we betrayed your covenant.
- 18 Our heart never turned back, \*  
nor did our footsteps stray from your path;
- 19 Though you thrust us down into a place of misery, \*  
and covered us over with deep darkness.
- 20 If we have forgotten the Name of our God, \*  
or stretched out our hands to some strange god,

- 21 Will not God find it out? \*  
for he knows the secrets of the heart.
- 22 Indeed, for your sake we are killed all the day long; \*  
we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.
- 23 Awake, O Lord! why are you sleeping? \*  
Arise! do not reject us for ever.
- 24 Why have you hidden your face \*  
and forgotten our affliction and oppression?
- 25 We sink down into the dust; \*  
our body cleaves to the ground.
- 26 Rise up, and help us, \*  
and save us, for the sake of your steadfast love.

#### **45 Eructavit cor meum**

- 1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;  
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; \*  
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
- 2 You are the fairest of men; \*  
grace flows from your lips,  
because God has blessed you for ever.
- 3 Strap your sword upon your thigh, O mighty warrior, \*  
in your pride and in your majesty.
- 4 Ride out and conquer in the cause of truth \*  
and for the sake of justice.
- 5 Your right hand will show you marvelous things; \*  
your arrows are very sharp, O mighty warrior.
- 6 The Peoples are falling at your feet, \*  
and the king's enemies are losing heart.
- 7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, \*  
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;  
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

- 8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you \*  
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
- 9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, \*  
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.
- 10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; \*  
on your right hand is the queen,  
adorned with the gold of Ophir.
- 11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; \*  
forget your People and your father's house.
- 12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; \*  
he is your master; therefore do him honor.
- 13 The People of Tyre are here with a gift; \*  
the rich among the People seek your favor."
- 14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; \*  
her gown is cloth-of-gold.
- 15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; \*  
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.
- 16 With joy and gladness they are brought, \*  
and enter into the palace of the king.
- 17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; \*  
you shall make them princes over all the earth.
- 18 I will make your name to be remembered  
from one generation to another; \*  
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

#### **46 Deus noster refugium**

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, \*  
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, \*  
and though the mountains be toppled into the  
depths of the sea;

- 3     Though its waters rage and foam, \*  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4     The Lord of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 5     There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, \*  
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6     God is in the midst of her;  
she shall not be overthrown; \*  
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 7     The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; \*  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8     The Lord of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 9     Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, \*  
what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10    It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; \*  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,  
and burns the shields with fire.
- 11    “Be still, then, and know that I am God; \*  
I will be exalted among the nations;  
I will be exalted in the earth.”
- 12    The Lord of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

### **Ninth Day: Evening Prayer**

#### **47 *Omnes gentes, plaudite***

- 1     Clap your hands, all you Peoples; \*  
shout to God with a cry of joy.
- 2     For the Lord Most High is to be feared; \*  
he is the great King over all the earth.
- 3     He subdues the Peoples under us, \*  
and the nations under our feet.

- 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, \*  
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, \*  
the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; \*  
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is King of all the earth; \*  
sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; \*  
God sits upon his holy throne.
- 9 The nobles of the Peoples have gathered together \*  
with the People of the God of Abraham.
- 10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, \*  
and he is highly exalted.

#### **48 Magnus Dominus**

- 1 Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised; \*  
in the city of our God is his holy hill.
- 2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the  
hill of Zion, \*  
the very center of the world and the city of the great King.
- 3 God is in her citadels; \*  
he is known to be her sure refuge.
- 4 Behold, the kings of the earth assembled \*  
and marched forward together.
- 5 They looked and were astounded; \*  
they retreated and fled in terror.
- 6 Trembling seized them there; \*  
they writhed like a woman in childbirth,  
like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.

- 7 As we have heard, so have we seen,  
in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God; \*  
God has established her for ever.
- 8 We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, \*  
in the midst of your temple.
- 9 Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to  
the world's end; \*  
your right hand is full of justice.
- 10 Let Mount Zion be glad  
and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
because of your judgments.
- 11 Make the circuit of Zion;  
walk round about her; \*  
count the number of her towers.
- 12 Consider well her bulwarks;  
examine her strongholds; \*  
that you may tell those who come after.
- 13 This God is our God for ever and ever; \*  
he shall be our guide for evermore.

**49 Audite hæc, omnes**

- 1 Hear this, all you Peoples;  
hearken, all you who dwell in the world, \*  
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
- 2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, \*  
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- 3 I will incline my ear to a proverb \*  
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
- 4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, \*  
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
- 5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, \*  
and boast of their great riches?

- 6 We can never ransom ourselves, \*  
or deliver to God the price of our life;
- 7 For the ransom of our life is so great, \*  
that we should never have enough to pay it,
- 8 In order to live for ever and ever, \*  
and never see the grave.
- 9 For we see that the wise die also;  
like the dull and stupid they perish \*  
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.
- 10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever,  
their dwelling places from generation to generation, \*  
though they call the lands after their own names.
- 11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; \*  
they are like the beasts that perish.
- 12 Such is the way of those who foolishly trust in themselves, \*  
and the end of those who delight in their own words.
- 13 Like a flock of sheep they are destined to die;  
Death is their shepherd; \*  
they go down straightway to the grave.
- 14 Their form shall waste away, \*  
and the land of the dead shall be their home.
- 15 But God will ransom my life; \*  
he will snatch me from the grasp of death.
- 16 Do not be envious when some become rich, \*  
or when the grandeur of their house increases;
- 17 For they will carry nothing away at their death, \*  
nor will their grandeur follow them.
- 18 Though they thought highly of themselves while they lived, \*  
and were praised for their success,
- 19 They shall join the company of their forebears, \*



who will never see the light again.

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

### **Tenth Day: Morning Prayer**

#### **50 *Deus deorum***

- 1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to  
its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
before him there is a consuming flame,  
and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
to witness the judgment of his People.
- 5 “Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me  
and sealed it with sacrifice.”
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
for God himself is judge.
- 7 Hear, O my People, and I will speak:  
“O Israel, I will bear witness against you; \*  
for I am God, your God.
- 8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; \*  
your offerings are always before me.
- 9 I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, \*  
nor he-goats out of your pens;
- 10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine, \*  
the herds in their thousands upon the hills.
- 11 I know every bird in the sky, \*  
and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.

- 12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, \*  
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.
- 13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, \*  
or drink the blood of goats?
- 14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and make good your vows to the Most High.
- 15 Call upon me in the day of trouble; \*  
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.”
- 16 But to the wicked God says: \*  
“Why do you recite my statutes,  
and take my covenant upon your lips;
- 17 Since you refuse discipline, \*  
and toss my words behind your back?
- 18 When you see a thief, you make him your friend, \*  
and you cast in your lot with adulterers.
- 19 You have loosed your lips for evil, \*  
and harnessed your tongue to a lie.
- 20 You are always speaking evil of your brother \*  
and slandering your own mother’s son.
- 21 These things you have done, and I kept still, \*  
and you thought that I am like you.”
- 22 AI have made my accusation; \*  
I have put my case in order before your eyes.
- 23 Consider this well, you who forget God, \*  
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.
- 24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
honors me; \*  
but to those who keep in my way will I show  
the salvation of God.”

## 51 Miserere mei, Deus

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- 14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked, \*  
and sinners shall return to you.

- 15 Deliver me from death, O God, \*  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,  
O God of my salvation.
- 16 Open my lips, O Lord, \*  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
- 17 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, \*  
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
- 18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; \*  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
- 19 Be favorable and gracious to Zion, \*  
and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
- 20 Then you will be pleased with the appointed sacrifices,  
with burnt-offerings and oblations; \*  
then shall they offer young bullocks upon your altar.

## 52 Quid gloriaris?

- 1 You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness \*  
against the godly all day long?
- 2 You plot ruin;  
your tongue is like a sharpened razor, \*  
O worker of deception.
- 3 You love evil more than good \*  
and lying more than speaking the truth.
- 4 You love all words that hurt, \*  
O you deceitful tongue.
- 5 Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, \*  
topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling,  
and root you out of the land of the living!
- 6 The righteous shall see and tremble, \*  
and they shall laugh at him, saying,
- 7 “This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, \*

but trusted in great wealth  
and relied upon wickedness.”

- 8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; \*  
I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.
- 9 I will give you thanks for what you have done \*  
and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence  
of the godly.

### **Tenth Day: Evening Prayer**

#### **53 *Dixit insipiens***

- 1 The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” \*  
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;  
there is none who does any good.
- 2 God looks down from heaven upon us all, \*  
to see if there is any who is wise,  
if there is one who seeks after God.
- 3 Every one has proved faithless;  
all alike have turned bad; \*  
there is none who does good; no, not one.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, those evildoers \*  
who eat up my People like bread  
and do not call upon God?
- 5 See how greatly they tremble,  
such trembling as never was; \*  
for God has scattered the bones of the enemy;  
they are put to shame, because God has rejected them.
- 6 Oh, that Israel’s deliverance would come out of Zion! \*  
when God restores the fortunes of his People  
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

#### **54 *Deus, in nomine***

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name; \*  
in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; \*  
give ear to the words of my mouth.

- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless have sought my life, \*  
those who have no regard for God.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; \*  
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; \*  
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice \*  
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, \*  
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

## 55 Exaudi, Deus

- 1 Hear my prayer, O God; \*  
do not hide yourself from my petition.
- 2 Listen to me and answer me; \*  
I have no peace, because of my cares.
- 3 I am shaken by the noise of the enemy \*  
and by the pressure of the wicked;
- 4 For they have cast an evil spell upon me \*  
and are set against me in fury.
- 5 My heart quakes within me, \*  
and the terrors of death have fallen upon me.
- 6 Fear and trembling have come over me, \*  
and horror overwhelms me.
- 7 And I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! \*  
I would fly away and be at rest.
- 8 I would flee to a far-off place \*  
and make my lodging in the wilderness.
- 9 I would hasten to escape \*

from the stormy wind and tempest.”

- 10 Swallow them up, O Lord;  
confound their speech; \*  
for I have seen violence and strife in the city.
- 11 Day and night the watchmen make their rounds  
upon her walls, \*  
but trouble and misery are in the midst of her.
- 12 There is corruption at her heart; \*  
her streets are never free of oppression and deceit.
- 13 For had it been an adversary who taunted me,  
then I could have borne it; \*  
or had it been an enemy who vaunted himself against me,  
then I could have hidden from him.
- 14 But it was you, a man after my own heart, \*  
my companion, my own familiar friend.
- 15 We took sweet counsel together, \*  
and walked with the throng in the house of God.
- 16 Let death come upon them suddenly;  
let them go down alive into the grave; \*  
for wickedness is in their dwellings, in their very midst.
- 17 But I will call upon God, \*  
and the Lord will deliver me.
- 18 In the evening, in the morning, and at noonday,  
I will complain and lament, \*  
and he will hear my voice.
- 19 He will bring me safely back from the battle  
waged against me; \*  
for there are many who fight me.
- 20 God, who is enthroned of old, will hear me and  
bring them down; \*  
they never change; they do not fear God.

- 21 My companion stretched forth his hand against his comrade; \*  
he has broken his covenant.
- 22 His speech is softer than butter, \*  
but war is in his heart.
- 23 His words are smoother than oil, \*  
but they are drawn swords.
- 24 Cast your burden upon the Lord,  
and he will sustain you; \*  
he will never let the righteous stumble.
- 25 For you will bring the bloodthirsty and deceitful \*  
down to the pit of destruction, O God.
- 26 They shall not live out half their days, \*  
but I will put my trust in you.

**Eleventh Day: Morning Prayer**

**56 *Miserere mei, Deus***

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God,  
for my enemies are hounding me; \*  
all day long they assault and oppress me.
- 2 They hound me all the day long; \*  
truly there are many who fight against me, O Most High.
- 3 Whenever I am afraid, \*  
I will put my trust in you.
- 4 In God, whose word I praise,  
In God I trust and will not be afraid, \*  
for what can flesh do to me?
- 5 All day long they damage my cause; \*  
their only thought is to do me evil.
- 6 They band together; they lie in wait; \*  
they spy upon my footsteps;  
because they seek my life.
- 7 Shall they escape despite their wickedness? \*



O God, in your anger, cast down the Peoples.

8 You have noted my lamentation;  
put my tears into your bottle; \*  
are they not recorded in your book?

9 Whenever I call upon you, my enemies will be put to flight; \*  
this I know, for God is on my side.

10 In God the Lord, whose word I praise,  
in God I trust and will not be afraid, \*  
for what can mortals do to me?

11 I am bound by the vow I made to you, O God; \*  
I will present to you thank-offerings;

12 For you have rescued my soul from death and my feet  
from stumbling, \*  
that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

### 57 **Miserere mei, Deus**

1 Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful,  
for I have taken refuge in you; \*  
in the shadow of your wings will I take refuge  
until this time of trouble has gone by.

2 I will call upon the Most High God, \*  
the God who maintains my cause.

3 He will send from heaven and save me;  
he will confound those who trample upon me; \*  
God will send forth his love and his faithfulness.

4 I lie in the midst of lions that devour the People; \*  
their teeth are spears and arrows,  
their tongue a sharp sword.

5 They have laid a net for my feet,  
and I am bowed low; \*  
they have dug a pit before me,  
but have fallen into it themselves.

6 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, \*

and your glory over all the earth.

7 My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; \*  
I will sing and make melody.

8 Wake up, my spirit;  
awake, lute and harp; \*  
I myself will waken the dawn.

9 I will confess you among the Peoples, O Lord; \*  
I will sing praise to you among the nations.

10 For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, \*  
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

11 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, \*  
and your glory over all the earth.

## 58 Si vere utique

1 Do you indeed decree righteousness, you rulers? \*  
do you judge the Peoples with equity?

2 No; you devise evil in your hearts, \*  
and your hands deal out violence in the land.

3 The wicked are perverse from the womb; \*  
liars go astray from their birth.

4 They are as venomous as a serpent, \*  
they are like the deaf adder which stops its ears,

5 Which does not heed the voice of the charmer, \*  
no matter how skillful his charming.

6 O God, break their teeth in their mouths; \*  
pull the fangs of the young lions, O Lord.

7 Let them vanish like water that runs off; \*  
let them wither like trodden grass.

8 Let them be like the snail that melts away, \*  
like a stillborn child that never sees the sun.

- 9 Before they bear fruit, let them be cut down like a brier; \*  
like thorns and thistles let them be swept away.
- 10 The righteous will be glad when they see the vengeance; \*  
they will bathe their feet in the blood of the wicked.
- 11 And they will say,  
“Surely, there is a reward for the righteous; \*  
surely, there is a God who rules in the earth.”

### **Eleventh Day: Evening Prayer**

#### ***59 Eripe me de inimicis***

- 1 Rescue me from my enemies, O God; \*  
protect me from those who rise up against me.
- 2 Rescue me from evildoers \*  
and save me from those who thirst for my blood.
- 3 See how they lie in wait for my life,  
how the mighty gather together against me; \*  
not for any offense or fault of mine, O Lord.
- 4 Not because of any guilt of mine \*  
they run and prepare themselves for battle.
- 5 Rouse yourself, come to my side, and see; \*  
for you, Lord God of hosts, are Israel’s God.
- 6 Awake, and punish all the ungodly; \*  
show no mercy to those who are faithless and evil.
- 7 They go to and fro in the evening; \*  
they snarl like dogs and run about the city.
- 8 Behold, they boast with their mouths,  
and taunts are on their lips; \*  
“For who.” they say, “will hear us?”
- 9 But you, O Lord, you laugh at them; \*  
you laugh all the ungodly to scorn.
- 10 My eyes are fixed on you, O my Strength; \*  
for you, O God, are my stronghold.

- 11 My merciful God comes to meet me; \*  
God will let me look in triumph on my enemies.
- 12 Slay them, O God, lest my People forget; \*  
send them reeling by your might  
and put them down, O Lord our shield.
- 13 For the sins of their mouths, for the words of their lips,  
for the cursing and lies that they utter, \*  
let them be caught in their pride.
- 14 Make an end of them in your wrath; \*  
make an end of them, and they shall be no more.
- 15 Let everyone know that God rules in Jacob, \*  
and to the ends of the earth.
- 16 They go to and fro in the evening; \*  
they snarl like dogs and run about the city.
- 17 They forage for food, \*  
and if they are not filled, they howl.
- 18 For my part, I will sing of your strength; \*  
I will celebrate your love in the morning;
- 19 For you have become my stronghold, \*  
a refuge in the day of my trouble.
- 20 To you, O my Strength, will I sing; \*  
for you, O God, are my stronghold and my merciful God.

**60 Deus, repulisti nos**

- 1 O God, you have cast us off and broken us; \*  
you have been angry;  
oh, take us back to you again.
- 2 You have shaken the earth and split it open; \*  
repair the cracks in it, for it totters.
- 3 You have made your People know hardship; \*  
you have given us wine that makes us stagger.

- 4 You have set up a banner for those who fear you, \*  
to be a refuge from the power of the bow.
- 5 Save us by your right hand and answer us, \*  
that those who are dear to you may be delivered.
- 6 God spoke from his holy place and said: \*  
“I will exult and parcel out Shechem;  
I will divide the valley of Succoth.
- 7 Gilead is mine and Manasseh is mine; \*  
Ephraim is my helmet and Judah my scepter.
- 8 Moab is my wash-basin,  
on Edom I throw down my sandal to claim it, \*  
and over Philistia will I shout in triumph.”
- 9 Who will lead me into the strong city? \*  
who will bring me into Edom?
- 10 Have you not cast us off, O God? \*  
you no longer go out, O God, with our armies.
- 11 Grant us your help against the enemy, \*  
for vain is the help of man.
- 12 With God we will do valiant deeds, \*  
and he shall tread our enemies under foot.

## **61 Exaudi, Deus**

- 1 Hear my cry, O God, \*  
and listen to my prayer.
- 2 I call upon you from the ends of the earth  
with heaviness in my heart; \*  
set me upon the rock that is higher than I.
- 3 For you have been my refuge, \*  
a strong tower against the enemy.
- 4 I will dwell in your house for ever; \*  
I will take refuge under the cover of your wings.

- 5 For you, O God, have heard my vows; \*  
you have granted me the heritage of those  
who fear your Name.
- 6 Add length of days to the king's life; \*  
let his years extend over many generations.
- 7 Let him sit enthroned before God for ever; \*  
bid love and faithfulness watch over him.
- 8 So will I always sing the praise of your Name, \*  
and day by day I will fulfill my vows.

### **Twelfth Day: Morning Prayer**

#### **62 *Nonne Deo?***

- 1 For God alone my soul in silence waits; \*  
from him comes my salvation.
- 2 He alone is my rock and my salvation, \*  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.
- 3 How long will you assail me to crush me,  
all of you together, \*  
as if you were a leaning fence, a toppling wall?
- 4 They seek only to bring me down from my place of honor; \*  
lies are their chief delight.
- 5 They bless with their lips, \*  
but in their hearts they curse.
- 6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; \*  
truly, my hope is in him.
- 7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, \*  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
- 8 In God is my safety and my honor; \*  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.
- 9 Put your trust in him always, O People, \*  
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

- 10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, \*  
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.
- 11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, \*  
all of them together.
- 12 Put no trust in extortion;  
in robbery take no empty pride; \*  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
- 13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, \*  
that power belongs to God.
- 14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, \*  
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

### **63 Deus, Deus meus**

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.
- 9 May those who seek my life to destroy it \*

go down into the depths of the earth;

10 Let them fall upon the edge of the sword, \*  
and let them be food for jackals.

11 But the king will rejoice in God;  
all those who swear by him will be glad; \*  
for the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.

#### **64 Exaudi, Deus**

1 Hear my voice, O God, when I complain; \*  
protect my life from fear of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the conspiracy of the wicked, \*  
from the mob of evildoers.

3 They sharpen their tongue like a sword, \*  
and aim their bitter words like arrows,

4 That they may shoot down the blameless from ambush; \*  
they shoot without warning and are not afraid.

5 They hold fast to their evil course; \*  
they plan how they may hide their snares.

6 They say, "Who will see us?  
who will find out our crimes? \*  
we have thought out a perfect plot."

7 The human mind and heart are a mystery; \*  
but God will loose an arrow at them,  
and suddenly they will be wounded.

8 He will make them trip over their tongues, \*  
and all who see them will shake their heads.

9 Everyone will stand in awe and declare God's deeds; \*  
they will recognize his works.

10 The righteous will rejoice in the Lord and put their trust in him, \*  
and all who are true of heart will glory.

#### **Twelfth Day: Evening Prayer**



**65 *Te decet hymnus***

- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; \*  
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, \*  
because of their transgressions.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, \*  
but you will blot them out.
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose  
and draw to your courts to dwell there! \*  
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,  
by the holiness of your temple.
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,  
O God of our salvation, \*  
O Hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the seas that are far away.
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; \*  
they are girded about with might.
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, \*  
the roaring of their waves,  
and the clamor of the Peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your  
marvelous signs; \*  
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;  
you make it very plenteous; \*  
the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain, \*  
for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, \*  
and your paths overflow with plenty.

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*  
and the hills be clothed with joy.

14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,  
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \*  
let them shout for joy and sing.

## 66 **Jubilate Deo**

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; \*  
sing the glory of his Name;  
sing the glory of his praise.

2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! \*  
because of your great strength your enemies  
cringe before you.

3 All the earth bows down before you, \*  
sings to you, sings out your Name."

4 Come now and see the works of God, \*  
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all People.

5 He turned the sea into dry land,  
so that they went through the water on foot, \*  
and there we rejoiced in him.

6 In his might he rules for ever;  
his eyes keep watch over the nations; \*  
let no rebel rise up against him.

7 Bless our God, you Peoples; \*  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; \*  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water; \*  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
and will pay you my vows, \*  
which I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the smoke of rams; \*  
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; \*  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
nor withheld his love from me.

**67 Deus misereatur**

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the Peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the Peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the Peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the Peoples praise you, O God; \*

let all the Peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

### **Thirteenth Day: Morning Prayer**

#### **68 *Exsurgat Deus***

1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
let those who hate him flee before him.

2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \*  
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at  
the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
let them also be merry and joyful.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*  
Yahweh is his Name, rejoice before him!

5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
God in his holy habitation!

6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; \*  
but the rebels shall live in dry places.

7 O God, when you went forth before your People, \*  
when you marched through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \*  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \*  
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

10 Your People found their home in it; \*  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision  
for the poor.

- 11 The Lord gave the word; \*  
great was the company of women who bore the tidings:
- 12 “Kings with their armies are fleeing away; \*  
the women at home are dividing the spoils.”
- 13 Though you lingered among the sheepfolds, \*  
you shall be like a dove whose wings are covered with silver,  
whose feathers are like green gold.
- 14 When the Almighty scattered kings, \*  
it was like snow falling in Zalmon.
- 15 O mighty mountain, O hill of Bashan! \*  
O rugged mountain, O hill of Bashan!
- 16 Why do you look with envy, O rugged mountain,  
at the hill which God chose for his resting place? \*  
truly, the Lord will dwell there for ever.
- 17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand,  
even thousands of thousands; \*  
the Lord comes in holiness from Sinai.
- 18 You have gone up on high and led captivity captive;  
you have received gifts even from your enemies, \*  
that the Lord God might dwell among them.
- 19 Blessed be the Lord day by day, \*  
the God of our salvation, who bears our burdens.
- 20 He is our God, the God of our salvation; \*  
God is the Lord, by whom we escape death.
- 21 God shall crush the heads of his enemies, \*  
and the hairy scalp of those who go on still in their  
wickedness.
- 22 The Lord has said, “I will bring them back from Bashan; \*  
I will bring them back from the depths of the sea;
- 23 That your foot may be dipped in blood, \*

the tongues of your dogs in the blood of your enemies.”

- 24 They see your procession, O God, \*  
your procession into the sanctuary, my God and my King.
- 25 The singers go before, musicians follow after, \*  
in the midst of maidens playing upon the hand-drums.
- 26 Bless God in the congregation; \*  
bless the Lord, you that are of the fountain of Israel.
- 27 There is Benjamin, least of the tribes, at the head;  
the princes of Judah in a company; \*  
and the princes of Zebulun and Naphtali.
- 28 Send forth your strength, O God; \*  
establish, O God, what you have wrought for us.
- 29 Kings shall bring gifts to you, \*  
for your temple’s sake at Jerusalem.
- 30 Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds, \*  
and the Peoples, a herd of wild bulls with its calves.
- 31 Trample down those who lust after silver; \*  
scatter the Peoples that delight in war.
- 32 Let tribute be brought out of Egypt; \*  
let Ethiopia stretch out her hands to God.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God; \*  
his majesty is over Israel;  
his strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his People!  
Blessed be God!

## Thirteenth Day: Evening Prayer

### 69 *Salvum me fac*

- 1 Save me, O God, \*  
for the waters have risen up to my neck.
- 2 I am sinking in deep mire, \*  
and there is no firm ground for my feet.
- 3 I have come into deep waters, \*  
and the torrent washes over me.
- 4 I have grown weary with my crying;  
my throat is inflamed; \*  
my eyes have failed from looking for my God.
- 5 Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head;  
my lying foes who would destroy me are mighty. \*  
Must I then give back what I never stole?
- 6 O God, you know my foolishness, \*  
and my faults are not hidden from you.
- 7 Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me, Lord God of hosts; \*  
let not those who seek you be disgraced because of me, O God of Israel.
- 8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, \*  
and shame has covered my face.
- 9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred, \*  
an alien to my mother's children.
- 10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up; \*  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.
- 11 I humbled myself with fasting, \*  
but that was turned to my reproach.
- 12 I put on sack-cloth also, \*  
and became a byword among them.
- 13 Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, \*  
and the drunkards make songs about me.

- 14 But as for me, this is my prayer to you, \*  
at the time you have set, O Lord:
- 15 “In your great mercy, O God, \*  
answer me with your unfailing help.
- 16 Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; \*  
let me be rescued from those who hate me  
and out of the deep waters.
- 17 Let not the torrent of waters wash over me,  
neither let the deep swallow me up; \*  
do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.
- 18 Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; \*  
in your great compassion, turn to me.”
- 19 “Hide not your face from your servant; \*  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.
- 20 Draw near to me and redeem me; \*  
because of my enemies deliver me.
- 21 You know my reproach, my shame, and my dishonor; \*  
my adversaries are all in your sight.”
- 22 Reproach has broken my heart, and it cannot be healed; \*  
I looked for sympathy, but there was none,  
for comforters, but I could find no one.
- 23 They gave me gall to eat, \*  
and when I was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink.
- 24 Let the table before them be a trap \*  
and their sacred feasts a snare.
- 25 Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, \*  
and give them continual trembling in their loins.
- 26 Pour out your indignation upon them, \*  
and let the fierceness of your anger overtake them.
- 27 Let their camp be desolate, \*



and let there be none to dwell in their tents.

28 For they persecute him whom you have stricken \*  
and add to the pain of those whom you have pierced.

29 Lay to their charge guilt upon guilt, \*  
and let them not receive your vindication.

30 Let them be wiped out of the book of the living \*  
and not be written among the righteous.

31 As for me, I am afflicted and in pain; \*  
your help, O God, will lift me up on high.

32 I will praise the Name of God in song; \*  
I will proclaim his greatness with thanksgiving.

33 This will please the Lord more than an offering of oxen, \*  
more than bullocks with horns and hoofs.

34 The afflicted shall see and be glad; \*  
you who seek God, your heart shall live.

35 For the Lord listens to the needy, \*  
and his prisoners he does not despise.

36 Let the heavens and the earth praise him, \*  
the seas and all that moves in them;

37 For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah; \*  
they shall live there and have it in possession.

38 The children of his servants will inherit it, \*  
and those who love his Name will dwell therein.

## **70 Deus, in adjutorium**

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; \*  
O Lord, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed  
and altogether dismayed; \*  
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune  
draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me turn back, \*  
because they are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; \*  
let those who love your salvation say for ever,  
“Great is the Lord!”

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; \*  
come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; \*  
O Lord, do not tarry.

### **Fourteenth Day: Morning Prayer**

#### ***71 In te, Domine, speravi***

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; \*  
let me never be ashamed.

2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; \*  
incline your ear to me and save me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; \*  
you are my crag and my stronghold.

4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, \*  
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

5 For you are my hope, O Lord God, \*  
my confidence since I was young.

6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;  
from my mother’s womb you have been my strength; \*  
my praise shall be always of you.

7 I have become a portent to many; \*  
but you are my refuge and my strength.

8 Let my mouth be full of your praise \*  
and your glory all the day long.

9 Do not cast me off in my old age; \*  
forsake me not when my strength fails.

- 10 For my enemies are talking against me, \*  
and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together.
- 11 They say, "God has forsaken him;  
go after him and seize him; \*  
because there is none who will save."
- 12 O God, be not far from me; \*  
come quickly to help me, O my God.
- 13 Let those who set themselves against me be put to shame and be disgraced; \*  
let those who seek to do me evil be covered with scorn and reproach.
- 14 But I shall always wait in patience, \*  
and shall praise you more and more.
- 15 My mouth shall recount your mighty acts  
and saving deeds all day long; \*  
though I cannot know the number of them.
- 16 I will begin with the mighty works of the Lord God; \*  
I will recall your righteousness, yours alone.
- 17 O God, you have taught me since I was young, \*  
and to this day I tell of your wonderful works.
- 18 And now that I am old and gray-headed, O God, do not forsake me, \*  
till I make known your strength to this generation  
and your power to all who are to come.
- 19 Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the heavens; \*  
you have done great things;  
who is like you, O God?
- 20 You have showed me great troubles and adversities, \*  
but you will restore my life  
and bring me up again from the deep places of the earth.
- 21 You strengthen me more and more; \*  
you enfold and comfort me,
- 22 Therefore I will praise you upon the lyre for your  
faithfulness, O my God; \*

I will sing to you with the harp, O Holy One of Israel.

23 My lips will sing with joy when I play to you, \*  
and so will my soul, which you have redeemed.

24 My tongue will proclaim your righteousness all day long, \*  
for they are ashamed and disgraced who sought  
to do me harm.

## 72 **Deus, iudicium**

1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

2 That he may rule your People righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the People, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.

4 He shall defend the needy among the People; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*  
and the oppressed who has no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.
- 15 Long may he live!  
and may there be given to him gold from Arabia; \*  
may prayer be made for him always,  
and may they bless him all the day long.
- 16 May there be abundance of grain on the earth,  
growing thick even on the hilltops; \*  
may its fruit flourish like Lebanon,  
and its grain like grass upon the earth.
- 17 May his Name remain for ever  
and be established as long as the sun endures; \*  
may all the nations bless themselves in him and  
call him blessed.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, \*  
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen. Amen.

## **BOOK THREE: PSALMS 73-89**

### **Fourteenth Day: Evening Prayer**

#### **73 *Quam bonus Israel!***

- 1 Truly, God is good to Israel, \*  
to those who are pure in heart.
- 2 But as for me, my feet had nearly slipped; \*  
I had almost tripped and fallen;
- 3 Because I envied the proud \*

and saw the prosperity of the wicked:

- 4 For they suffer no pain, \*  
and their bodies are sleek and sound;
- 5 In the misfortunes of others they have no share; \*  
they are not afflicted as others are;
- 6 Therefore they wear their pride like a necklace \*  
and wrap their violence about them like a cloak.
- 7 Their iniquity comes from gross minds, \*  
and their hearts overflow with wicked thoughts.
- 8 They scoff and speak maliciously; \*  
out of their haughtiness they plan oppression.
- 9 They set their mouths against the heavens, \*  
and their evil speech runs through the world.
- 10 And so the People turn to them \*  
and find in them no fault.
- 11 They say, “How should God know? \*  
is there knowledge in the Most High?”
- 12 So then, these are the wicked; \*  
always at ease, they increase their wealth.
- 13 In vain have I kept my heart clean, \*  
and washed my hands in innocence.
- 14 I have been afflicted all day long, \*  
and punished every morning.
- 15 Had I gone on speaking this way, \*  
I should have betrayed the generation of your children.
- 16 When I tried to understand these things, \*  
it was too hard for me;
- 17 Until I entered the sanctuary of God \*  
and discerned the end of the wicked.

- 18 Surely, you set them in slippery places; \*  
you cast them down in ruin.
- 19 Oh, how suddenly do they come to destruction, \*  
come to an end, and perish from terror!
- 20 Like a dream when one awakens, O Lord, \*  
when you arise you will make their image vanish.
- 21 When my mind became embittered, \*  
I was sorely wounded in my heart.
- 22 I was stupid and had no understanding; \*  
I was like a brute beast in your presence.
- 23 Yet I am always with you; \*  
you hold me by my right hand.
- 24 You will guide me by your counsel, \*  
and afterwards receive me with glory.
- 25 Whom have I in heaven but you? \*  
and having you I desire nothing upon earth.
- 26 Though my flesh and my heart should waste away, \*  
God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.
- 27 Truly, those who forsake you will perish; \*  
you destroy all who are unfaithful.
- 28 But it is good for me to be near God; \*  
I have made the Lord God my refuge.
- 29 I will speak of all your works \*  
in the gates of the city of Zion.

#### 74 **Ut quid, Deus?**

- 1 O God, why have you utterly cast us off? \*  
why is your wrath so hot against the sheep of your pasture?
- 2 Remember your congregation that you purchased long ago, \*  
the tribe you redeemed to be your inheritance,

and Mount Zion where you dwell.

- 3 Turn your steps toward the endless ruins; \*  
the enemy has laid waste everything in your sanctuary.
- 4 Your adversaries roared in your holy place; \*  
they set up their banners as tokens of victory.
- 5 They were like men coming up with axes to a grove of trees; \*  
they broke down all your carved work with hatchets  
and hammers.
- 6 They set fire to your holy place; \*  
they defiled the dwelling-place of your Name  
and razed it to the ground.
- 7 They said to themselves, "Let us destroy them altogether." \*  
They burned down all the meeting-places of God  
in the land.
- 8 There are no signs for us to see;  
there is no prophet left; \*  
there is not one among us who knows how long.
- 9 How long, O God, will the adversary scoff? \*  
will the enemy blaspheme your Name for ever?
- 10 Why do you draw back your hand? \*  
why is your right hand hidden in your bosom?
- 11 Yet God is my King from ancient times, \*  
victorious in the midst of the earth.
- 12 You divided the sea by your might \*  
and shattered the heads of the dragons upon the waters;
- 13 You crushed the heads of Leviathan \*  
and gave him to the People of the desert for food.
- 14 You split open spring and torrent; \*  
you dried up ever-flowing rivers.
- 15 Yours is the day, yours also the night; \*



you established the moon and the sun.

- 16 You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; \*  
you made both summer and winter.
- 17 Remember, O Lord, how the enemy scoffed, \*  
how a foolish People despised your Name.
- 18 Do not hand over the life of your dove to wild beasts; \*  
never forget the lives of your poor.
- 19 Look upon your covenant; \*  
the dark places of the earth are haunts of violence.
- 20 Let not the oppressed turn away ashamed; \*  
let the poor and needy praise your Name.
- 21 Arise, O God, maintain your cause; \*  
remember how fools revile you all day long.
- 22 Forget not the clamor of your adversaries, \*  
the unending tumult of those who rise up against you.

### **Fifteenth Day: Morning Prayer**

#### **75 *Confitebimur tibi***

- 1 We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks, \*  
calling upon your Name and declaring all your  
wonderful deeds.
- 2 “I will appoint a time,” says God; \*  
“I will judge with equity.
- 3 Though the earth and all its inhabitants are quaking, \*  
I will make its pillars fast.
- 4 I will say to the boasters, ‘Boast no more,’ \*  
and to the wicked, ‘Do not toss your horns;
- 5 Do not toss your horns so high, \*  
nor speak with a proud neck.”
- 6 For judgment is neither from the east nor from the west, \*  
nor yet from the wilderness or the mountains.

- 7 It is God who judges; \*  
he puts down one and lifts up another.
- 8 For in the Lord's hand there is a cup,  
full of spiced and foaming wine, which he pours out, \*  
and all the wicked of the earth shall drink and  
drain the dregs.
- 9 But I will rejoice for ever; \*  
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
- 10 He shall break off all the horns of the wicked; \*  
but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

## 76 Notus in Judæa

- 1 In Judah is God known; \*  
his Name is great in Israel
- 2 At Salem is his tabernacle, \*  
and his dwelling is in Zion.
- 3 There he broke the flashing arrows, \*  
the shield, the sword, and the weapons of battle.
- 4 How glorious you are! \*  
more splendid than the everlasting mountains!
- 5 The strong of heart have been despoiled;  
they sink into sleep; \*  
none of the warriors can lift a hand.
- 6 At your rebuke, O God of Jacob, \*  
both horse and rider lie stunned.
- 7 What terror you inspire! \*  
who can stand before you when you are angry?
- 8 From heaven you pronounced judgment; \*  
the earth was afraid and was still;
- 9 When God rose up to judgment \*  
and to save all the oppressed of the earth.

- 10 Truly, wrathful Edom will give you thanks, \*  
and the remnant of Hamath will keep your feasts.
- 11 Make a vow to the Lord your God and keep it; \*  
let all around him bring gifts to him who is worthy  
to be feared.
- 12 He breaks the spirit of princes, \*  
and strikes terror in the kings of the earth.

## 77 **Voce mea ad Dominum**

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

and call to mind your wonders of old time.

- 12 I will meditate on all your acts \*  
and ponder your mighty deeds.
- 13 Your way, O God, is holy; \*  
who is so great a god as our God?
- 14 You are the God who works wonders \*  
and have declared your power among the Peoples.
- 15 By your strength you have redeemed your People, \*  
the children of Jacob and Joseph.
- 16 The waters saw you, O God;  
the waters saw you and trembled; \*  
the very depths were shaken.
- 17 The clouds poured out water;  
the skies thundered; \*  
your arrows flashed to and fro;
- 18 The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind;  
your lightnings lit up the world; \*  
the earth trembled and shook.
- 19 Your way was in the sea,  
and your paths in the great waters, \*  
yet your footsteps were not seen.
- 20 You led your People like a flock \*  
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

### **Fifteenth Day: Evening Prayer**

#### ***78 Attendite, popule Part I***

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my People; \*  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have told us, \*

we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, \*  
and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob  
and established a law for Israel, \*  
which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know,  
and the children yet unborn; \*  
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, \*  
and not forget the deeds of God,  
but keep his commandments;

8 And not be like their forefathers,  
a stubborn and rebellious generation, \*  
a generation whose heart was not steadfast,  
and whose spirit was not faithful to God.

9 The People of Ephraim, armed with the bow, \*  
turned back in the day of battle;

10 They did not keep the covenant of God, \*  
and refused to walk in his law;

11 They forgot what he had done, \*  
and the wonders he had shown them.

12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, \*  
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; \*  
he made the waters stand up like walls.

14 He led them with a cloud by day, \*  
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness \*  
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

- 16 He brought streams out of the cliff, \*  
and the waters gushed out like rivers.
- 17 But they went on sinning against him, \*  
rebellling in the desert against the Most High.
- 18 They tested God in their hearts, \*  
demanding food for their craving.
- 19 They railed against God and said, \*  
“Can God set a table in the wilderness?
- 20 True, he struck the rock, the waters gushed out, and the  
gullies overflowed; \*  
but is he able to give bread  
or to provide meat for his People?”
- 21 When the Lord heard this, he was full of wrath; \*  
a fire was kindled against Jacob,  
and his anger mounted against Israel;
- 22 For they had no faith in God, \*  
nor did they put their trust in his saving power.
- 23 So he commanded the clouds above \*  
and opened the doors of heaven.
- 24 He rained down manna upon them to eat \*  
and gave them grain from heaven.
- 25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; \*  
he provided for them food enough.
- 26 He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens \*  
and led out the south wind by his might.
- 27 He rained down flesh upon them like dust \*  
and winged birds like the sand of the sea.
- 28 He let it fall in the midst of their camp \*  
and round about their dwellings.

- 29 So they ate and were well filled, \*  
for he gave them what they craved.
- 30 But they did not stop their craving, \*  
though the food was still in their mouths.
- 31 So God's anger mounted against them; \*  
he slew their strongest men  
and laid low the youth of Israel.
- 32 In spite of all this, they went on sinning \*  
and had no faith in his wonderful works.
- 33 So he brought their days to an end like a breath \*  
and their years in sudden terror.
- 34 Whenever he slew them, they would seek him, \*  
and repent, and diligently search for God.
- 35 They would remember that God was their rock, \*  
and the Most High God their redeemer.
- 36 But they flattered him with their mouths \*  
and lied to him with their tongues.
- 37 Their heart was not steadfast toward him, \*  
and they were not faithful to his covenant.
- 38 But he was so merciful that he forgave their sins  
and did not destroy them; \*  
many times he held back his anger  
and did not permit his wrath to be roused.
- 39 For he remembered that they were but flesh, \*  
a breath that goes forth and does not return.

**Psalm 78: Quoties exacerbaverunt Part II**

- 40 How often the People disobeyed him in the wilderness \*  
and offended him in the desert!
- 41 Again and again they tempted God \*  
and provoked the Holy One of Israel.

- 42 They did not remember his power \*  
in the day when he ransomed them from the enemy;
- 43 How he wrought his signs in Egypt \*  
and his omens in the field of Zoan.
- 44 He turned their rivers into blood, \*  
so that they could not drink of their streams.
- 45 He sent swarms of flies among them, which ate them up, \*  
and frogs, which destroyed them.
- 46 He gave their crops to the caterpillar, \*  
the fruit of their toil to the locust.
- 47 He killed their vines with hail \*  
and their sycamores with frost.
- 48 He delivered their cattle to hailstones \*  
and their livestock to hot thunderbolts.
- 49 He poured out upon them his blazing anger: \*  
fury, indignation, and distress,  
a troop of destroying angels.
- 50 He gave full rein to his anger;  
he did not spare their souls from death; \*  
but delivered their lives to the plague.
- 51 He struck down all the firstborn of Egypt, \*  
the flower of manhood in the dwellings of Ham.
- 52 He led out his People like sheep \*  
and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.
- 53 He led them to safety, and they were not afraid; \*  
but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.
- 54 He brought them to his holy land, \*  
the mountain his right hand had won.
- 55 He drove out the Canaanites before them  
and apportioned an inheritance to them by lot; \*



he made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

- 56 But they tested the Most High God, and defied him, \*  
and did not keep his commandments.
- 57 They turned away and were disloyal like their fathers; \*  
they were undependable like a warped bow.
- 58 They grieved him with their hill-altars \*  
and provoked his displeasure with their idols.
- 59 When God heard this, he was angry \*  
and utterly rejected Israel.
- 60 He forsook the shrine at Shiloh, \*  
the tabernacle where he had lived among his People.
- 61 He delivered the ark into captivity, \*  
his glory into the adversary's hand.
- 62 He gave his People to the sword \*  
and was angered against his inheritance.
- 63 The fire consumed their young men; \*  
there were no wedding songs for their maidens.
- 64 Their priests fell by the sword, \*  
and their widows made no lamentation.
- 65 Then the Lord woke as though from sleep, \*  
like a warrior refreshed with wine.
- 66 He struck his enemies on the backside \*  
and put them to perpetual shame.
- 67 He rejected the tent of Joseph \*  
and did not choose the tribe of Ephraim;
- 68 He chose instead the tribe of Judah \*  
and Mount Zion, which he loved.
- 69 He built his sanctuary like the heights of heaven, \*  
like the earth which he founded for ever.

- 70 He chose David his servant, \*  
and took him away from the sheepfolds.
- 71 He brought him from following the ewes, \*  
to be a shepherd over Jacob his People  
and over Israel his inheritance.
- 72 So he shepherded them with a faithful and true heart \*  
and guided them with the skillfulness of his hands.

**Sixteenth Day: Morning Prayer**

**79 *Deus, venerunt***

- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;  
they have profaned your holy temple; \*  
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.
- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the  
birds of the air, \*  
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts  
of the field.
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every side  
of Jerusalem, \*  
and there was no one to bury them.
- 4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, \*  
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.
- 5 How long will you be angry, O Lord? \*  
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not  
known you \*  
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon  
your Name.
- 7 For they have devoured Jacob \*  
and made his dwelling a ruin.
- 8 Remember not our past sins;  
let your compassion be swift to meet us; \*  
for we have been brought very low.

- 9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; \*  
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.
- 10 Why should the heathen say, "Where is their God?" \*  
Let it be known among the heathen and in our sight  
that you avenge the shedding of your servants' blood.
- 11 Let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before you, \*  
and by your great might spare those who are  
condemned to die.
- 12 May the revilings with which they reviled you, O Lord, \*  
return seven-fold into their bosoms.
- 13 For we are your People and the sheep of your pasture; \*  
we will give you thanks for ever  
and show forth your praise from age to age.

#### **80 Qui regis Israel**

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your People?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; \*  
you cast out the nations and planted it.

- 9 You prepared the ground for it; \*  
it took root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow \*  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea \*  
and its branches to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, \*  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, \*  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;  
behold and tend this vine; \*  
preserve what your right hand has planted.
- 15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; \*  
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

## **81 Exultate Deo**

- 1 Sing with joy to God our strength \*  
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
- 2 Raise a song and sound the timbrel, \*  
the merry harp, and the lyre.
- 3 Blow the ram's-horn at the new moon, \*  
and at the full moon, the day of our feast.
- 4 For this is a statute for Israel, \*

a law of the God of Jacob.

- 5 He laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, \*  
when he came out of the land of Egypt.
- 6 I heard an unfamiliar voice saying, \*  
“I eased his shoulder from the burden;  
his hands were set free from bearing the load.”
- 7 You called on me in trouble, and I saved you; \*  
I answered you from the secret place of thunder  
and tested you at the waters of Meribah.
- 8 Hear, O my People, and I will admonish you: \*  
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!
- 9 There shall be no strange god among you; \*  
you shall not worship a foreign god.
- 10 I am the Lord your God,  
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, \*  
“Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.”
- 11 And yet my People did not hear my voice, \*  
and Israel would not obey me.
- 12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, \*  
to follow their own devices.
- 13 Oh, that my People would listen to me! \*  
that Israel would walk in my ways!
- 14 I should soon subdue their enemies \*  
and turn my hand against their foes.
- 15 Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, \*  
and their punishment would last for ever.
- 16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat \*  
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

**Sixteenth Day: Evening Prayer**

**82 *Deus stetit***

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

2 “How long will you judge unjustly, \*  
and show favor to the wicked?

3 Save the weak and the orphan; \*  
defend the humble and needy;

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

5 They do not know, neither do they understand;  
they go about in darkness; \*  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 Now I say to you, ‘You are gods, \*  
and all of you children of the Most High;

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, \*  
and fall like any prince.’”

8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, \*  
for you shall take all nations for your own.

### **83 Deus, quis similis?**

1 O God, do not be silent; \*  
do not keep still nor hold your peace, O God;

2 For your enemies are in tumult, \*  
and those who hate you have lifted up their heads.

3 They take secret counsel against your People \*  
and plot against those whom you protect.

4 They have said, “Come, let us wipe them out from among  
the nations; \*  
let the name of Israel be remembered no more.”

5 They have conspired together; \*  
they have made an alliance against you:

6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; \*

- the Moabites and the Hagarenes;
- 7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; \*  
the Philistines and those who dwell in Tyre.
- 8 The Assyrians also have joined them, \*  
and have come to help the People of Lot.
- 9 Do to them as you did to Midian, \*  
to Sisera, and to Jabin at the river of Kishon:
- 10 They were destroyed at Endor; \*  
they became like dung upon the ground.
- 11 Make their leaders like Oreb and Zeëb, \*  
and all their commanders like Zebah and Zalmunna,
- 12 Who said, “Let us take for ourselves \*  
the fields of God as our possession.”
- 13 O my God, make them like whirling dust \*  
and like chaff before the wind;
- 14 Like fire that burns down a forest, \*  
like the flame that sets mountains ablaze.
- 15 Drive them with your tempest \*  
and terrify them with your storm;
- 16 Cover their faces with shame, O Lord, \*  
that they may seek your Name.
- 17 Let them be disgraced and terrified for ever; \*  
let them be put to confusion and perish.
- 18 Let them know that you, whose Name is Yahweh, \*  
you alone are the Most High over all the earth.

#### **84 Quam dilecta!**

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

- 2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the People whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than  
a thousand in my own room, \*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; \*  
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the Lord withhold \*  
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O Lord of hosts, \*  
happy are they who put their trust in you!

### **85 Benedixisti, Domine**

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, \*  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your People \*  
and blotted out all their sins.



- 3 You have withdrawn all your fury \*  
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.
- 4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; \*  
let your anger depart from us.
- 5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? \*  
will you prolong your anger from age to age?
- 6 Will you not give us life again, \*  
that your People may rejoice in you?
- 7 Show us your mercy, O Lord, \*  
and grant us your salvation.
- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful People  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

### **Seventeenth Day: Morning Prayer**

#### **86 *Inclina, Domine***

- 1 Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me, \*  
for I am poor and in misery.
- 2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; \*  
save your servant who puts his trust in you.
- 3 Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; \*

I call upon you all the day long.

- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant, \*  
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- 5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, \*  
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.
- 6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, \*  
and attend to the voice of my supplications.
- 7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, \*  
for you will answer me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, \*  
nor anything like your works.
- 9 All nations you have made will come and  
worship you, O Lord, \*  
and glorify your Name.
- 10 For you are great;  
you do wondrous things; \*  
and you alone are God.
- 11 Teach me your way, O Lord,  
and I will walk in your truth; \*  
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.
- 12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, \*  
and glorify your Name for evermore.
- 13 For great is your love toward me; \*  
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.
- 14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,  
and a band of violent men seeks my life; \*  
they have not set you before their eyes.
- 15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; \*

give your strength to your servant;  
and save the child of your handmaid.

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

### **87 Fundamenta ejus**

- 1 On the holy mountain stands the city he has founded; \*  
the Lord loves the gates of Zion  
more than all the dwellings of Jacob.
- 2 Glorious things are spoken of you, \*  
O city of our God.
- 3 I count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me; \*  
behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia:  
in Zion were they born.
- 4 Of Zion it shall be said, “Everyone was born in her, \*  
and the Most High himself shall sustain her.”
- 5 The Lord will record as he enrolls the Peoples, \*  
“These also were born there.”
- 6 The singers and the dancers will say, \*  
“All my fresh springs are in you.”

### **88 Domine, Deus**

- 1 O Lord, my God, my Savior, \*  
by day and night I cry to you.
- 2 Let my prayer enter into your presence; \*  
incline your ear to my lamentation.
- 3 For I am full of trouble; \*  
my life is at the brink of the grave.
- 4 I am counted among those who go down to the Pit; \*  
I have become like one who has no strength;
- 5 Lost among the dead, \*  
like the slain who lie in the grave,

- 6 Whom you remember no more, \*  
for they are cut off from your hand.
- 7 You have laid me in the depths of the Pit, \*  
in dark places, and in the abyss.
- 8 Your anger weighs upon me heavily, \*  
and all your great waves overwhelm me.
- 9 You have put my friends far from me;  
you have made me to be abhorred by them; \*  
I am in prison and cannot get free.
- 10 My sight has failed me because of trouble; \*  
Lord, I have called upon you daily;  
I have stretched out my hands to you.
- 11 Do you work wonders for the dead? \*  
will those who have died stand up and give you thanks?
- 12 Will your loving-kindness be declared in the grave? \*  
your faithfulness in the land of destruction?
- 13 Will your wonders be known in the dark? \*  
or your righteousness in the country where all is forgotten?
- 14 But as for me, O Lord, I cry to you for help; \*  
in the morning my prayer comes before you.
- 15 Lord, why have you rejected me? \*  
why have you hidden your face from me?
- 16 Ever since my youth, I have been wretched and at the point of death; \*  
I have borne your terrors with a troubled mind.
- 17 Your blazing anger has swept over me; \*  
your terrors have destroyed me;
- 18 They surround me all day long like a flood; \*  
they encompass me on every side.
- 19 My friend and my neighbor you have put away from me, \*

and darkness is my only companion.

**Seventeenth Day: Evening Prayer**

***89 Misericordias Domini - Part I***

- 1 Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; \*  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; \*  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
- 3 “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; \*  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- 4 “I will establish your line for ever, \*  
and preserve your throne for all generations.”
- 5 The heavens bear witness to your wonders, O Lord, \*  
and to your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones;
- 6 For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord? \*  
who is like the Lord among the gods?
- 7 God is much to be feared in the council of the holy ones, \*  
great and terrible to all those round about him.
- 8 Who is like you, Lord God of hosts? \*  
O mighty Lord, your faithfulness is all around you.
- 9 You rule the raging of the sea \*  
and still the surging of its waves.
- 10 You have crushed Rahab of the deep with a deadly wound; \*  
you have scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.
- 11 Yours are the heavens; the earth also is yours; \*  
you laid the foundations of the world and all that is in it.
- 12 You have made the north and the south; \*  
Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your Name.
- 13 You have a mighty arm; \*  
strong is your hand and high is your right hand.
- 14 Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne; \*

love and truth go before your face.

15 Happy are the People who know the festal shout! \*  
they walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

16 They rejoice daily in your Name; \*  
they are jubilant in your righteousness.

17 For you are the glory of their strength, \*  
and by your favor our might is exalted.

18 Truly, the Lord is our ruler; \*  
the Holy One of Israel is our King.

**Psalm 89: Tunc locutus es - Part II**

19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful People: \*  
“I have set the crown upon a warrior  
and have exalted one chosen out of the People.

20 I have found David my servant; \*  
with my holy oil have I anointed him.

21 My hand will hold him fast \*  
and my arm will make him strong.

22 No enemy shall deceive him, \*  
nor any wicked man bring him down.

23 I will crush his foes before him \*  
and strike down those who hate him.

24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, \*  
and he shall be victorious through my Name.

25 I shall make his dominion extend \*  
from the Great Sea to the River.

26 He will say to me, ‘You are my Father, \*  
my God, and the rock of my salvation.’

27 I will make him my firstborn \*  
and higher than the kings of the earth.

- 28 I will keep my love for him for ever, \*  
and my covenant will stand firm for him.
- 29 I will establish his line for ever \*  
and his throne as the days of heaven.”
- 30 “If his children forsake my law \*  
and do not walk according to my judgments;
- 31 If they break my statutes \*  
and do not keep my commandments;
- 32 I will punish their transgressions with a rod \*  
and their iniquities with the lash;
- 33 But I will not take my love from him, \*  
nor let my faithfulness prove false.
- 34 I will not break my covenant, \*  
nor change what has gone out of my lips.
- 35 Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: \*  
‘I will not lie to David.
- 36 His line shall endure for ever \*  
and his throne as the sun before me;
- 37 It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, \*  
the abiding witness in the sky.”
- 38 But you have cast off and rejected your anointed; \*  
you have become enraged at him.
- 39 You have broken your covenant with your servant, \*  
defiled his crown, and hurled it to the ground.
- 40 You have breached all his walls \*  
and laid his strongholds in ruins.
- 41 All who pass by despoil him; \*  
he has become the scorn of his neighbors.
- 42 You have exalted the right hand of his foes \*

and made all his enemies rejoice.

- 43 You have turned back the edge of his sword \*  
and have not sustained him in battle.
- 44 You have put an end to his splendor \*  
and cast his throne to the ground.
- 45 You have cut short the days of his youth \*  
and have covered him with shame.
- 46 How long will you hide yourself, O Lord?  
will you hide yourself for ever? \*  
how long will your anger burn like fire?
- 47 Remember, Lord, how short life is, \*  
how frail you have made all flesh.
- 48 Who can live and not see death? \*  
who can save himself from the power of the grave?
- 49 Where, Lord, are your loving-kindnesses of old, \*  
which you promised David in your faithfulness?
- 50 Remember, Lord, how your servant is mocked, \*  
how I carry in my bosom the taunts of many Peoples,
- 51 The taunts your enemies have hurled, O Lord, \*  
which they hurled at the heels of your anointed.
- 52 Blessed be the Lord for evermore! \*  
Amen, I say, Amen.

## **BOOK FOUR: PSALMS 90-106**

### **Eighteenth Day: Morning Prayer**

#### **90 *Domine, refugium***

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge \*  
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the land and the earth were born, \*  
from age to age you are God.



- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, \*  
“Go back, O child of earth.”
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday  
when it is past \*  
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; \*  
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; \*  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; \*  
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
- 8 Our iniquities you have set before you, \*  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- 9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; \*  
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- 10 The span of our life is seventy years,  
perhaps in strength even eighty; \*  
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,  
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
- 11 Who regards the power of your wrath? \*  
who rightly fears your indignation?
- 12 So teach us to number our days \*  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- 13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? \*  
be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; \*  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us \*  
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works \*

and your splendor to their children.

- 17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; \*  
prosper the work of our hands;  
prosper our handiwork.

**91 Qui habitat**

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, \*  
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the Lord,  
“You are my refuge and my stronghold, \*  
my God in whom I put my trust.”
- 3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter \*  
and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover you with his pinions,  
and you shall find refuge under his wings; \*  
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.
- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, \*  
nor of the arrow that flies by day;
- 6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, \*  
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.
- 7 A thousand shall fall at your side  
and ten thousand at your right hand, \*  
but it shall not come near you.
- 8 Your eyes have only to behold \*  
to see the reward of the wicked.
- 9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, \*  
and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, \*  
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, \*  
to keep you in all your ways.

- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, \*  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; \*  
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent  
under your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,  
therefore will I deliver him; \*  
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; \*  
I am with him in trouble;  
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, \*  
and show him my salvation.

## 92 **Bonum est confiteri**

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, \*  
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning \*  
and of your faithfulness in the night season;
- 3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, \*  
and to the melody of the harp.
- 4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; \*  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
- 5 Lord, how great are your works! \*  
your thoughts are very deep.
- 6 The dullard does not know,  
nor does the fool understand, \*  
that though the wicked grow like weeds,  
and all the workers of iniquity flourish,
- 7 They flourish only to be destroyed for ever; \*  
but you, O Lord, are exalted for evermore.
- 8 For lo, your enemies, O Lord,

lo, your enemies shall perish, \*  
and all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Eighteenth Day: Evening Prayer**

#### ***93 Dominus regnavit***

1 The Lord is King;  
he has put on splendid apparel; \*  
the Lord has put on his apparel  
and girded himself with strength.

2 He has made the whole world so sure \*  
that it cannot be moved;

3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; \*  
you are from everlasting.

4 The waters have lifted up, O Lord,  
the waters have lifted up their voice; \*  
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

5 Mightier than the sound of many waters,  
mightier than the breakers of the sea, \*  
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.

6 Your testimonies are very sure, \*  
and holiness adorns your house, O Lord,  
for ever and for evermore.

#### 94 **Deus ultionum**

1 O Lord God of vengeance, \*  
O God of vengeance, show yourself.

2 Rise up, O Judge of the world; \*  
give the arrogant their just deserts.

3 How long shall the wicked, O Lord, \*  
how long shall the wicked triumph?

4 They bluster in their insolence; \*  
all evildoers are full of boasting.

5 They crush your People, O Lord, \*  
and afflict your chosen nation.

6 They murder the widow and the stranger \*  
and put the orphans to death.

7 Yet they say, "The Lord does not see, \*  
the God of Jacob takes no notice."

8 Consider well, you dullards among the People; \*  
when will you fools understand?

9 He that planted the ear, does he not hear? \*  
he that formed the eye, does he not see?

10 He who admonishes the nations, will he not punish? \*  
he who teaches all the world, has he no knowledge?

11 The Lord knows our human thoughts; \*  
how like a puff of wind they are.

12 Happy are they whom you instruct, O Lord! \*  
whom you teach out of your law;

13 To give them rest in evil days, \*  
until a pit is dug for the wicked.

- 14 For the Lord will not abandon his People, \*  
nor will he forsake his own.
- 15 For judgment will again be just, \*  
and all the true of heart will follow it.
- 16 Who rose up for me against the wicked? \*  
who took my part against the evildoers?
- 17 If the Lord had not come to my help, \*  
I should soon have dwelt in the land of silence.
- 18 As often as I said, "My foot has slipped," \*  
your love, O Lord, upheld me.
- 19 When many cares fill my mind, \*  
your consolations cheer my soul.
- 20 Can a corrupt tribunal have any part with you, \*  
one which frames evil into law?
- 21 They conspire against the life of the just \*  
and condemn the innocent to death.
- 22 But the Lord has become my stronghold, \*  
and my God the rock of my trust.
- 23 He will turn their wickedness back upon them  
and destroy them in their own malice; \*  
the Lord our God will destroy them.

### **Nineteenth Day: Morning Prayer**

#### **95 *Venite, exultemus***

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

and the heights of the hills are his also.

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

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

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

8 Harden not your hearts,  
as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,  
when they tempted me.

9 They put me to the test, \*  
though they had seen my works.

10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
“This People are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways.”

11 So I swore in my wrath, \*  
“They shall not enter into my rest.”

## 96 Cantate Domino

1 Sing to the Lord a new song; \*  
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all Peoples.

4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the Peoples; \*  
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! \*  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the Peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the Lord when he comes, \*  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the Peoples with his truth.

**97 Dominus regnavit**

- 1 The Lord is King;  
let the earth rejoice; \*  
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, \*  
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
- 3 A fire goes before him \*  
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world; \*  
the earth sees it and is afraid.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.



- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, \*  
and all the Peoples see his glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images  
and delight in false gods! \*  
Bow down before him, all you gods.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
because of your judgments, O Lord.
- 9 For you are the Lord,  
most high over all the earth; \*  
you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The Lord loves those who hate evil; \*  
he preserves the lives of his saints  
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, \*  
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- 12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, \*  
and give thanks to his holy Name.\

### **Nineteenth Day: Evening Prayer**

#### ***98 Cantate Domino***

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in  
the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to  
the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the  
victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the Peoples with equity.

### **99 Dominus regnavit**

1 The Lord is King;  
let the People tremble; \*  
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth shake.

2 The Lord is great in Zion; \*  
he is high above all Peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*  
he is the Holy One.

4 “O mighty King, lover of justice,  
you have established equity; \*  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God  
and fall down before his footstool; \*  
he is the Holy One.

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

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*

they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 “O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; \*  
you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds.”

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

### **100 Jubilate Deo**

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

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

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

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

### **101 Misericordiam et judicium**

1 I will sing of mercy and justice; \*  
to you, O Lord, will I sing praises.

2 I will strive to follow a blameless course;  
oh, when will you come to me? \*  
I will walk with sincerity of heart within my house.

3 I will set no worthless thing before my eyes; \*  
I hate the doers of evil deeds;  
they shall not remain with me.

4 A crooked heart shall be far from me; \*  
I will not know evil.

5 Those who in secret slander their neighbors I will destroy; \*

those who have a haughty look and a proud heart I cannot abide.

6 My eyes are upon the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me, \*  
and only those who lead a blameless life shall be my servants.

7 Those who act deceitfully shall not dwell in my house, \*  
and those who tell lies shall not continue in my sight.

8 I will soon destroy all the wicked in the land, \*  
that I may root out all evildoers from the city of the Lord.

### **Twentieth Day: Morning Prayer**

#### **102 *Domine, exaudi***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 10 Because of your indignation and wrath \*  
you have lifted me up and thrown me away.
- 11 My days pass away like a shadow, \*  
and I wither like the grass.
- 12 But you, O Lord, endure for ever, \*  
and your Name from age to age.
- 13 You will arise and have compassion on Zion,  
for it is time to have mercy upon her; \*  
indeed, the appointed time has come.
- 14 For your servants love her very rubble, \*  
and are moved to pity even for her dust.
- 15 The nations shall fear your Name, O Lord, \*  
and all the kings of the earth your glory.
- 16 For the Lord will build up Zion, \*  
and his glory will appear.
- 17 He will look with favor on the prayer of the homeless; \*  
he will not despise their plea.
- 18 Let this be written for a future generation, \*  
so that a People yet unborn may praise the Lord.
- 19 For the Lord looked down from his holy place on high; \*  
from the heavens he beheld the earth;
- 20 That he might hear the groan of the captive \*  
and set free those condemned to die;
- 21 That they may declare in Zion the Name of the Lord, \*  
and his praise in Jerusalem;
- 22 When the Peoples are gathered together, \*  
and the kingdoms also, to serve the Lord.
- 23 He has brought down my strength before my time; \*  
he has shortened the number of my days;

- 24 And I said, "O my God,  
do not take me away in the midst of my days; \*  
your years endure throughout all generations.
- 25 In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, \*  
and the heavens are the work of your hands;
- 26 They shall perish, but you will endure;  
they all shall wear out like a garment; \*  
as clothing you will change them,  
and they shall be changed;
- 27 But you are always the same, \*  
and your years will never end.
- 28 The children of your servants shall continue, \*  
and their offspring shall stand fast in your sight."

**103 Benedic, anima mea**

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*  
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*  
and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins \*  
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave \*  
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, \*  
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness \*  
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses \*  
and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

- 9 He will not always accuse us, \*  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, \*  
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.
- 14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; \*  
he remembers that we are but dust.
- 15 Our days are like the grass; \*  
we flourish like a flower of the field;
- 16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, \*  
and its place shall know it no more.
- 17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever  
on those who fear him, \*  
and his righteousness on children's children;
- 18 On those who keep his covenant \*  
and remember his commandments and do them.
- 19 The Lord has set his throne in heaven, \*  
and his kingship has dominion over all.
- 20 Bless the Lord, you angels of his,  
you mighty ones who do his bidding, \*  
and hearken to the voice of his word.
- 21 Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, \*  
you ministers of his who do his will.
- 22 Bless the Lord, all you works of his,  
in all places of his dominion; \*

bless the Lord, O my soul.

**Twentieth Day: Evening Prayer**

**104 *Benedic, anima mea***

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul; \*  
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!  
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.
- 2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak \*  
and spread out the heavens like a curtain.
- 3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; \*  
you make the clouds your chariot;  
you ride on the wings of the wind.
- 4 You make the winds your messengers \*  
and flames of fire your servants.
- 5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, \*  
so that it never shall move at any time.
- 6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; \*  
the waters stood higher than the mountains.
- 7 At your rebuke they fled; \*  
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.
- 8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, \*  
to the places you had appointed for them.
- 9 You set the limits that they should not pass; \*  
they shall not again cover the earth.
- 10 You send the springs into the valleys; \*  
they flow between the mountains.
- 11 All the beasts of the field drink their fill from them, \*  
and the wild asses quench their thirst.
- 12 Beside them the birds of the air make their nests \*  
and sing among the branches.
- 13 You water the mountains from your dwelling on high; \*



the earth is fully satisfied by the fruit of your works.

- 14 You make grass grow for flocks and herds \*  
and plants to serve mankind;
- 15 That they may bring forth food from the earth, \*  
and wine to gladden our hearts,
- 16 Oil to make a cheerful countenance, \*  
and bread to strengthen the heart.
- 17 The trees of the Lord are full of sap, \*  
the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,
- 18 In which the birds build their nests, \*  
and in whose tops the stork makes his dwelling.
- 19 The high hills are a refuge for the mountain goats, \*  
and the stony cliffs for the rock badgers.
- 20 You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, \*  
and the sun knows the time of its setting.
- 21 You make darkness that it may be night, \*  
in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.
- 22 The lions roar after their prey \*  
and seek their food from God.
- 23 The sun rises, and they slip away \*  
and lay themselves down in their dens.
- 24 Man goes forth to his work \*  
and to his labor until the evening.
- 25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.

- 27 There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \*  
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the Lord.
- 36 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth, \*  
and the wicked be no more.
- 37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!

**Twenty-first Day: Morning Prayer**

***105 Confitemini Domino - Part I***

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the Peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.

- 3     Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4     Search for the Lord and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.
- 5     Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6     O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 7     He is the Lord our God; \*  
his judgments prevail in all the world.
- 8     He has always been mindful of his covenant, \*  
the promise he made for a thousand generations:
- 9     The covenant he made with Abraham, \*  
the oath that he swore to Isaac,
- 10    Which he established as a statute for Jacob, \*  
an everlasting covenant for Israel,
- 11    Saying, “To you will I give the land of Canaan \*  
to be your allotted inheritance.”
- 12    When they were few in number, \*  
of little account, and sojourners in the land,
- 13    Wandering from nation to nation \*  
and from one kingdom to another,
- 14    He let no one oppress them \*  
and rebuked kings for their sake,
- 15    Saying, “Do not touch my anointed \*  
and do my prophets no harm.”
- 16    Then he called for a famine in the land \*  
and destroyed the supply of bread.
- 17    He sent a man before them, \*

Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

- 18 They bruised his feet in fetters; \*  
his neck they put in an iron collar.
- 19 Until his prediction came to pass, \*  
the word of the Lord tested him.
- 20 The king sent and released him; \*  
the ruler of the Peoples set him free.
- 21 He set him as a master over his household, \*  
as a ruler over all his possessions,
- 22 To instruct his princes according to his will \*  
and to teach his elders wisdom.

### **Psalm 105 Et intravit Israel Part II**

- 23 Israel came into Egypt, \*  
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
- 24 The Lord made his People exceedingly fruitful; \*  
he made them stronger than their enemies;
- 25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his People, \*  
and dealt unjustly with his servants.
- 26 He sent Moses his servant, \*  
and Aaron whom he had chosen.
- 27 They worked his signs among them, \*  
and portents in the land of Ham.
- 28 He sent darkness, and it grew dark; \*  
but the Egyptians rebelled against his words.
- 29 He turned their waters into blood \*  
and caused their fish to die.
- 30 Their land was overrun by frogs, \*  
in the very chambers of their kings.
- 31 He spoke, and there came swarms of insects \*

and gnats within all their borders.

- 32 He gave them hailstones instead of rain, \*  
and flames of fire throughout their land.
- 33 He blasted their vines and their fig trees \*  
and shattered every tree in their country.
- 34 He spoke, and the locust came, \*  
and young locusts without number,
- 35 Which ate up all the green plants in their land \*  
and devoured the fruit of their soil.
- 36 He struck down the firstborn of their land, \*  
the firstfruits of all their strength.
- 37 He led out his People with silver and gold; \*  
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was glad of their going, \*  
because they were afraid of them.
- 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering \*  
and a fire to give light in the night season.
- 40 They asked, and quails appeared, \*  
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
- 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, \*  
so the river ran in the dry places.
- 42 For God remembered his holy word \*  
and Abraham his servant.
- 43 So he led forth his People with gladness, \*  
his chosen with shouts of joy.
- 44 He gave his People the lands of the nations, \*  
and they took the fruit of others' toil,
- 45 That they might keep his statutes \*  
and observe his laws.

Hallelujah!

**Twenty-first Day: Evening Prayer**

***106 Confitemini Domino Part I***

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord \*  
or show forth all his praise?
- 3 Happy are those who act with justice \*  
and always do what is right!
- 4 Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have  
for your People, \*  
and visit me with your saving help;
- 5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect  
and be glad with the gladness of your People, \*  
that I may glory with your inheritance.
- 6 We have sinned as our forebears did; \*  
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.
- 7 In Egypt they did not consider your marvelous works,  
nor remember the abundance of your love; \*  
they defied the Most High at the Red Sea.
- 8 But he saved them for his Name's sake, \*  
to make his power known.
- 9 He rebuked the Red Sea, and it dried up, \*  
and he led them through the deep as through a desert.
- 10 He saved them from the hand of those who hated them \*  
and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.
- 11 The waters covered their oppressors; \*  
not one of them was left.
- 12 Then they believed his words \*  
and sang him songs of praise.

- 13 But they soon forgot his deeds \*  
and did not wait for his counsel.
- 14 A craving seized them in the wilderness, \*  
and they put God to the test in the desert.
- 15 He gave them what they asked, \*  
but sent leanness into their soul.
- 16 They envied Moses in the camp, \*  
and Aaron, the holy one of the Lord.
- 17 The earth opened and swallowed Dathan \*  
and covered the company of Abiram.
- 18 Fire blazed up against their company, \*  
and flames devoured the wicked.

**Psalm 106 Et fecerunt vitulum - Part II**

- 19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb \*  
and worshiped a molten image;
- 20 And so they exchanged their Glory \*  
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.
- 21 They forgot God their Savior, \*  
who had done great things in Egypt,
- 22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, \*  
and fearful things at the Red Sea.
- 23 So he would have destroyed them,  
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, \*  
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.
- 24 They refused the pleasant land \*  
and would not believe his promise.
- 25 They grumbled in their tents \*  
and would not listen to the voice of the Lord.
- 26 So he lifted his hand against them, \*

to overthrow them in the wilderness,

- 27 To cast out their seed among the nations, \*  
and to scatter them throughout the lands.
- 28 They joined themselves to Baal-Peor \*  
and ate sacrifices offered to the dead.
- 29 They provoked him to anger with their actions, \*  
and a plague broke out among them.
- 30 Then Phinehas stood up and interceded, \*  
and the plague came to an end.
- 31 This was reckoned to him as righteousness \*  
throughout all generations for ever.
- 32 Again they provoked his anger at the waters of Meribah, \*  
so that he punished Moses because of them;
- 33 For they so embittered his spirit \*  
that he spoke rash words with his lips.
- 34 They did not destroy the Peoples \*  
as the Lord had commanded them.
- 35 They intermingled with the heathen \*  
and learned their pagan ways,
- 36 So that they worshiped their idols, \*  
which became a snare to them.
- 37 They sacrificed their sons \*  
and their daughters to evil spirits.
- 38 They shed innocent blood,  
the blood of their sons and daughters, \*  
which they offered to the idols of Canaan,  
and the land was defiled with blood.
- 39 Thus they were polluted by their actions \*  
and went whoring in their evil deeds.



- 40 Therefore the wrath of the Lord was kindled against  
his People \*  
and he abhorred his inheritance.
- 41 He gave them over to the hand of the heathen, \*  
and those who hated them ruled over them.
- 42 Their enemies oppressed them, \*  
and they were humbled under their hand.
- 43 Many a time did he deliver them,  
but they rebelled through their own devices, \*  
and were brought down in their iniquity.
- 44 Nevertheless, he saw their distress, \*  
when he heard their lamentation.
- 45 He remembered his covenant with them \*  
and relented in accordance with his great mercy.
- 46 He caused them to be pitied \*  
by those who held them captive.
- 47 Save us, O Lord our God,  
and gather us from among the nations, \*  
that we may give thanks to your holy Name  
and glory in your praise.
- 48 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,  
from everlasting and to everlasting; \*  
and let all the People say, "Amen!"  
Hallelujah!

## **BOOK FIVE: PSALMS 107-150**

### **Twenty-second Day: Morning Prayer**

#### **107 Confitemini Domino - Part I**

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, \*  
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim \*  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.
- 4 Some wandered in desert wastes; \*  
they found no way to a city where they might dwell.
- 5 They were hungry and thirsty; \*  
their spirits languished within them.
- 6 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 7 He put their feet on a straight path \*  
to go to a city where they might dwell.
- 8 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 9 For he satisfies the thirsty \*  
and fills the hungry with good things.
- 10 Some sat in darkness and deep gloom, \*  
bound fast in misery and iron;
- 11 Because they rebelled against the words of God \*  
and despised the counsel of the Most High.
- 12 So he humbled their spirits with hard labor; \*  
they stumbled, and there was none to help.
- 13 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 14 He led them out of darkness and deep gloom \*  
and broke their bonds asunder.
- 15 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 16 For he shatters the doors of bronze \*  
and breaks in two the iron bars.

- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \*  
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food \*  
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them \*  
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.
- 23 Some went down to the sea in ships \*  
and plied their trade in deep waters;
- 24 They beheld the works of the Lord \*  
and his wonders in the deep.
- 25 Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, \*  
which tossed high the waves of the sea.
- 26 They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; \*  
their hearts melted because of their peril.
- 27 They reeled and staggered like drunkards \*  
and were at their wits' end.
- 28 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 29 He stilled the storm to a whisper \*  
and quieted the waves of the sea.
- 30 Then were they glad because of the calm, \*  
and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for.
- 31 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy \*

and the wonders he does for his children.

32 Let them exalt him in the congregation of the People \*  
and praise him in the council of the elders.

**Psalm 107: Posuit flumina - Part II**

33 The Lord changed rivers into deserts, \*  
and water-springs into thirsty ground,

34 A fruitful land into salt flats, \*  
because of the wickedness of those who dwell there.

35 He changed deserts into pools of water \*  
and dry land into water-springs.

36 He settled the hungry there, \*  
and they founded a city to dwell in.

37 They sowed fields, and planted vineyards, \*  
and brought in a fruitful harvest.

38 He blessed them, so that they increased greatly; \*  
he did not let their herds decrease.

39 Yet when they were diminished and brought low, \*  
through stress of adversity and sorrow,

40 (He pours contempt on princes \*  
and makes them wander in trackless wastes)

41 He lifted up the poor out of misery \*  
and multiplied their families like flocks of sheep.

42 The upright will see this and rejoice, \*  
but all wickedness will shut its mouth.

43 Whoever is wise will ponder these things, \*  
and consider well the mercies of the Lord.

**Twenty-second Day: Evening Prayer**

**108 *Paratum cor meum***

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

- 2 Wake up, my spirit;  
awake, lute and harp; \*  
I myself will waken the dawn.
- 3 I will confess you among the Peoples, O Lord; \*  
I will sing praises to you among the nations.
- 4 For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, \*  
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.
- 5 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, \*  
and your glory over all the earth.
- 6 So that those who are dear to you may be delivered, \*  
save with your right hand and answer me.
- 7 God spoke from his holy place and said, \*  
“I will exult and parcel out Shechem;  
I will divide the valley of Succoth.
- 8 Gilead is mine and Manasseh is mine; \*  
Ephraim is my helmet and Judah my scepter.
- 9 Moab is my washbasin,  
on Edom I throw down my sandal to claim it, \*  
and over Philistia will I shout in triumph.”
- 10 Who will lead me into the strong city? \*  
who will bring me into Edom?
- 11 Have you not cast us off, O God? \*  
you no longer go out, O God, with our armies.
- 12 Grant us your help against the enemy, \*  
for vain is the help of man.
- 13 With God we will do valiant deeds, \*  
and he shall tread our enemies under foot.

**109 Deus, laudem**

- 1 Hold not your tongue, O God of my praise; \*  
for the mouth of the wicked,  
the mouth of the deceitful, is opened against me.

- 2 They speak to me with a lying tongue; \*  
they encompass me with hateful words  
and fight against me without a cause.
- 3 Despite my love, they accuse me; \*  
but as for me, I pray for them.
- 4 They repay evil for good, \*  
and hatred for my love.
- 5 Set a wicked man against him, \*  
and let an accuser stand at his right hand.
- 6 When he is judged, let him be found guilty, \*  
and let his appeal be in vain.
- 7 Let his days be few, \*  
and let another take his office.
- 8 Let his children be fatherless, \*  
and his wife become a widow.
- 9 Let his children be waifs and beggars; \*  
let them be driven from the ruins of their homes.
- 10 Let the creditor seize everything he has; \*  
let strangers plunder his gains.
- 11 Let there be no one to show him kindness, \*  
and none to pity his fatherless children.
- 12 Let his descendants be destroyed, \*  
and his name be blotted out in the next generation.
- 13 Let the wickedness of his fathers be remembered before the Lord, \*  
and his mother's sin not be blotted out;
- 14 Let their sin be always before the Lord; \*  
but let him root out their names from the earth;
- 15 Because he did not remember to show mercy, \*  
but persecuted the poor and needy

and sought to kill the brokenhearted.

- 16 He loved cursing,  
let it come upon him; \*  
he took no delight in blessing,  
let it depart from him.
- 17 He put on cursing like a garment, \*  
let it soak into his body like water  
and into his bones like oil;
- 18 Let it be to him like the cloak which he  
wraps around himself, \*  
and like the belt that he wears continually.
- 19 Let this be the recompense from the Lord to my accusers, \*  
and to those who speak evil against me.
- 20 But you, O Lord my God,  
oh, deal with me according to your Name; \*  
for your tender mercy's sake, deliver me.
- 21 For I am poor and needy, \*  
and my heart is wounded within me.
- 22 I have faded away like a shadow when it lengthens; \*  
I am shaken off like a locust.
- 23 My knees are weak through fasting, \*  
and my flesh is wasted and gaunt.
- 24 I have become a reproach to them; \*  
they see and shake their heads.
- 25 Help me, O Lord my God; \*  
save me for your mercy's sake.
- 26 Let them know that this is your hand, \*  
that you, O Lord, have done it.
- 27 They may curse, but you will bless; \*  
let those who rise up against me be put to shame,  
and your servant will rejoice.

- 28 Let my accusers be clothed with disgrace \*  
and wrap themselves in their shame as in a cloak.
- 29 I will give great thanks to the Lord with my mouth; \*  
in the midst of the multitude will I praise him;
- 30 Because he stands at the right hand of the needy, \*  
to save his life from those who would condemn him.

### **Twenty-third Day: Morning Prayer**

#### **110 *Dixit Dominus***

- 1 The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, \*  
until I make your enemies your footstool.”
- 2 The Lord will send the scepter of your power out of Zion, \*  
saying, “Rule over your enemies round about you.
- 3 Princely state has been yours from the day of your birth; \*  
in the beauty of holiness have I begotten you,  
like dew from the womb of the morning.”
- 4 The Lord has sworn and he will not recant: \*  
“You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.”
- 5 The Lord who is at your right hand  
will smite kings in the day of his wrath; \*  
he will rule over the nations.
- 6 He will heap high the corpses; \*  
he will smash heads over the wide earth.
- 7 He will drink from the brook beside the road; \*  
therefore he will lift high his head.

#### **111 *Confitebor tibi***

- 1 Hallelujah!  
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! \*  
they are studied by all who delight in them.



- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his People the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his People;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.

## 112 **Beatus vir**

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

- 6 For they will never be shaken; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
their heart is right;  
they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.
- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \*  
the desires of the wicked will perish.

### **113 Laudate, pueri**

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Give praise, you servants of the Lord; \*  
praise the Name of the Lord.
- 2 Let the Name of the Lord be blessed, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 From the rising of the sun to its going down \*  
let the Name of the Lord be praised.
- 4 The Lord is high above all nations, \*  
and his glory above the heavens.
- 5 Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high, \*  
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?
- 6 He takes up the weak out of the dust \*  
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.
- 7 He sets them with the princes, \*  
with the princes of his People.
- 8 He makes the woman of a childless house \*  
to be a joyful mother of children.

## Twenty-third Day: Evening Prayer

### 114 *In exitu Israel*

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

### 115 **Non nobis, Domine**

- 1 Not to us, O Lord, not to us,  
but to your Name give glory; \*  
because of your love and because of your faithfulness.
- 2 Why should the heathen say, \*  
"Where then is their God?"
- 3 Our God is in heaven; \*  
whatever he wills to do he does.
- 4 Their idols are silver and gold, \*  
the work of human hands.
- 5 They have mouths, but they cannot speak; \*

eyes have they, but they cannot see;

6 They have ears, but they cannot hear; \*  
noses, but they cannot smell;

7 They have hands, but they cannot feel;  
feet, but they cannot walk; \*  
they make no sound with their throat.

8 Those who make them are like them, \*  
and so are all who put their trust in them.

9 O Israel, trust in the Lord; \*  
he is their help and their shield.

10 O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord; \*  
he is their help and their shield.

11 You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord; \*  
he is their help and their shield.

12 The Lord has been mindful of us, and he will bless us; \*  
he will bless the house of Israel;  
he will bless the house of Aaron;

13 He will bless those who fear the Lord, \*  
both small and great together.

14 May the Lord increase you more and more, \*  
you and your children after you.

15 May you be blessed by the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

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

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

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

## Twenty-fourth Day: Morning Prayer

### 116 *Dilexi, quoniam*

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of  
my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever  
I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: \*  
“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”
- 4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; \*  
our God is full of compassion.
- 5 The Lord watches over the innocent; \*  
I was brought very low, and he helped me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, \*  
for the Lord has treated you well.
- 7 For you have rescued my life from death, \*  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
- 8 I will walk in the presence of the Lord \*  
in the land of the living.
- 9 I believed, even when I said,  
“I have been brought very low.” \*  
In my distress I said, “No one can be trusted.”
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
in the presence of all his People.

- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord \*  
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
in the presence of all his People,
- 17 In the courts of the Lord's house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!

### **117 Laudate Dominum**

- 1 Praise the Lord, all you nations; \*  
laud him, all you Peoples.
- 2 For his loving-kindness toward us is great, \*  
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.  
Hallelujah!

### **118 Confitemini Domino**

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 3 Let the house of Aaron now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 4 Let those who fear the Lord now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 5 I called to the Lord in my distress; \*  
the Lord answered by setting me free.
- 6 The Lord is at my side, therefore I will not fear; \*  
what can anyone do to me?

- 7 The Lord is at my side to help me; \*  
I will triumph over those who hate me.
- 8 It is better to rely on the Lord \*  
than to put any trust in flesh.
- 9 It is better to rely on the Lord \*  
than to put any trust in rulers.
- 10 All the ungodly encompass me; \*  
in the name of the Lord I will repel them.
- 11 They hem me in, they hem me in on every side; \*  
in the name of the Lord I will repel them.
- 12 They swarm about me like bees;  
they blaze like a fire of thorns; \*  
in the name of the Lord I will repel them.
- 13 I was pressed so hard that I almost fell, \*  
but the Lord came to my help.
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 “The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!”
- 17 I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the Lord.

- 20 “This is the gate of the Lord; \*  
he who is righteous may enter.”
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord’s doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! \*  
Lord, send us now success.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; \*  
we bless you from the house of the Lord.
- 27 God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; \*  
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 “You are my God, and I will thank you; \*  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.”
- 29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.

**Twenty-fourth Day: Evening Prayer**

**119 Aleph - *Beati immaculate* -**

- 1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, \*  
who walk in the law of the Lord!
- 2 Happy are they who observe his decrees \*  
and seek him with all their hearts!
- 3 Who never do any wrong, \*  
but always walk in his ways.
- 4 You laid down your commandments, \*  
that we should fully keep them.



- 5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct \*  
that I might keep your statutes!
- 6 Then I should not be put to shame, \*  
when I regard all your commandments.
- 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, \*  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- 8 I will keep your statutes; \*  
do not utterly forsake me.

**Beth - In quo corrigi?**

- 9 How shall a young man cleanse his way? \*  
By keeping to your words.
- 10 With my whole heart I seek you; \*  
let me not stray from your commandments.
- 11 I treasure your promise in my heart, \*  
that I may not sin against you.
- 12 Blessed are you, O Lord; \*  
instruct me in your statutes.
- 13 With my lips will I recite \*  
all the judgments of your mouth.
- 14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees \*  
than in all manner of riches.
- 15 I will meditate on your commandments \*  
and give attention to your ways.
- 16 My delight is in your statutes; \*  
I will not forget your word.

**Gimel - Retribue servo tuo**

- 17 Deal bountifully with your servant, \*  
that I may live and keep your word.
- 18 Open my eyes, that I may see \*  
the wonders of your law.

- 19 I am a stranger here on earth; \*  
do not hide your commandments from me.
- 20 My soul is consumed at all times \*  
with longing for your judgments.
- 21 You have rebuked the insolent; \*  
cursed are they who stray from your commandments!
- 22 Turn from me shame and rebuke, \*  
for I have kept your decrees.
- 23 Even though rulers sit and plot against me, \*  
I will meditate on your statutes.
- 24 For your decrees are my delight, \*  
and they are my counselors.

**Daleth - Adhæsit pavimento**

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

## **Twenty-fifth Day: Morning Prayer**

### **He - *Legem pone***

- 33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, \*  
and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; \*  
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, \*  
for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees \*  
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; \*  
give me life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, \*  
which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, \*  
because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; \*  
in your righteousness preserve my life.

### **Waw - *Et veniat super me***

- 41 Let your loving-kindness come to me, O Lord, \*  
and your salvation, according to your promise.
- 42 Then shall I have a word for those who taunt me, \*  
because I trust in your words.
- 43 Do not take the word of truth out of my mouth, \*  
for my hope is in your judgments.
- 44 I shall continue to keep your law; \*  
I shall keep it for ever and ever.
- 45 I will walk at liberty, \*  
because I study your commandments.
- 46 I will tell of your decrees before kings \*

and will not be ashamed.

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

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

### **Zayin - Memor esto verbi tui**

49 Remember your word to your servant, \*  
because you have given me hope.

50 This is my comfort in my trouble, \*  
that your promise gives me life.

51 The proud have derided me cruelly, \*  
but I have not turned from your law.

52 When I remember your judgments of old, \*  
O Lord, I take great comfort.

53 I am filled with a burning rage, \*  
because of the wicked who forsake your law.

54 Your statutes have been like songs to me \*  
wherever I have lived as a stranger.

55 I remember your Name in the night, O Lord, \*  
and dwell upon your law.

56 This is how it has been with me, \*  
because I have kept your commandments.

### **Heth - Portio mea, Domine**

57 You only are my portion, O Lord; \*  
I have promised to keep your words.

58 I entreat you with all my heart, \*  
be merciful to me according to your promise.

59 I have considered my ways \*  
and turned my feet toward your decrees.

- 60 I hasten and do not tarry \*  
to keep your commandments.
- 61 Though the cords of the wicked entangle me, \*  
I do not forget your law.
- 62 At midnight I will rise to give you thanks, \*  
because of your righteous judgments.
- 63 I am a companion of all who fear you \*  
and of those who keep your commandments.
- 64 The earth, O Lord, is full of your love; \*  
instruct me in your statutes.

**Teth - Bonitatem fecisti**

- 65 O Lord, you have dealt graciously with your servant, \*  
according to your word.
- 66 Teach me discernment and knowledge, \*  
for I have believed in your commandments.
- 67 Before I was afflicted I went astray, \*  
but now I keep your word.
- 68 You are good and you bring forth good; \*  
instruct me in your statutes.
- 69 The proud have smeared me with lies, \*  
but I will keep your commandments with my whole heart.
- 70 Their heart is gross and fat, \*  
but my delight is in your law.
- 71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted, \*  
that I might learn your statutes.
- 72 The law of your mouth is dearer to me \*  
than thousands in gold and silver.

**Twenty-fifth Day: Evening Prayer**

**Yodh - *Manus tuæ fecerunt me***

- 73 Your hands have made me and fashioned me; \*

give me understanding, that I may learn your commandments.

- 74 Those who fear you will be glad when they see me, \*  
because I trust in your word.
- 75 I know, O Lord, that your judgments are right \*  
and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.
- 76 Let your loving-kindness be my comfort, \*  
as you have promised to your servant.
- 77 Let your compassion come to me, that I may live, \*  
for your law is my delight.
- 78 Let the arrogant be put to shame, for they wrong me with lies; \*  
but I will meditate on your commandments.
- 79 Let those who fear you turn to me, \*  
and also those who know your decrees.
- 80 Let my heart be sound in your statutes, \*  
that I may not be put to shame.

**Kaph - Defecit in salutare**

- 81 My soul has longed for your salvation; \*  
I have put my hope in your word.
- 82 My eyes have failed from watching for your promise, \*  
and I say, "When will you comfort me?"
- 83 I have become like a leather flask in the smoke, \*  
but I have not forgotten your statutes.
- 84 How much longer must I wait? \*  
when will you give judgment against those who  
persecute me?
- 85 The proud have dug pits for me; \*  
they do not keep your law.
- 86 All your commandments are true; \*  
help me, for they persecute me with lies.

87 They had almost made an end of me on earth, \*  
but I have not forsaken your commandments.

88 In your loving-kindness, revive me, \*  
that I may keep the decrees of your mouth.

**Lamedh - In æternum, Domine**

89 O Lord, your word is everlasting; \*  
it stands firm in the heavens.

90 Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another; \*  
you established the earth, and it abides.

91 By your decree these continue to this day, \*  
for all things are your servants.

92 If my delight had not been in your law, \*  
I should have perished in my affliction.

93 I will never forget your commandments, \*  
because by them you give me life.

94 I am yours; oh, that you would save me! \*  
for I study your commandments.

95 Though the wicked lie in wait for me to destroy me, \*  
I will apply my mind to your decrees.

96 I see that all things come to an end, \*  
but your commandment has no bounds.

**Mem - Quomodo dilexi!**

97 Oh, how I love your law! \*  
all the day long it is in my mind.

98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, \*  
and it is always with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, \*  
for your decrees are my study.

100 I am wiser than the elders, \*

because I observe your commandments.

- 101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, \*  
that I may keep your word.
- 102 I do not shrink from your judgments, \*  
because you yourself have taught me.
- 103 How sweet are your words to my taste! \*  
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.
- 104 Through your commandments I gain understanding; \*  
therefore I hate every lying way.

**Twenty-sixth Day: Morning Prayer**

**Nun - *Lucerna pedibus meis***

- 105 Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.
- 106 I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.
- 107 I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.
- 108 Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.
- 109 My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.
- 110 The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.
- 111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.
- 112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

**Samekh - *Iniquos odio habui***

- 113 I hate those who have a divided heart, \*  
but your law do I love.



- 114 You are my refuge and shield; \*  
my hope is in your word.
- 115 Away from me, you wicked! \*  
I will keep the commandments of my God.
- 116 Sustain me according to your promise, that I may live, \*  
and let me not be disappointed in my hope.
- 117 Hold me up, and I shall be safe, \*  
and my delight shall be ever in your statutes.
- 118 You spurn all who stray from your statutes; \*  
their deceitfulness is in vain.
- 119 In your sight all the wicked of the earth are but dross; \*  
therefore I love your decrees.
- 120 My flesh trembles with dread of you; \*  
I am afraid of your judgments.

**Ayin - Feci iudicium**

- 121 I have done what is just and right; \*  
do not deliver me to my oppressors.
- 122 Be surety for your servant's good; \*  
let not the proud oppress me.
- 123 My eyes have failed from watching for your salvation \*  
and for your righteous promise.
- 124 Deal with your servant according to your loving-kindness \*  
and teach me your statutes.
- 125 I am your servant; grant me understanding, \*  
that I may know your decrees.
- 126 It is time for you to act, O Lord, \*  
for they have broken your law.
- 127 Truly, I love your commandments \*  
more than gold and precious stones.

128 I hold all your commandments to be right for me; \*  
all paths of falsehood I abhor.

**Pe - Mirabilia**

129 Your decrees are wonderful; \*  
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

130 When your word goes forth it gives light; \*  
it gives understanding to the simple.

131 I open my mouth and pant; \*  
I long for your commandments.

132 Turn to me in mercy, \*  
as you always do to those who love your Name.

133 Steady my footsteps in your word; \*  
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, \*  
and I will keep your commandments.

135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant \*  
and teach me your statutes.

136 My eyes shed streams of tears, \*  
because People do not keep your law.

**Sadhe - *Justus es, Domine***

137 You are righteous, O Lord, \*  
and upright are your judgments.

138 You have issued your decrees \*  
with justice and in perfect faithfulness.

139 My indignation has consumed me, \*  
because my enemies forget your words.

140 Your word has been tested to the uttermost, \*  
and your servant holds it dear.

141 I am small and of little account, \*  
yet I do not forget your commandments.

- 142 Your justice is an everlasting justice \*  
and your law is the truth.
- 143 Trouble and distress have come upon me, \*  
yet your commandments are my delight.
- 144 The righteousness of your decrees is everlasting; \*  
grant me understanding, that I may live.

**Twenty-sixth Day: Evening Prayer**

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

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

**Resh *Vide humilitatem***

- 153 Behold my affliction and deliver me, \*  
for I do not forget your law.
- 154 Plead my cause and redeem me; \*  
according to your promise, give me life.

- 155 Deliverance is far from the wicked, \*  
for they do not study your statutes.
- 156 Great is your compassion, O Lord; \*  
preserve my life, according to your judgments.
- 157 There are many who persecute and oppress me, \*  
yet I have not swerved from your decrees.
- 158 I look with loathing at the faithless, \*  
for they have not kept your word.
- 159 See how I love your commandments! \*  
O Lord, in your mercy, preserve me.
- 160 The heart of your word is truth; \*  
all your righteous judgments endure for evermore.

**Shin Principes persecuti sunt**

- 161 Rulers have persecuted me without a cause, \*  
but my heart stands in awe of your word.
- 162 I am as glad because of your promise \*  
as one who finds great spoils.
- 163 As for lies, I hate and abhor them, \*  
but your law is my love.
- 164 Seven times a day do I praise you, \*  
because of your righteous judgments.
- 165 Great peace have they who love your law; \*  
for them there is no stumbling block.
- 166 I have hoped for your salvation, O Lord, \*  
and have fulfilled your commandments.
- 167 I have kept your decrees \*  
and I have loved them deeply.
- 168 I have kept your commandments and decrees, \*  
for all my ways are before you.

**Taw Appropinquet deprecatio**

- 169 Let my cry come before you, O Lord; \*  
give me understanding, according to your word.
- 170 Let my supplication come before you; \*  
deliver me, according to your promise.
- 171 My lips shall pour forth your praise, \*  
when you teach me your statutes.
- 172 My tongue shall sing of your promise, \*  
for all your commandments are righteous.
- 173 Let your hand be ready to help me, \*  
for I have chosen your commandments.
- 174 I long for your salvation, O Lord, \*  
and your law is my delight.
- 175 Let me live, and I will praise you, \*  
and let your judgments help me.
- 176 I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost; \*  
search for your servant,  
for I do not forget your commandments.

**Twenty-seventh Day: Morning Prayer**

**120 *Ad Dominum***

- 1 When I was in trouble, I called to the Lord; \*  
I called to the Lord, and he answered me.
- 2 Deliver me, O Lord, from lying lips \*  
and from the deceitful tongue.
- 3 What shall be done to you, and what more besides, \*  
O you deceitful tongue?
- 4 The sharpened arrows of a warrior, \*  
along with hot glowing coals.
- 5 How hateful it is that I must lodge in Meshech \*  
and dwell among the tents of Kedar!

- 6 Too long have I had to live \*  
among the enemies of peace.
- 7 I am on the side of peace, \*  
but when I speak of it, they are for war.

**121 Levavi oculos**

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and  
your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

**122 Lætatus sum**

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, \*  
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”
- 2 Now our feet are standing \*  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,

the tribes of the Lord, \*  
the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the Name of the Lord.

5 For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
“May they prosper who love you.

7 Peace be within your walls \*  
and quietness within your towers.

8 For my brethren and companions’ sake, \*  
I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, \*  
I will seek to do you good.”

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

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

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

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

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

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*  
and of the derision of the proud.

### **124 Nisi quia Dominus**

1 If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
let Israel now say;

2 If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
when enemies rose up against us;

3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*

in their fierce anger toward us;

4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
and the torrent gone over us;

5 Then would the raging waters \*  
have gone right over us.

6 Blessed be the Lord! \*  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

## 125 **Qui confidunt**

1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, \*  
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; \*  
so does the Lord stand round about his People,  
from this time forth for evermore.

3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the  
land allotted to the just, \*  
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

4 Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good \*  
and to those who are true of heart.

5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,  
the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; \*  
but peace be upon Israel.

## **Twenty-seventh Day: Evening Prayer**

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

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

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



- 3 Then they said among the nations, \*  
“The Lord has done great things for them.”
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

### 127 **Nisi Dominus**

- 1 Unless the Lord builds the house, \*  
their labor is in vain who build it.
- 2 Unless the Lord watches over the city, \*  
in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.
- 3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; \*  
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,  
for he gives to his beloved sleep.
- 4 Children are a heritage from the Lord, \*  
and the fruit of the womb is a gift.
- 5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior \*  
are the children of one’s youth.
- 6 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! \*  
he shall not be put to shame  
when he contends with his enemies in the gate.

### 128 **Beati omnes**

- 1 Happy are they all who fear the Lord, \*  
and who follow in his ways!
- 2 You shall eat the fruit of your labor; \*  
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.

3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, \*  
your children like olive shoots round about your table.

4 The man who fears the Lord \*  
shall thus indeed be blessed.

5 The Lord bless you from Zion, \*  
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days  
of your life.

6 May you live to see your children's children; \*  
may peace be upon Israel.

### **129 Sæpe expugnaverunt**

1 "Greatly have they oppressed me since my youth," \*  
let Israel now say;

2 "Greatly have they oppressed me since my youth, \*  
but they have not prevailed against me."

3 The plowmen plowed upon my back \*  
and made their furrows long.

4 The Lord, the Righteous One, \*  
has cut the cords of the wicked.

5 Let them be put to shame and thrown back, \*  
all those who are enemies of Zion.

6 Let them be like grass upon the housetops, \*  
which withers before it can be plucked;

7 Which does not fill the hand of the reaper, \*  
nor the bosom of him who binds the sheaves;

8 So that those who go by say not so much as,  
"The Lord prosper you. \*  
We wish you well in the Name of the Lord."

### **130 De profundis**

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice; \*

let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
O Lord, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
therefore you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; \*  
in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
more than watchmen for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, \*  
for with the Lord there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

### **131 Domine, non est**

1 O Lord, I am not proud; \*  
I have no haughty looks.

2 I do not occupy myself with great matters, \*  
or with things that are too hard for me.

3 But I still my soul and make it quiet,  
like a child upon its mother's breast; \*  
my soul is quieted within me.

4 O Israel, wait upon the Lord, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

### **Twenty-eighth Day: Morning Prayer**

#### **132 Memento, Domine**

1 Lord, remember David, \*  
and all the hardships he endured;

2 How he swore an oath to the Lord \*  
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

- 3 “I will not come under the roof of my house, \*  
nor climb up into my bed;
- 4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, \*  
nor let my eyelids slumber;
- 5 Until I find a place for the Lord, \*  
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob.”
- 6 “The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; \*  
we found it in the fields of Jearim.
- 7 Let us go to God’s dwelling place; \*  
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool.”
- 8 Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place, \*  
you and the ark of your strength.
- 9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; \*  
let your faithful People sing with joy.
- 10 For your servant David’s sake, \*  
do not turn away the face of your Anointed.
- 11 The Lord has sworn an oath to David; \*  
in truth, he will not break it:
- 12 “A son, the fruit of your body \*  
will I set upon your throne.
- 13 If your children keep my covenant  
and my testimonies that I shall teach them, \*  
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore.”
- 14 For the Lord has chosen Zion; \*  
he has desired her for his habitation:
- 15 “This shall be my resting-place for ever; \*  
here will I dwell, for I delight in her.
- 16 I will surely bless her provisions, \*  
and satisfy her poor with bread.

- 17 I will clothe her priests with salvation, \*  
and her faithful People will rejoice and sing.
- 18 There will I make the horn of David flourish; \*  
I have prepared a lamp for my Anointed.
- 19 As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame; \*  
but as for him, his crown will shine.”

**133 Ecce, quam bonum!**

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

**134 Ecce nunc**

- 1 Behold now, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, \*  
you that stand by night in the house of the Lord.
- 2 Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the Lord; \*  
the Lord who made heaven and earth bless  
you out of Zion.

**135 Laudate nomen**

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Praise the Name of the Lord; \*  
give praise, you servants of the Lord,
- 2 You who stand in the house of the Lord, \*  
in the courts of the house of our God.
- 3 Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; \*  
sing praises to his Name, for it is lovely.

- 4 For the Lord has chosen Jacob for himself \*  
and Israel for his own possession.
- 5 For I know that the Lord is great, \*  
and that our Lord is above all gods.
- 6 The Lord does whatever pleases him, in heaven and on earth, \*  
in the seas and all the deeps.
- 7 He brings up rain clouds from the ends of the earth; \*  
he sends out lightning with the rain,  
and brings the winds out of his storehouse.
- 8 It was he who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, \*  
the firstborn both of man and beast.
- 9 He sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, O Egypt, \*  
against Pharaoh and all his servants.
- 10 He overthrew many nations \*  
and put mighty kings to death:
- 11 Sihon, king of the Amorites,  
and Og, the king of Bashan, \*  
and all the kingdoms of Canaan.
- 12 He gave their land to be an inheritance, \*  
an inheritance for Israel his People.
- 13 O Lord, your Name is everlasting; \*  
your renown, O Lord, endures from age to age.
- 14 For the Lord gives his People justice \*  
and shows compassion to his servants.
- 15 The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, \*  
the work of human hands.
- 16 They have mouths, but they cannot speak; \*  
eyes have they, but they cannot see.
- 17 They have ears, but they cannot hear; \*

neither is there any breath in their mouth.

18 Those who make them are like them, \*  
and so are all who put their trust in them.

19 Bless the Lord, O house of Israel; \*  
O house of Aaron, bless the Lord.

20 Bless the Lord, O house of Levi; \*  
you who fear the Lord, bless the Lord.

21 Blessed be the Lord out of Zion, \*  
who dwells in Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!

### **Twenty-eighth Day: Evening Prayer**

#### ***136 Confitemini***

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

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

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

4 Who only does great wonders, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

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

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

7 Who created great lights, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;

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

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

- 10 Who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 11 And brought out Israel from among them, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 12 With a mighty hand and a stretched-out arm, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 13 Who divided the Red Sea in two, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 15 But swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 16 Who led his People through the wilderness, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 17 Who struck down great kings, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 18 And slew mighty kings, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 19 Sihon, king of the Amorites, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 20 And Og, the king of Bashan, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 21 And gave away their lands for an inheritance, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 22 An inheritance for Israel his servant, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 23 Who remembered us in our low estate, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 24 And delivered us from our enemies, \*



for his mercy endures for ever;

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

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

### 137 **Super flumina**

1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, \*  
when we remembered you, O Zion.

2 As for our harps, we hung them up \*  
on the trees in the midst of that land.

3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song,  
and our oppressors called for mirth: \*  
“Sing us one of the songs of Zion.”

4 How shall we sing the Lord’s song \*  
upon an alien soil?

5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, \*  
let my right hand forget its skill.

6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth  
if I do not remember you, \*  
if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

7 Remember the day of Jerusalem, O Lord,  
against the People of Edom, \*  
who said, “Down with it! down with it!  
even to the ground!”

8 O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, \*  
happy the one who pays you back  
for what you have done to us!

9 Happy shall he be who takes your little ones, \*  
and dashes them against the rock!

### 138 **Confitebor tibi**

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; \*

before the gods I will sing your praise.

- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your Name, \*  
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name \*  
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; \*  
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, \*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, \*  
that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; \*  
O Lord, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

### **Twenty-ninth Day: Morning Prayer**

#### **139 Domine, probasti**

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.

- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*  
where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning \*  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me \*  
and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, \*  
and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day; \*  
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, \*  
while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book; \*  
they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \*  
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; \*  
to count them all, my life span would need to

be like yours.

- 18 Oh, that you would slay the wicked, O God! \*  
You that thirst for blood, depart from me.
- 19 They speak spitefully against you; \*  
your enemies take your Name in vain.
- 20 Do I not hate those, O Lord, who hate you? \*  
and do I not loathe those who rise up against you?
- 21 I hate them with a perfect hatred; \*  
they have become my own enemies.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; \*  
try me and know my restless thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me \*  
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

**140 Eripe me, Domine**

- 1 Deliver me, O Lord, from evildoers; \*  
protect me from the violent,
- 2 Who devise evil in their hearts \*  
and stir up strife all day long.
- 3 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; \*  
adder's poison is under their lips.
- 4 Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked; \*  
protect me from the violent,  
who are determined to trip me up.
- 5 The proud have hidden a snare for me  
and stretched out a net of cords; \*  
they have set traps for me along the path.
- 6 I have said to the Lord, "You are my God; \*  
listen, O Lord, to my supplication.
- 7 O Lord God, the strength of my salvation, \*  
you have covered my head in the day of battle.

- 8 Do not grant the desires of the wicked, O Lord, \*  
nor let their evil plans prosper.
- 9 Let not those who surround me lift up their heads; \*  
let the evil of their lips overwhelm them.
- 10 Let hot burning coals fall upon them; \*  
let them be cast into the mire, never to rise up again.”
- 11 A slanderer shall not be established on the earth, \*  
and evil shall hunt down the lawless.
- 12 I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the poor \*  
and render justice to the needy.
- 13 Surely, the righteous will give thanks to your Name, \*  
and the upright shall continue in your sight.

### **Twenty-ninth Day: Evening Prayer**

#### **141 *Domine, clamavi***

- 1 O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly; \*  
hear my voice when I cry to you.
- 2 Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, \*  
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
- 3 Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,  
and guard the door of my lips; \*  
let not my heart incline to any evil thing.
- 4 Let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers, \*  
nor eat of their choice foods.
- 5 Let the righteous smite me in friendly rebuke;  
let not the oil of the unrighteous anoint my head; \*  
for my prayer is continually against their wicked deeds.
- 6 Let their rulers be overthrown in stony places, \*  
that they may know my words are true.
- 7 As when a plowman turns over the earth in furrows, \*  
let their bones be scattered at the mouth of the grave.

- 8 But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God; \*  
in you I take refuge;  
do not strip me of my life.
- 9 Protect me from the snare which they have laid for me \*  
and from the traps of the evildoers.
- 10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets, \*  
while I myself escape.

**142 Voce mea ad Dominum**

- 1 I cry to the Lord with my voice; \*  
to the Lord I make loud supplication.
- 2 I pour out my complaint before him \*  
and tell him all my trouble.
- 3 When my spirit languishes within me, you know my path; \*  
in the way wherein I walk they have hidden a trap for me.
- 4 I look to my right hand and find no one who knows me; \*  
I have no place to flee to, and no one cares for me.
- 5 I cry out to you, O Lord; \*  
I say, "You are my refuge,  
my portion in the land of the living."
- 6 Listen to my cry for help, for I have been brought very low; \*  
save me from those who pursue me,  
for they are too strong for me.
- 7 Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your Name; \*  
when you have dealt bountifully with me,  
the righteous will gather around me.

**143 Domine, exaudi**

- 1 Lord, hear my prayer,  
and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; \*  
answer me in your righteousness.
- 2 Enter not into judgment with your servant, \*  
for in your sight shall no one living be justified.

- 3 For my enemy has sought my life;  
he has crushed me to the ground; \*  
he has made me live in dark places like those who  
are long dead.
- 4 My spirit faints within me; \*  
my heart within me is desolate.
- 5 I remember the time past;  
I muse upon all your deeds; \*  
I consider the works of your hands.
- 6 I spread out my hands to you; \*  
my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.
- 7 O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; \*  
do not hide your face from me  
or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.
- 8 Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning,  
for I put my trust in you; \*  
show me the road that I must walk,  
for I lift up my soul to you.
- 9 Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord, \*  
for I flee to you for refuge.
- 10 Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; \*  
let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.
- 11 Revive me, O Lord, for your Name's sake; \*  
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.
- 12 Of your goodness, destroy my enemies  
and bring all my foes to naught, \*  
for truly I am your servant.

### **Thirtieth Day: Morning Prayer**

#### **144 Benedictus Dominus**

- 1 Blessed be the Lord my rock! \*  
who trains my hands to fight and my fingers to battle;

- 2 My help and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, \*  
my shield in whom I trust,  
who subdues the Peoples under me.
- 3 O Lord, what are we that you should care for us? \*  
mere mortals that you should think of us?
- 4 We are like a puff of wind; \*  
our days are like a passing shadow.
- 5 Bow your heavens, O Lord, and come down; \*  
touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.
- 6 Hurl the lightning and scatter them; \*  
shoot out your arrows and rout them.
- 7 Stretch out your hand from on high; \*  
rescue me and deliver me from the great waters,  
from the hand of foreign Peoples,
- 8 Whose mouths speak deceitfully \*  
and whose right hand is raised in falsehood.
- 9 O God, I will sing to you a new song; \*  
I will play to you on a ten-stringed lyre.
- 10 You give victory to kings \*  
and have rescued David your servant.
- 11 Rescue me from the hurtful sword \*  
and deliver me from the hand of foreign Peoples,
- 12 Whose mouths speak deceitfully \*  
and whose right hand is raised in falsehood.
- 13 May our sons be like plants well nurtured from their youth, \*  
and our daughters like sculptured corners of a palace.
- 14 May our barns be filled to overflowing with all manner of crops; \*  
may the flocks in our pastures increase by thousands  
and tens of thousands;  
may our cattle be fat and sleek.



15 May there be no breaching of the walls, no going into exile, \*  
no wailing in the public squares.

16 Happy are the People of whom this is so! \*  
happy are the People whose God is the Lord!

#### **145 Exaltabo te, Deus**

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, \*  
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you \*  
and praise your Name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \*  
there is no end to his greatness.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another \*  
and shall declare your power.

5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \*  
and all your marvelous works.

6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \*  
and I will tell of your greatness.

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; \*  
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The Lord is loving to everyone \*  
and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O Lord, \*  
and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom \*  
and speak of your power;

12 That the Peoples may know of your power \*  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; \*  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The Lord is faithful in all his words \*  
and merciful in all his deeds.
- 15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; \*  
he lifts up those who are bowed down.
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, \*  
and you give them their food in due season.
- 17 You open wide your hand \*  
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- 18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways \*  
and loving in all his works.
- 19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, \*  
to all who call upon him faithfully.
- 20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; \*  
he hears their cry and helps them.
- 21 The Lord preserves all those who love him, \*  
but he destroys all the wicked.
- 22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; \*  
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

**146 Lauda, anima mea**

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Praise the Lord, O my soul! \*  
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \*  
for there is no help in them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*  
and in that day their thoughts perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*

whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
and food to those who hunger.

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The Lord loves the righteous;  
the Lord cares for the stranger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The Lord shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!

### **Thirtieth Day: Evening Prayer**

#### ***147 Laudate Dominum***

1 Hallelujah!  
How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; \*  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted \*  
and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars \*  
and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, \*  
but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; \*

make music to our God upon the harp.

- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- 12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious favor.
- 13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.

Hallelujah!

**148 Laudate Dominum**

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and wingèd birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all Peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \*  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

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

**149 Cantate Domino**

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

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

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

4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his People \*  
and adorns the poor with victory.

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

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

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations \*  
and punishment on the Peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains \*  
and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; \*  
this is glory for all his faithful People.  
Hallelujah!

**150 Laudate Dominum**

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

2 Praise him for his mighty acts; \*  
praise him for his excellent greatness.

- 3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; \*  
praise him with lyre and harp.
- 4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; \*  
praise him with strings and pipe.
- 5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; \*  
praise him with loud-clangings cymbals.
- 6 Let everything that has breath \*  
praise the Lord.  
Hallelujah!

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*Among the English, Greek and Roman Traditions*



# RITE I

*A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung. During this time, the celebrant censes the Altar. The People standing, make the sign of the cross, while the celebrant, facing the People, says:*

## The Greeting

Blessed be the Kingdom of the Father, and the Son + and the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

*The People reply:*

Amen.

*In place of the above, from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People:* Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*In Lent and on other penitential occasions*

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People:* God's mercy endures for ever.

## The Collect for Purity

*The Celebrant continues:*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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.

*The People reply:*

Amen

## The Kyrie

*The following form, or another locally adapted form, may be used.*

*Celebrant:* Lord, have mercy on us *All:* Lord, have mercy on us

*Celebrant:* Christ, have mercy on us *All:* Christ, have mercy on us

*Celebrant:* Lord, have mercy on us *All:* Lord, have mercy on us

## Gloria in Excelsis

*All say:*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his People on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, + in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## The Collect

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* And with your spirit.

*Celebrant:* Let us Pray.

*The Celebrant will recite the Collect of the Day, and then all will be seated. If the collect ends with “now and for ever” those words should be followed by “now and ever and unto the ages of ages” for this liturgy.*

## **The Lessons**

*The People sit for the reading. After the reader has reached the lectern, the Celebrant gives the reader a blessing from the chair saying:*

Peace be to you Reader.

*The Reader bows their head to the celebrant in reception of the blessing and begins:*

A Reading from....

*After each Lesson, the Reader will say:*

The Word of the Lord.

*The People reply:*

Thanks be to God.

## **The Trisagion**

*The People stand. While the Trisagion is sung, the Celebrant or Deacon who may be accompanied by a thirufser, 2 acolytes bearing torches or candles and a crucifer, go from the altar to the ambon or amongst the People in the Nave with the gospel book.*

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal; have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal; have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal; have mercy on us.

*Bow*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages: Amen.

*Rise*

Holy Immortal; have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal; have mercy on us.

## **The Gospel**

The Lord be with you.

*The People reply:*

And with your spirit.

*The Reader continues while making the sign of the cross on the gospel reading:*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord + Jesus Christ according to..

*The reader censes the book. The People reply:*

Glory to you O Lord.

*After the Reading, the Reader says:*

The Gospel of the Lord

*The People reply:*

Praise to you Lord Christ.

*The procession then returns to the sanctuary. The preacher comes forward to begin the homily.*

## **The Sermon**

*After a moment of silent contemplation, all stand, in order to make their affirmation of faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.*

## Symbol of Faith

We believe in one God, Father Almighty, Creator 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 the Father before all ages; Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not created, of one essence with the Father through whom all things were made. Who for us and for our salvation

*Genuflect or Bow*

came down from heaven and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became man.

*Rise*

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, suffered death and was buried; he rose on the third day, according to the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he will come again with glory to judge the living and dead. his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Creator of life, who proceeds from the Father, who together with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who spoke through the prophets. We believe in one, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. We confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the Age to come, Amen.

## The Litany of Fervent Supplication

*A Celebrant, Deacon, or Acolyte may lead in prayer. The minister begins:*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

*The People reply to each petition with “Lord have Mercy”*

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all Peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

For our Bishop N., for our Presiding Bishop N., and for all the clergy and People, let us pray to the Lord.

For our President N., for the leaders of the nations, and for all in civil authority, let us pray to the Lord.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to be good stewards of it, let us pray to the Lord.

For those who travel by land, sea, and air, let us pray to the Lord.

For the aged and infirmed, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

For \_\_\_\_\_, let us pray to the Lord.

For the poor and the oppressed, for prisoners and captives, and for all who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially N., and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, and wrath, let us pray to the Lord.

For the absolution and remission of our sins + and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering or condemnation, let us pray to the Lord.

*The Celebrant leads at this point:*

Help us, + save us, have mercy on us, and keep us O God by your grace.

Calling to remembrance our most + holy, most pure, most blessed, and glorious Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary...

*The People begin chanting the following:*

Most Holy Theotokos save us.

*While the Minister continues:*

..with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life unto Christ our God.

*The People reply:*

To you, O Lord.

*The Celebrant concludes:*

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

*The People reply:*

Amen

## **The Confession and Absolution**

*The Deacon or Celebrant addresses the People:*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All kneel and say:*

I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed: through my fault (*strikes breast*), through my fault (*strikes breast*), through my most grievous fault (*strikes breast*). Therefore, I ask the blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, all the Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

*The Celebrant says:*

May Almighty God have mercy on you and forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ; by His authority I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. May He strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*The People reply:*

Amen

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* And with your spirit.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*It is usual and customary for any announcements to be delivered at this time.*

### **The Offertory**

*The Celebrant will begin the Offertory with the following (or with an appropriate substitute):*

O Lord God Almighty, who alone is holy, who accepts a sacrifice of praise from those that call upon you with their whole heart: Accept also the supplication of us sinners, and bring it to your Holy Altar, and enable us to offer to you both gifts and spiritual sacrifices for our sins and for the errors of the People, and vouchsafe us to find grace before you, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to you, and that the good Spirit of your grace may rest upon us, and upon these Gifts set forth, and upon all your People. Through the compassions of your Only-Begotten Son, with whom you are blessed, together with your most holy, good and life-creating Spirit: now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

*The People reply:*

Amen.

### **The Preparation of the Gifts**

*The Celebrant, standing at the Altar, takes the paten with the bread and holds it slightly raised above the altar with both hands, saying in a low voice:*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

*Then the Celebrant places the paten with the bread on the corporal.*

*While pouring wine and a small amount of water into the chalice(s), the Celebrant says quietly:*

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

*The Celebrant, standing at the Altar, takes the chalice and holds it slightly raised above the Altar with both hands, saying in a low voice:*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become for us the cup of salvation.

*Then the Celebrant places the chalice on the corporal. After this, the Celebrant, bowing profoundly, says quietly:*

In a humble spirit, and with a contrite heart, may we be accepted of you, O Lord, and so let our sacrifice be offered in your sight this day that it may be pleasing you, O Lord God.

*If incense is used, they bless it and cense the offerings, the cross, and the altar in the customary manner. A Deacon or other Minister then censes the Celebrant, the Ministers, (the Ikons,) and the People.*

*Then the Celebrant, standing at the side of the Altar, washes their hands, saying quietly:*

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

*The Celebrant kisses the Altar, extending the then joining their hands, says aloud:*

*Pray, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable unto God, the Father Almighty.*

*The People stand and respond:~*

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his Name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*The celebrant standing at the center of the altar with arms in orans begins:*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with your spirit.

*The celebrant brings their hands in a upward 'lifting' motion towards them ending with them joined in front of their heart as they say:*

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts

*People:* We lift them up to the Lord

*The Celebrant makes a small bow as they say:*

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* It is right to give him our thanks and praise.

## **The Preface**

*Returning their hands to the orans, the Celebrant continues:*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, for you are God, ever existing, and eternally the same; you and your only begotten son and your all-Holy Spirit. It was you who brought us from nothingness into being, and when we had fallen away you lifted us up again, and did not cease to do all things until you had brought us up into heaven, and had endowed us with your kingdom which is to come. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## **The Sanctus**

*The Sanctus may be said or sung. Bells may be rung at Holy ☩, Holy ☩, Holy☩*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed+ is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*The People kneel.*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

### Form 1

*The Celebrant, with hands extended, says:*

With these blessed Powers, O Lord, who loves humankind, we also cry aloud, and say: Holy are you and your only begotten Son and Holy Spirit. Holy are you and magnificent is your glory; You who so loved the world as to give your only-begotten son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

When he had come and fulfilled his dispensation for us, in the night in which he was given up - or rather gave himself up for the life of the world - took bread in his holy, most pure, and blameless hands, and when he had given thanks, and blessed it, and broke it, he gave it to his disciples and, saying: "Take, eat:

*The Celebrant takes the bread (or places a hand upon it) and says*

**this is my body which is broken for you, for the remission of sins."**

*Bells maybe rung  and the celebrant bows*

And likewise, after supper he took the cup, saying: "Drink of it, all of you:

*The Celebrant takes the cup (or places a hand upon it) and says*

**this is my blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins."**

*Bells may be rung  and the Celebrant bows*

Remembering these saving commandments and all those things which have come to pass for us:

*The Celebrant continues with arms in cruciform:*

the cross, the tomb, the resurrection on the third day, the ascension into heaven,

*The Celebrant returning to orans continues*

the sitting at the right hand, and the second and glorious coming.

*The Celebrant, with their right arm crossed over their left, elevates the holy paten and the holy chalice,*

Offering to you your own of your own, on behalf of all and for all

### Form 2

*The Celebrant, with hands extended, says:*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup.*



On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, **“Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my body.”**

*Bells may be rung ☪☪☪.*

*The Celebrant genuflects, shows the consecrated host to the People, places it again on the paten, and genuflects in adoration.*

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, **“Take this, all of you and drink of it: For this is the Chalice of My Blood, of the new and eternal testament: the mystery of faith: which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins.”**

*Bells may be rung ☪☪☪.*

*The Celebrant genuflects, shows the chalice to the People, places it again on the corporal, and genuflects in adoration.*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All reply:*

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

## The Epiiclesis

*The Celebrant holds his hands over the gifts and says:*

We offer again to you this sacrifice of worship, and ask you: Send down your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts here offered;

*The Celebrant makes the sign of the cross over the holy bread, saying:*

And make this bread the Precious Body + of your Christ:

*Bells may be rung ☪. The celebrant bows in adoration and all say:*

Amen.

*The Celebrant, blessing the Chalice with the sign of the cross, says:*

And that which is in this cup, the Precious Blood + of your Christ:

*Bells may be rung ☪.. The Celebrant bows in adoration and all say:*

Amen.

*The Celebrant blesses both the holy things, saying:*

Making the change by your + Holy Spirit;

*Bells may be rung ☪.. The Celebrant genuflects or prostrates in adoration. Then all say:*

Amen. Amen. Amen.

*Silence is kept. The Celebrant continues:*

Sanctify us +also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

*Bells may be rung ☪☪☪ after Jesus Christ. The Celebrant makes 3 signs of the cross with the bread over the chalice then a clockwise circle around the chalice on the word. “unity”.*

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him +, and with him +, and in him +, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever and unto the ages of ages.



## The Lord's Prayer

*The Celebrant begins:*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say...

*All say, pray or sing together*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as 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 the evil one.

*The Celebrant continues:*

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*Then All say, as the Celebrant bows:*

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

*Then the Celebrant takes the host, breaks it over the paten, and places a small piece in the chalice, saying quietly:*

May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

## Agnus Dei

*Then the Celebrant and People say or sing*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

*The celebrant shows the chalice with the host to the People and says or sings:*

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who that takes away the sins of the world.

*Bells may be rung* 

## The Prayer of Humble Access

*Then all say:*

Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

*Or,*

I believe, O Lord, and I confess, that you are truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am first. I also believe that the bread and wine that are blessed and distributed in your Holy Supper truly are your pure body and your precious blood. Therefore, I pray to you: Have mercy upon me; forgive my transgressions; and make me worthy, without condemnation, to partake of your pure mysteries for the forgiveness of sins and for life eternal. Of your Mystical Supper, O Son of God, accept me today as a communicant; for I will not speak of your mystery to your enemies, neither like Judas will I give you a kiss; but like the thief I will confess you:

+Remember me, O Lord, when you come in your kingdom.

+Remember me, O Master, when you come in your kingdom.

+Remember me, O Holy One, when you come in your kingdom.

May the partaking of your Holy mysteries, O Lord, be not for my judgment or condemnation, But for the healing of my soul and body.

O Lord, I also believe and profess, that this, which I am about to receive, is truly your most precious Body, and your life-giving Blood, which, I pray, make me worthy to receive for the remission of all my sins and for life everlasting. Amen

O God, + be merciful to me, a sinner.

O God, + cleanse me of my sins and have mercy on me.

O Lord, + forgive me for I have sinned without number.

*The Celebrant genuflects and then takes the communion in their hands and says:*

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep me, your unworthy priest in eternal life.

*The Celebrant consumes the Eucharist, and then distributes communion showing it to each communicant and saying:*

Servant of God, N., May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in eternal life.

*If the eucharistic liturgy is being broadcast, the following prayer may be inserted, as an act of spiritual communion.*

At Your feet, O my Jesus, I bow down and offer You repentance of my contrite heart, which is humbled in its nothingness and in Your holy presence. I adore You in the Sacrament of Your love, the ineffable Eucharist. I desire to receive You into my heart, while waiting for the happiness of sacramental communion, I wish to possess You in spirit. Come to me, O my Jesus, since I, for my part, am coming to You! May Your love embrace my whole being in life and in death. I believe in You, I hope in You, I love You. Amen. *Adapted from a prayer authored by Cardinal Rafael Merry del Val*

## **The Post Communion Prayer**

*The Celebrant begins:*

Almighty and ever living God,

*All continue together:*

we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful People; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

*The People respond:*

We have seen the true Light! We have received the heavenly Spirit! We have found the true faith! We worship the undivided Trinity, for he has saved us.

*The People sing or chant:*

Blessed be the name of the Lord, henceforth and forevermore.  
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Blessed be the name of the Lord, henceforth and forevermore.

*The Celebrant says:*

May he who rose from the dead, Christ our true God, through the prayers of His most pure Mother; of the holy, glorious, and all-laudable Apostles; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us for He is good and loves humankind.

*The People respond:*

Amen.

### **The Blessing**

*The blessing can be performed by the Celebrant, the Bishop, or other designated Elder. The Minister says:*

The blessing of the Lord be upon you through his grace and love for humankind + always, now and ever and unto the ages of ages.

*The People respond:*

Amen.

*The blessing can be performed by the Celebrant, the Bishop, or other designated Elder. The Minister says:*

### **Dismissal**

*The Celebrant, or the Deacon, may dismiss the People with these words:*

The Liturgy has ended let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*The People reply:*

Thanks be to God.

## RITE II

*The Ministers queue up in the following order: Thurifer, Crucifer, Acolyte, Gospel-Bearer, Deacon, Preacher, Celebrant, and or Bishop. The Choir will sing its opening hymn, and the procession will enter the church and process up the aisle, stopping at the altar table until the hymn ends. All of the Ministers will go to their places, except for the Deacon, Preacher, Celebrant, and or Bishop, leaving them before the congregation. The role of Deacon may be fulfilled by any ordained minister present. A Deacon cannot, however, preside over Holy Communion.*

*The People stand.*

### The Greeting

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God Father, Son + and Holy Spirit

*People:* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever Amen.

*In place of the above, from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost.*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People:* Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*In Lent and on other penitential occasions.*

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People:* God's mercy endures for ever.

### The Collect for Purity

*The Celebrant, with hands in the orans posture, says:*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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.

*People:* Amen

### The Decalogue

*The Celebrant continues:*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall 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 like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

*In Lent and on other penitential occasions, the Summary of the Law will be followed by the Kyrie and the Trisagion.*

*In all other seasons, the Gloria will follow.*

### The Kyrie

*The following form, or another locally adapted form, may be used.*

*Celebrant:* Kyrie eleison.      *All:* Lord, have mercy

*Celebrant:* Christe eleison      *All:* Christ, have mercy

*Celebrant:* Kyrie eleison.      *All:* Lord, have mercy

### The Trisagion

*All saying or singing*

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal; have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal; have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal; have mercy on us.  
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 for ever and ever. Amen.  
Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy and Immortal; have mercy on us.

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

*All saying or singing:*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his People on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, + in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **The Collect**

*The Celebrant, with hands in the orans posture, says:*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* And with your spirit.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant will recite the Collect of the Day, and then all will be seated.*

### **The Lessons**

*One or two Lessons are read, the Reader first saying:*

A Reading from....

*After each Lesson, the Reader will say:*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

*And the People reply:*

Lord open our hearts to your word.

### **The Gospel Reading**

*Then, all standing, the Deacon begins the Gospel announcement by signing the Gospel Book and saying:*

May the Lord be on our minds, on our lips and on our hearts, as we hear the Holy Gospel according to...

*During the Gospel announcement, All will trace a cross on their forehead, lips and heart.*

*Then, after the Reading, the Deacon says:*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

*The People reply:*

Lord open our hearts to your word.

### **The Sermon**

*After a moment of silent contemplation, all stand, in order to make their Affirmation of Faith.*

*The Nicene Creed, the Apostles Creed, or some other suitable Affirmation of Faith are sung or said in unison.*

## **Affirmation of Faith**

*The Deacon begins:*

Join with us as we profess our faith in the words of the \_\_\_\_.

*Then all say:*

We 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 Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, very God from very God, begotten not made, of one essence with the Father, through him all things were made: for us men, and for our salvation He came down from heaven,

*Genuflect*

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

*Rise*

For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death, and was buried: on the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures, he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father: He shall come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom shall have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father: who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified: who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and we look for the resurrection of the dead +and the life of the age to come. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

*The Celebrant and or Deacon will lead the congregation in prayer.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "Hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the People of God, let us pray to the Lord.

*The People reply:*

Hear our prayer.

*For each petition, the People reply "Hear our Prayer"*

For N. our Presiding Bishop, for N. our Bishop, for N. our Pastor, and for all the Clergy and People of our Congregation and the Convergent Christian Communion, let us pray to the Lord.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others, let us pray to the Lord.

For our brothers and sisters who are persecuted for their faith, let us pray to the Lord.

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service, let us pray to the Lord.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially N.], let us pray to the Lord.

For those who have fallen asleep in the Lord [especially N.], that the Lord may be pleased to give them rest, and translate them to a place of peace, by the intercession of his saints, in thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord.

*The People reply and the Celebrant concludes:*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

## **The Confession and Absolution**

*The Deacon addresses the People:*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All, standing or kneeling, say:*

Holy One, we confess to you that often we make excuses for not following the way you have called us to go. We have tried to argue and bargain with you to make the burden lighter. We confess that we too often do not look for you in the face of others, nor allow others to see you in our own actions. Too often we have doubted your presence and failed to worship you with our lives. Make us more complete and faithful followers of you. We ask all these things through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

*The Celebrant then says:*

God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Through Christ, we are freed to love one another, to forgive one another and to be forgiven. You are forgiven. Therefore, with full and free hearts, let us answer God's give with our praise, service and devotion.

*The Celebrant, with arm their arms outstretched says:*

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant:* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* And with your spirit.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*It is usual and customary for any announcements to be delivered at this time.*

## **The Offertory**

*The Celebrant will begin the Offertory with the following (or with an appropriate substitute):*

Walk in love, even as Christ also loved us and gave himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling fragrance. *Ephesians 5:2*

*After saying the Offertory sentence, it is proper that the Celebrant orders thie thoughts on spiritual things by saying a private prayer such as: Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High-priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.*

## **The Preparation of the Gifts**

*The Celebrant, standing at the Altar, takes the paten with the bread and holds it slightly raised above the altar with both hands, saying in a low voice:*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.



*If this prayer is said aloud, then it is permissible for the People to respond, "Blessed be God forever".  
Then the Celebrant places the paten with the bread on the corporal. While pouring wine and a small amount of water into the chalice(s), the Celebrant says quietly:*

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

*If this prayer is said aloud, then it is permissible for the People to respond, "Blessed be God forever".  
The Celebrant, standing at the Altar, takes the chalice and raises it slightly above the Altar with both hands, saying in a low voice:*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

*If this prayer is said aloud, then it is permissible for the People to respond, "Blessed be God forever".  
Then the Celebrant places the chalice on the corporal.*

In a humble spirit, and with a contrite heart, may we be accepted of you, O Lord, and so let our sacrifice be offered in your sight this day that it may be pleasing you, O Lord God.

*If incense is used, the Celebrant blesses it and censes the offerings, the cross, and the Altar in the customary manner. A Deacon or other Minister then censes the Celebrant, the Ministers, and the People. Then the Celebrant, standing at the side of the Altar, washes their own hands, saying quietly:*

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

*The Celebrant kisses the Altar and, turning towards the People, extending and then joining their hands, says aloud:*

Pray, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable unto God, the Father Almighty.

*The People stand and respond:*

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all the holy Church.

## **The Sursum Corda**

*The Celebrant, in the orans posture, says:*

*Celebrant:* The Lord is here!

*People:* The Spirit of the Lord is with us!

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts

*People:* We lift them to the Lord

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* It is right to give him our thanks and praise.

## **The Preface**

*The following preface may be substituted with another suitable preface.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Master. By him, the angels praise your majesty, dominions worship, and powers tremble. The heavens, with the heavenly virtues and blessed seraphim, rejoice together in exultation. We pray, that our voices mingle with theirs, as we lift our voices and sing [say]:



## The Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. +Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*The following Eucharistic Prayers may be substituted with another suitable Eucharistic Prayer.*

### Form 1

*Returning to the orans posture, the Celebrant says:*

We praise you loving Father, who through our Lord Jesus Christ and in the power of the Spirit, created all things, blessed them, and called them good. You called to yourself a People to make your mercy and truth known in all the world. We betrayed your calling, but you were faithful. Again, and again we wandered from your way; yet you called us to return and led us home.

And still we turned from your ways, abused your creation, and made ourselves slaves to sin and death. But, at the right time you sent your Son who came and dwelt among us, as one of us, bringing good news to the poor, healing the sick, raising the dead, embracing the outcast, and teaching the way that leads to life.

By his incarnation, life, suffering, execution, and resurrection, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery and made a new covenant with us, by water and the Spirit.

On the night of his betrayal, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;

*The Celebrant takes the host and lifts it for the People to see saying:*

and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said:

*The words of the Lord are spoken clearly and distinctly, as their meaning demands.*

**TAKE, EAT: THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU. DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.**

*The Celebrant makes a solemn bow while making the sign of the cross over themself*

After supper he took the cup;

*The Celebrant takes the chalice and lifts it for the People to see saying:*

gave you thanks, he gave it to them, and said,

*The words of the Lord are spoken clearly and distinctly, as their meaning demands.*

**DRINK THIS, ALL OF YOU: THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT, WHICH IS Poured OUT FOR YOU, AND FOR MANY. WHENEVER YOU DRINK IT, DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.**

*The Celebrant makes a solemn bow while making the sign of the cross over themselves.*

*Then, with arms extended out in form of a cross, the Celebrant continues:*

Blessed Trinity, in remembrance of all you have done for us, we offer ourselves to you in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

*Then all say:*

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

## Form 2

*Returning to the orans posture, the Celebrant says:*

You are Holy, Father and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your People.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of Your Word and Holy Spirit. On the night of his betrayal, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;

*The Celebrant takes the host and lifts it for the People to see saying:*

and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said:

*The words of the Lord are spoken clearly and distinctly, as their meaning demands.*

**TAKE, EAT: THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU. DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.**

*The Celebrant makes a solemn bow while making the sign of the cross over themself*

After supper he took the cup;

*The Celebrant takes the chalice and lifts it for the People to see saying:*

gave you thanks, he gave it to them, and said,

*The words of the Lord are spoken clearly and distinctly, as their meaning demands.*

**DRINK THIS, ALL OF YOU: THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT, WHICH IS POURED OUT FOR MANY. WHENEVER YOU DRINK IT, DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.**

*The Celebrant makes a solemn bow while making the sign of the cross over themselves and says:*

*Then, with arms extended out in cruciform, the Celebrant continues:*

Holy God, in remembrance of all you have done for us, we offer ourselves to you in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

*Then all say:*

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

## The Epiclesis

*The Celebrant, returning to the orans posture, continues:*

Therefore, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption O God, with

*The Celebrant touches (or points to) the host while saying:*

this bread of life and

*The Celebrant touches (or points to) the Chalice while saying:*

this cup of salvation.

*The Celebrant makes the sign of the cross over the gifts while saying:*

Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, which we offer through Christ, our great high priest and

*The Celebrant extends their hands (palms down, thumbs overlapping in cruciform) over the gifts saying:*

send down your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and wine, and make them the body and blood of Christ, +so that we may be transformed into Christ's body, alive in the world. United in Christ, with Mary the God-bearer, Joseph her husband, and with all the apostles, martyrs, (N...) and saints, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

*Then lifting the gift up the Celebrant concludes:*

This is the feast of victory!

*All reply:*

The lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*The Celebrant continues:*

And now, as our Saviour Christ taught, we are bold to say[pray]:

*Or*

And now, let us lift up our voices and sing the prayer our Savior Christ has taught us:

*All say or sing:*

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

## **The Fraction**

*The Host is lifted and broken for all to see. The Celebrant then places a fragment of the host in the chalice.*

*A period of silence is kept and then all say or sing.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

*In place of, or in addition to, the preceding, some other suitable anthem may be used.*

## **A Prayer of Humble Access**

*The Celebrant begins:*

Let us pray.

*Then All say:*

Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean; our hearts were unprepared; we did not feel fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, gracious Lord, enable us, by faith, to eat this bread and drink this wine. Cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of Christ, that he may live in us and we in him, and that we, with the whole company of heaven, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.

*Or*

O Lord, I believe and profess that you are truly Christ, the Son of the living God, who came into the world to save sinners of whom I am the first. Accept me today as a partaker of your mystical supper, O Son of God, for I will not reveal your mystery to your enemies, nor will I give you a kiss as did Judas, but like the thief I profess to you:

+Remember me, O Lord, when you come in your kingdom.

+Remember me, O Master, when you come in your kingdom.

+Remember me, O Holy One, when you come in your kingdom.

May the partaking of your Holy mysteries, O Lord, be not for my judgment or condemnation, But for the healing of my soul and body.

O Lord, I also believe and profess, that this, which I am about to receive, is truly your most precious Body, and your life-giving Blood, which, I pray, make me worthy to receive for the remission of all my sins and for life everlasting. Amen

O God, + be merciful to me, a sinner.

O God, + cleanse me of my sins and have mercy on me.

O Lord, + forgive me for I have sinned without number.

### **The Ministration of Communion**

*While elevating the gifts, the Celebrants offers the following Invitation:*

Christ meets us all at this table, without condition. As bread is broken, and wine is shared, we are thankful. These are the gifts of God for you, the People of God. Come and eat for all is now ready.

*Or*

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

*The People queue up, the Body and Blood are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you. [Amen]

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you. [Amen]

*During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung. As servants to the People of God the ministers of the Sacrament receive the sacrament last. If the eucharistic service is being broadcast, the following prayer may be inserted for an act of Spiritual Communion.*

At your feet, O my Jesus, I bow down and offer you repentance of my contrite heart, which is humbled in its nothingness and in your holy presence. I adore you in the Sacrament of your love, the ineffable Eucharist. I desire to receive you into my heart, while waiting for the happiness of sacramental communion, I wish to possess you in spirit. Come to me, O my Jesus, since I, for my part, am coming to you! May your love embrace my whole being in life and in death. I believe in you, I hope in you, I love you. Amen. *Adapted from a prayer authored by Cardinal Rafael Merry del Val*

## The Post Communion Prayer

*The Celebrant says:*

Let us pray: Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and destroyed the veil that separated us from you. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life, we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

*The People reply:*

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all of your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name.

## The Blessing

*The Blessing can be performed by the Celebrant, visiting Bishop or other designated Elder.*

*Standing at they say:*

May the blessing of God almighty, +the Father, +the Son,+ and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always!

*Or*

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.

## Dismissals

*Ministers queue up, first the Gospel Bearer, then Preacher of the day then Celebrant. If a there is a visiting Bishop present, they walk last of all. While the closing song is sung the ministers process to the entrance of the Nave and wait. The Dismissal can be performed by the Celebrant, visiting Bishop or other designated clergy member. The Minister says:*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*Or*

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

*The People reply:*

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

# SPECIAL LITURGIES OF LENT & HOLY WEEK

# ASH WEDNESDAY

*The visual setting for Ash Wednesday should be stark and solemn. As the first day of Lent the color purple is used, suggesting the penitential nature of the season. Common Lenten symbols include the Cross, a person on a journey, or images of the desert. Use of dark gray and various earth tones is also appropriate, recalling the ashes as the image of human mortality. Since Ash Wednesday begins the season of Holy Lent, the People should enter in silence and remain silent through the beginning of the service. The Processional is done in silence. There is either no ringing of bells or the slow ringing of solemn bells and the pace of the procession should be stately and sober. After the imposition of ashes, before the Litany of Penitence, the ministers should wash their hands. A cruet of water, lavabo bowl, and towel should be available.*

## Greeting

*The Celebrant begins:*

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

*The People reply:*

God's mercy endures for ever.

*The Celebrant says:*

Let us Pray. Into your presence we come, Lord a few moments of quietness in a busy world that demands our attention Breathe on us now that we might know your presence and your power to see this day though

## The Lessons

*One or more of the following passages from Holy Scripture is read. Between the readings a suitable hymn, song, or canticle may be sung or said. When a biblical passage other than one from the Gospels is to be read, the Reader announces it with these words*

A Reading from....

*Then, after each Lesson, the People reply::*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

*The People reply:*

Lord, open our hearts to Your word.

*Between the Lessons, a Psalm, hymn, or anthem may be sung or said. Then, all standing as the Reader says:*

May the Lord be on our minds, on our lips and on our hearts as we hear His Holy Gospel.  
The Holy Gospel according to...

*Then, after the reading, the People reply:*

Hear what the Spirit is saying

*The People reply:*

Lord, open our hearts to Your word.

## Sermon

*After the sermon, all stand and the Celebrant invites the People to the observance of a holy Lent.*

### Invitation to the Observance of a Holy Lent

Dear People of God, the first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the

whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the church, to the observance of a holy Lent by self-examination and repentance, by prayer, fasting and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. Also to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

*Silence is kept for a time, all kneeling. The Celebrant says the following prayer over the ashes:*

Almighty God, You have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by Your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

*The People reply:*

Amen.

*The ashes are imposed with the following words:*

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

## **The Kyrie**

*Kneeling, All sing [say]:*

Lord have Mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have Mercy.

## **The Litany of the Penitent**

*Kneeling or sitting as the Celebrant begins:*

We come to You, O Lord, for You alone can heal and restore us. We are not able to heal ourselves. We are not able to forgive ourselves. We are not able to restore ourselves. We are not able to sanctify ourselves. We are not able to satisfy ourselves. We come to You, O Lord, for You alone can make us whole. Lord, we have fallen into sin. We have fallen into wickedness. We have fallen into evil

*The People reply:*

Lord, lift us up and set us free.

*The People reply "Lord, lift us up and set us free" to the following statements:*

Lord, we have fallen into rebellion. We have fallen into disobedience. We have fallen into unrighteousness.

Lord, we have fallen into despair. We have fallen into disillusionment. We have fallen into depression

Lord, we have fallen into loneliness. We have fallen into darkness. We have fallen into hell.

Lord of light enter our past. Dispel the works of darkness. Destroy the deeds of evil. Defeat the thoughts of blackness. Enter the recording rooms of our memories. Enter the dark room of guilt and shame. Enter the secret room of sins hidden and forgotten.

*The People reply:*



Come, Lord of Light, and forgive. Come, Lord of love, and set us free. Come, and scatter our darkness. Come, draw us closer to you. Amen.

### **The Absolution**

*The Celebrant stands and faces the People and says:*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live. Has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his People, penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore, we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit that those things may please him which we do on this day may please him, 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.

*The People reply:*

Amen

*The Peace is exchanged, and the liturgy continues with the Offertory.*

# PALM SUNDAY

*All standing.*

## The Greeting

*The Celebrant begins:*

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

*The People reply:*

Hosanna in the Highest!

*The Celebrant continues:*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, from the beginning of Lent until now we have been preparing, by works of charity and self-sacrifice, for the celebration of our Lord's Easter mystery. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the whole Church throughout the world. Christ entered into triumph into his own city, to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion this entry which began his saving work and follow him with a lively faith. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.

Let us pray. Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## The First Lesson

May the Lord be on our minds, on our lips and on our hearts as we hear His Holy Gospel according to...

*Then, after the Lesson, the Reader says:*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*Then, after the Lesson, the People reply:*

Lord open our heart to Your Word.

## The Blessing of the Palms

*The Celebrant says:*

The Lord be with you.

*The People reply:*

And with your Spirit.

*The Celebrant continues:*

Let us pray. It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of praise along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

*The People reply:*

Amen

*The Opening Song is played, and the service picks up with the Collect of the Day.*

# HOLY THURSDAY

*The Eucharist begins in the usual manner, using the following Collect, Psalm, and Lessons*

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life, and who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Lessons

*The suggested passages from Holy Scripture are read. When a biblical passage other than one from the Gospels is to be read, the Reader announces it with these words:*

A Reading from....

*After each lesson:*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*The People reply:*

Thanks be to God.

*Then, all standing as the Reader says:*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...

*Then after the reading:*

So ends the reading

## The Sermon

## The Foot Washing

## The Peace

## The Eucharist

*Where it is desired to administer Holy Communion from the reserved Sacrament on Good Friday, the Sacrament for that purpose is consecrated at this service.*

## Strip the Altar

*Read Psalms 113 & 114 (No introduction)*

## Cover the Altar with Black Funeral Pall

## Silent Recessional, No Dismissal

# GOOD FRIDAY

*Silent Procession. The Celebrant begins:*

Let us pray. Almighty God, we pray You graciously to behold this Your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Lessons

*The suggested passages from Holy Scripture are read. When a biblical passage other than one from the Gospels is to be read, the Reader announces it with these words*

A Reading from....

*After each reading:*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

*The People reply:*

Thanks be to God.

## The Passion

*The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. The Reader begins:*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...

## The Sermon

## The Solemn Collets

*All standing, the Celebrant, or other person appointed, says to the People:*

Brothers and Sisters: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. We pray, therefore, for People everywhere according to their needs.

*The People may be directed to stand or kneel.*

Let us pray for the Church throughout the world; for its unity in witness and service. For all bishops and other ministers and the People they serve; for the People of this diocese and for all Christians in this community. That God will confirm his church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

*Silence*

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

Let us pray for all nations and Peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them; for (N.\_\_\_\_), the President of the United States, For the Congress and the Supreme Court. For the Members and Representatives of the United Nations. And for all who serve the common good, that by God's help they may seek justice and truth and live in peace and concord.

*Silence*

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind; for the hungry and the homeless, the destitute and the oppressed. For the sick, the wounded, and the crippled. For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish. For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair. For the sorrowful and bereaved. For prisoners and captives and those in mortal danger. May God in his mercy comfort and relieve them, grant them the knowledge of his love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.

*Silence*

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions, and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for all who have not received the Gospel of Christ: for those who have never heard the word of salvation. For those who have lost their faith. For those hardened by sin or indifference. For the contemptuous and the scornful. For those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and persecutors of his disciples. For those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others. May God open their hearts to the truth and lead them to faith and obedience.

*Silence*

Merciful God, creator of all the Peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ, let Your Gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray, that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us commit ourselves to God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

*Silence*

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole church, that wonderful and sacred mystery, by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation, let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were

made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Process Crucifix in silence with torch on each side. At back of the church, in the middle of the church, at steps:*  
This is the wood of the cross on which hung the savior of the world.

*The People reply:*

Come let us worship.

## **Adoration of the Cross**

*The liturgy continues with the Celebrant at the Table; the pre-consecrated elements are in place.*

## **Confession of Sins**

*The Celebrant addresses the People:*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All stand or kneel and say:*

Holy One, we confess to you that often we make excuses for not following the way you have called us to go. We have tried to argue and bargain with you to make the burden lighter. We confess that we too often do not look for you in the face of others, nor allow others to see you in our own actions. Too often we have doubted your presence and failed to worship you with our lives. Make us more complete and faithful followers of you. We ask all these through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

*The celebrant says:*

God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Through Christ, we are freed to love one another, to forgive one another and to be forgiven. You are forgiven! We are given new life. With full and free hearts, let us answer God's gift with our praise, devotion and service.

*The celebrant continues:*

And now as our Saviour Christ taught, we now pray

*All say, pray or sing together:*

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.

## **Communion from the Reserved Sacrament**

*The liturgy concludes with the following prayer. No blessing or dismissal is added. The Celebrant says:*

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead, to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory. For with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

# HOLY SATURDAY

*Holy Eucharist is not celebrated on this day. The Officiant says:*

Let us pray. O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*or this*

O God of the living, on this day your Son our Savior descended to the place of the dead: Look with kindness on all of us who wait in hope for liberation from the corruption of sin and death, and give us a share in the glory of the children of God; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

*The People reply:*

Amen.

## The Lessons

Job 14:1-14 | Psalm 130 *Or* 88 *Or* 31:1-6v | 1 Peter 4:1-8 | Matthew 27:57-66 *Or* John 19:38-42

*After the Gospel, a homily may follow, then following is then sung or said.*

## The Anthem

Man born of woman has but a short time to live,  
and is full of misery.  
He springs up, and is cut down like a flower;  
he flees like a shadow,  
and never continues the same.

In the midst of life we are in death:  
of whom do we seek strength,  
but you, O Lord,  
who for our sins are justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy,  
O Lord most mighty,  
O holy and most merciful Savior,  
deliver us not into the pains of eternal death.

You know, O Lord, the secrets of our hearts;  
shut not your ears to our prayer;  
but spare us, Lord most holy,  
O God most mighty,  
O holy and merciful Savior,  
most worthy Judge eternal,



do not let us, in this our final hour,  
through the pain of death, fall away from you.

*The Officiant and People together pray the Lord's Prayer. The concluding doxology is customarily omitted.*

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.

*The People reply:*

Amen.

*The Officiant concludes:*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy  
Spirit, be with us all evermore.

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

*The People reply:*

Amen.

# THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

*The Great Vigil, when observed, is the first liturgy of Easter Day. It is celebrated at a convenient time between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter morning. It is appropriate that the service begin in darkness. The liturgy normally consists of four parts:*

***The Service of Light:** a new fire is kindled, and from it the Paschal Candle is lit, symbolizing Christ, the light of the world. The Exsultet, an ancient song of praise, is sung or said as the climax of this part of the liturgy.*

***The Service of Lessons:** key passages from Scripture recount the history of God's mighty acts and promises. These readings are accompanied by psalms, canticles, and prayers.*

*Holy Baptism is the Sacrament through which candidates are united to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ (ROMANS 6:3-4), which the Church celebrates on this most holy night. When the Bishop is present, confirmation may also be administered. If there are no candidates for Baptism or confirmation, the Congregation joins in a Renewal of Baptismal Vows.*

*The Holy Eucharist is the proper culmination of the Easter Liturgy. As we keep this holy feast, we share the joy of our Savior's triumph and are strengthened by his grace to walk in newness of life.*

## The Lighting of The Paschal Candle

*In the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant says*

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

*The Celebrant may say the following prayer*

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: sanctify this new fire, we pray, and so set us aflame with the fire of your love, that with pure hearts and kindled affections we may attain to the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*The People reply:*

Amen.

*If the Paschal Candle is to be marked, it is done at this time, directions for doing so are found at the end of this liturgy.*

*The Celebrant lights the Paschal Candle from the newly kindled fire, and say*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

*The Deacon, bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and singing or saying*

The light of Christ.

*The People reply:*

Thanks be to God.

*If candles have been distributed to members of the Congregation, they are lit from the Paschal Candle. Other candles and lamps in the church, except for those at the Altar, may also be lit.*

*The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.*

*Then the Deacon, or other person appointed, standing near the Candle, customarily sings or says the Exsultet.*

## The Exsultet

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your People.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Deacon:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with your spirit.

*Deacon:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* We lift them up to the Lord.

*Deacon:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal Father, and your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ our Lord; the new Adam, by whose blood delivered your faithful People; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, the very Lamb of God, whose blood marks the doorposts of believers and makes us holy.

This is the night when you brought our forebears, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night when with a pillar of fire you banished the darkness of our iniquity.

This is the night when Christ are delivered all from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

Our birth would have been no gain, had we not been redeemed.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

O wonderful providence of Adam's sin destroyed completely by the death of Christ.

O happy fault, which gained for us so great and glorious a Redeemer.

This is the night of which it is written: the night shall be as bright as the day.

How holy is this night when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night when earth and heaven are joined, and Man is reconciled to God.

Therefore, O holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor, the work of bees and of your servants' hands, the gift of your most holy Church. May it mingle with the lights of heaven, and shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning—he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Lessons**

*The Celebrant may introduce the Scripture readings in these or similar words*

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, remembering how he saved his People in ages past and in the fullness of time sent his Son to be our Redeemer; and let us pray that God may bring to completion in each of us the saving work he has begun.

*At least three of the following Lessons are read, of which one is always the Lesson from Exodus. After each Lesson, the Psalm or Canticle listed, or some other suitable psalm, canticle, or hymn, may be said or sung. A period of silence may be kept; and the Collect provided, or some other suitable Collect, may be said.*

### **The Creation:** Genesis 1:1—2:3 & PSALM 104:1-13 (14-24)

*The Celebrant says*

Let us pray. O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

*The People reply:*

Amen.

### **The Fall:** Genesis 3 & Psalm 32

*The Celebrant says*

Let us pray. O God, you sent your blessed Son, the seed of the woman, that he might crush the serpent's head and make all creation new: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify

ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*The People reply:*

Amen.

**The Flood:** Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-20; 9:8-13 & Psalm 36 Or Psalm 46

*The Celebrant says*

Let Us Pray. Grant, lord, that we who are baptized into the death of your son our savior Jesus Christ may continually put to death our evil desires and be buried with him; and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection; through the merits of him who died and was buried and rose again for us, your son Jesus Christ our Lord.

*The People reply:*

Amen.

**Abraham's Sacrifice Of Isaac:** Genesis 22:1-18 & Psalm 16

*The Celebrant says*

Let Us Pray. Almighty god, whose servant Abraham faithfully obeyed your call, and rejoiced to see the day of your son: multiply the number of your children by the grace of the lamb who was slain; that your church may also rejoice to see your promise to our father Abraham fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*The People reply:*

Amen.

**Israel's Deliverance At The Red Sea:** Exodus 14:10—15:1 & The Song Of Moses

**Cantemus Domino** *The Song of Moses*

I will sing to the LORD, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The LORD is my strength and my refuge; \*  
the LORD has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
the God of my People and I will exalt him.

The LORD is a mighty warrior; \*  
The LORD is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O LORD, is glorious in might; \*  
your right hand, O LORD, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O LORD, among the gods? \*

Who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?  
You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
the earth swallowed them up.  
With your constant love you led the People you redeemed; \*  
you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.  
You will bring them in and plant them \*  
on the mount of your possession,  
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O LORD, \*  
the sanctuary, O LORD, that your hand has established.  
The LORD shall reign \*  
for ever and for ever.

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 Celebrant says*

Let Us Pray. O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, by the power of Your mighty arm you once delivered Your chosen People from slavery under pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation offered to all nations by the water of baptism: grant that all the Peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*The People reply:*

Amen.

**God's Presence In A Renewed Israel:** Isaiah 4:2-6 & Psalm 122

*The Celebrant says*

Let Us Pray. O God, you led Your ancient People by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night: grant that we, who serve You now on earth, may come to the joy of that heavenly Jerusalem, where all tears are wiped away and where Your saints for ever sing Your praise; through Jesus Christ our lord.

*The People reply:*

Amen.

**Salvation Offered Freely To All:** Isaiah 55:1-11 & PSALM 42:1-7

*The Celebrant says*

Let Us Pray. O God, You have created all things by the power of Your word, and You renew the earth by Your Spirit: give the water of life to all who thirst for You, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in Your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*The People reply:*

Amen.

**A New Heart And A New Spirit:** Ezekiel 36:24-28 and Psalm 42:1-7

*The Celebrant says*

Let Us Pray. Heavenly Father, by the power of Your Holy Spirit you promise Your faithful People new life in the water of baptism: guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve You in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of Your son Jesus Christ our lord.

*The People reply:*

Amen.

**The Valley Of Dry Bones:** Ezekiel 37:1-14 And Psalm 30 Or Psalm 126

*The Celebrant says*

Let Us Pray. Lord God of our Salvation, You speak the word to Your scattered People, and raise us up from the valley of death: breathe Your Spirit upon your church, that we may live and stand before You confident in your risen son our savior Jesus Christ.

*The People reply:*

Amen.

**The Three Young Men In The Furnace:** Daniel 3:1-28 and A Song Of Creation  
(*Benedicite, Omnia Opera Domini*) Or A Song Of Praise (*Benedictus Es, Domine*)

**Benedictus es, Domine**      *A Song of Praise*      *Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;

    you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;

    we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;

    on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;

    we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths;

    in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

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

    we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

*The Celebrant says*

Let Us Pray. O God, You know that we are set in the midst of many grave dangers, and because of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant that Your strength and protection may support us in all dangers and carry us through every temptation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*The People reply:*

Amen.

**Jonah And The Fish:** Jonah 1:1—2:10 & Psalm 130

*The Celebrant says:*

Let Us Pray. Almighty God, by the resurrection of Your son You have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: grant to those who are sealed by Your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim You to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*The People reply:*

Amen.

### **The Gathering of God's People:** Zephaniah 3:12-20 & Psalm 98

*The Celebrant says*

Let Us Pray. Almighty God, You called Your church to bear witness that You were in Christ reconciling the world to Yourself: give us boldness to proclaim the good news of Your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to You; through him who was lifted high upon the cross, Jesus Christ our lord.

*The People reply:*

Amen.

*Holy baptism may be administered here or after the Gospel (and sermon). Confirmation may likewise be administered as provided in additional directions. In the absence of candidates for baptism or confirmation, the celebrant leads the People in the renewal of baptismal vows.*

### **The Easter Acclamation**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!

*People:* The Lord Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

*A joyful fanfare may be played, and bells may be rung.*

*The church is lighted, and the candles at the altar may now be lighted from the paschal candle.*

*The Gloria In Excelsis, Or Some Other Hymn Of Praise, Is Sung Or Said*

### **The Collect**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with your spirit.

*Celebrant:* Let Us Pray.

O God, you made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: stir up in Your church that spirit of adoption which is given to us in baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship You in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one god, now and for ever.

*The People reply:*

Amen.

*The service continues with the Epistle reading: Romans 6:3-11*

A reading from the Epistle to the Romans....

*After the reading, the Reader says:*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

*And the People reply:*



Lord open our hearts to your word.

*Psalm 114 or some other suitable psalm, hymn, or anthem may be said or sung.*

*The use of “alleluia” is particularly appropriate.*

*All stand, and the Deacon or Elder reads the gospel (Matthew 28:1-10), first saying*

May the Lord be on our minds, on our lips and on our hearts as we hear the Holy Gospel according to...

*Then after the reading they say:*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

*The People reply:*

Lord open our hearts to your word.

## **The Sermon**

### **Baptism, Confirmation, and The Renewal Of Baptismal Vows**

*Holy baptism may be administered here. Confirmation may likewise be administered as provided in additional directions. In the absence of candidates for baptism or confirmation, the celebrant leads the People in the renewal of baptismal vows.*

*The celebration continues with the prayers.*

*The following blessing may be used at the conclusion of the liturgy, in place of the usual blessing.*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, by 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 God’s sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

*The People reply:*

Amen.

### **Additional Directions**

At the Easter Vigil, one of three rites (Holy Baptism; Holy Baptism with Confirmation and Reception or the Renewal of Baptismal Vows) follows either the Service of Lessons or the Sermon.

If there are Baptisms only, the order for Holy Baptism is followed, beginning with the Exhortation. The Easter Vigil then continues with the Easter Acclamation or the Prayers of the People.

According to ancient tradition, the light for the Paschal Candle is taken from newly kindled fire and not from an already existing source of light. If a new fire is kindled outside the building, the People may be invited to gather around the fire and to follow the Paschal Candle in procession.

Other than the Paschal Candle and any candles held by the Congregation, it is desirable that the building remain as dark as possible until the Easter Acclamation. If desired, a homily may be preached after any of the readings in the Service of Lessons.

After the Easter Acclamation, the joy of the resurrection is appropriately demonstrated by bells and music. Bells may also be rung at the end of the service. In place of the *Gloria in Excelsis*, the *Te Deum Laudamus* or the *Pascha Nostrum*, or some other hymn of praise, may be used.

In the absence of a Bishop or Elder, a Deacon or lay reader may lead the first two parts of the service, the Renewal of Baptismal Vows, and the Ministry of the Word of the Vigil Eucharist, concluding with the Prayers, the Lord's Prayer, and the Dismissal (but omitting the final blessing). When the services of a Elder cannot be obtained, and with the authorization of the Bishop, a Deacon may also officiate at public Baptism, and may administer Communion from the Sacrament previously consecrated.

Where the Vigil is not celebrated, the marking and lighting of the Paschal Candle may be used to begin the first liturgy of Easter Day.

The Paschal Candle should be lit for all principal services throughout the season of Easter. It is also traditionally used at Baptism and the Burial of the Dead throughout the year.

If desired, the Paschal Candle may be marked before it is lit, as follows.

*As the vertical of the cross is traced the Celebrant says* Christ, yesterday and today,

*As the horizontal is traced the Celebrant says* the beginning and the end,

*As the Alpha is traced* Alpha

*As the Omega is traced* and Omega,

*As the first number of the year is traced the Celebrant says* all time belongs to him,

*As the second number is traced* and all ages;

*As the third number is traced* to him be glory and power,

*As the fourth number is traced* through every age and for ever. **Amen.**

*Nails or incense studs may be inserted into the Paschal Candle.* By his holy and glorious wounds may Christ our Lord guard and keep us. Amen.

# PASTORAL OFFICES

# HOLY BAPTISM

*Making the sign of the cross, the Celebrant begins:*

## The Greeting

Blessed be +God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*The People reply:*

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*In place of the above, from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People:* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*In Lent and on other penitential occasions*

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People:* God's mercy endures for ever.

*With hands extended, the Celebrant says:*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you!

*People:* And with your spirit.

*The Celebrant continues:*

Let us pray. Almighty God, who by our baptism into the death and resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ turns us from the old life of sin: Grant that we, being reborn to new life in Him, may live in righteousness and holiness all our days; through Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*The People reply:*

Amen.

## Presentation and Examination

*The Celebrant says:*

From the beginning the Church has received believers by baptism. Believers' children have also been baptized so that with help and encouragement they should grow up in Christ and by the grace of God serve Christ all the days of their life.

On the day when the apostles first preached the Gospel of Christ's resurrection, Peter urged his hearers 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus the Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God may call.'

How do you respond to this promise?

*Candidates:* I hear God's call and come for baptism.

*Or*

*Parents (and Godparents):* I hear God's call and come for baptism.

*If there will be infants or younger children, the Celebrant shall address the parents and godparents first.*

## Infants and Younger Children

*When all have been presented the Celebrant continues the examination, for each question presented, the parents & godparents will reply with "I will with God's help"*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Then the Celebrant asks:*

Do you renounce all evil influences and powers that rebel against God?

*The candidates or sponsors reply:*

I renounce all evil.

*The Celebrant asks:*

Do you trust in Christ's victory which brings forgiveness, freedom and life?

*Candidates:* In faith I turn to Christ my way, my truth, my life.

*Or*

*Parents (and Godparents):* In faith I turn to Christ, my way, my truth, my life, as I care for this child

*After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the Congregation.*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*The Congregation:*

We will.

*The Celebrant continues:*

Let us together renew our baptismal covenant.

## The Baptismal Covenant

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People:* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People:* 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.

*Celebrant:* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People:* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant:* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People:* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant:* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People:* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People:* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all People, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People:* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant:* Grant, O Lord that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ Your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

## **The Litany for the Candidates**

*The Celebrant says:*

Let us now pray for these Candidates who are to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*To each Petition, the People reply with Hear us Lord.*

That this (these) child(ren) may come to confess their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.

*Or*

That all this (these) Candidate(s) may continue in the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

That they may walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which they have been called, ever growing in faith and all heavenly virtues.

That they may persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever they fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

That they may proclaim by word and deed the Good News of God in Christ Jesus to a lost and broken world.

That as living members of the Body of Christ, they may grow up in every way into him who is the head.

That, looking to Jesus, they may run with endurance the race set before them, and at the last receive the unfading crown of glory.

*Other petitions may be added*

## **Prayer for the Candidates**

*The Celebrant prays:*

Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon these your servants. Wash and sanctify them through your Holy Spirit, that they may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, they may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*The People reply:*

Amen.

## **Thanksgiving over the Water**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with your spirit.

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* We lift them to the Lord

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant says:*

Blessed are You, O Lord, High King of the Universe; from Your infinite goodness You have given us the gift of water. At creation Your Spirit moved over it; out of bondage in Egypt You led the children of Israel through it; from the hand of Your servant John, Your Son was baptized by it to receive Your anointing as the Messiah, the Christ. We thank You now, O Father, for the water of Baptism: in it we are reminded of His death, by it we share in His resurrection, through it we are reborn to await joyfully His coming in glory.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water.*

Send Your Spirit, O God, to sanctify + this water here now. and give us new life in our risen Savior Jesus Christ. By Him + and with Him + and in Him +, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

## **The Baptism**

*The celebrant baptizes each candidate either by immersion or by pouring water on the candidate.*

*If the mode is by pouring, water should be poured upon the candidate's head at each invocation.*

*If the mode is by immersion, the elder immerses the candidate at each invocation.*

The servant of God N. is baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*When this action has been completed for all candidates, at a place in full sight of the congregation, anoints the newly baptized with sacred chrism and prays over them, saying:*

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

Let us welcome the newly baptized!

*The Congregation replies..*

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.



# CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION

*(Immediately following the sermon)*

*The Celebrant may be a Bishop or licensed Elder*

## **Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

*Celebrant:* The Candidate(s) will now be presented

*Presenters:* I present these persons for Confirmation.

*The Celebrant now addresses the candidates:*

*Celebrant:* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

*Candidate(s):* I do.

*Celebrant:* Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*Candidate(s):* I do and with God's grace I will follow him as my Lord and Savior.

*After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the Congregation:*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*The Congregation answers:*

We will!

*The Celebrant continues:*

*Celebrant:* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

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*People:* 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.

*The People will reply "I will, with God's help to the following petitions."*

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

Will you strive for justice and peace among all People, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*The Celebrant continues:*

Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have restored mankind to right relationship with yourself, and by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*The People reply:*

Amen.

### **Confirmation**

*The Celebrants lays hands on each candidate saying:*

Strengthen, O Lord, Your servant, N., with Your Holy Spirit; empower him/her for Your service; and sustain him/her all the days of his life. Amen.

### **Reception**

*The Celebrants lays hands on each candidate saying:*

N., we recognize you as a member of the church of God, with great joy we receive you into our fellowship. The guarding of the God of life be upon you. The guarding of the loving Christ be upon you. The guarding of the Holy Spirit be upon you. The blessing of the Saints be with you. My own blessing be with you. May the Most Holy Trinity shield you, aid you, and fill you each day and night of your life.

*The Peace is exchanged*

# THE CLAIMING OF A NEW NAME

*Ministers queue up, first the Gospel Bearer, then preacher of the day then celebrant. If there is a visiting Bishop, they walk last of all. The praise singers will sing their opening song and the procession enters the church and processes up the aisle stopping at the altar table until songs end. Gospel Bearer will take their seat leaving preacher and celebrant standing before the congregation. The Role of Deacon may be filled by any ordained minister present.*

*The People Stand*

## Greeting

*Celebrant:* Blessed be the God of Sarai revealed as Sarah, Jacob who became Israel, and Simon called Peter.

*People:* Blessed be the God who comes among us, reconciles us, and sets us free.

## Collect

*The Celebrant says:*

The Lord be with you.

*The People reply:*

And with your spirit.

*The Celebrant continues:*

Blessed are you, God of growth and discovery; yours is the inspiration that has altered and changed our lives; yours is the power that has brought us to new dangers and opportunities. Set us, your new creation, to walk through this new world, watching and learning, loving, and trusting, until your kingdom comes. Amen.

*A song of praise or the Gloria in excelsis is sung; in Advent and Lent, the Kyrie or Trisagion is used instead.*

## Readings

*The service continues with the readings appointed for the day, readings from the list below, or other scriptural passages suitable to the occasion. If the rite takes place in the context of the Eucharist, a reading from the gospel is always included.*

Gen 1:27 | Gen 32:24-30 | Exodus 34:1-8 | Psalm 8 | Proverbs 3:13-20 |  
Song of Solomon 1:2b-3 | Isaiah 45:3-4 | Luke 2:15-21 | Luke 10:20b |  
John 1:1-5 | Romans 1:1-7 | Philippians 2:9-13

## Sermon

*The candidate may be prepared to offer brief reflections here in place of a Sermon. Depending on the occasion, it may be appropriate to invite others to speak. On Sundays and other Major Feasts, the Nicene Creed follows the sermon, all standing.*

## Prayers of the People

*During the pause between the prayers, all are invited to offer prayers silently or aloud.*

*Leader:* As many of you as have been baptized have clothed yourselves with Christ.

*People:* There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female, for all of us are one in Christ Jesus.

*Leader:* “The prophet Miriam, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand and sang,” “Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously.” We pray for the renewal of God’s church in all its forms.

*Pause*

*Leader:* As many of you as have been baptized have clothed yourselves with Christ.

*People:* There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female, for all of us are one in Christ Jesus.

*Leader:* “God said, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.’” We pray for the health and welfare of the earth and all its Peoples.

*Pause*

*Leader:* As many of you as have been baptized have clothed yourselves with Christ.

*People:* There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female, for all of us are one in Christ Jesus.

*Leader:* “I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.” We pray for all who struggle against oppression, sickness, or any kind of trouble.

*Pause*

*Leader:* As many of you as have been baptized have clothed yourselves with Christ.

*People:* There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female, for all of us are one in Christ Jesus.

*Leader:* “And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my People. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act,’ says the Lord”. We pray in love and joy for all who have died.

*Pause*

*Leader:* As many of you as have been baptized have clothed yourselves with Christ.

*People:* There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female, for all of us are one in Christ Jesus.

*Leader:* “For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.” We give thanks for all the blessings of this life.

*Pause*

*Leader:* As many of you as have been baptized have clothed yourselves with Christ.

*People:* There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female, for all of us are one in Christ Jesus.

## **The Giving of the Name**

*Those claiming a new name come forward. The Celebrant then continues:*

Hear the invitation of God: From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh; even though we once knew Christ according to the flesh, we know him no longer in that way. So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through

Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. (2 Cor 5:16-20)

*Turning to the person claiming the new name, the Celebrant asks:*

How do you respond to God's invitation??

*They reply:*

I will seek God's presence in all things.

*The Celebrant continues:*

We are here to affirm the name of (N\_\_). This name symbolizes all that they and all that they are becoming, through the grace of God. We honor the name given to (N\_\_) by their parents and acknowledge that the time has come to declare a new name. This name is the culmination of a journey of discovery and, at the same time, its beginning.

*Turning to the Gathered community:*

Will you do all in your power to assist (N\_\_) to maintain justice, to do what is right, to honor God and hold fast to God's covenant?

*The Gathered reply:*

We will.

Will you honor (N\_\_) in name and in spirit as they continue on their path?

*The Gathered reply:*

We will.

*The Celebrant prays:*

Holy God, we remember how you changed the names of Abraham and Sarah, as they set out to follow you. We know that you changed the name of Jacob, after a long night of wrestling with you. We now declare publicly and affirm the name you have bestowed upon (N\_\_).

*All come forward and lay hands upon the those claiming new names and the Celebrant says:*

(N\_\_), receive the blessings of God, the Father, the Son and Holy the Spirit. Walk in the Spirit, this day and always, knowing that God has made an everlasting covenant with you that shall never be cut off.

*All reply:*

Amen.

*The Celebrant says:*

*Celebrant:* Jesus said, 'Rejoice that your names are written in heaven.' (Luke 10:20)

*All reply:*

Amen! Alleluia!

*The Celebrant prays:*

Holy One of blessing, you created us in your image and pronounced us good. We give you thanks for the gift of life itself. We thank you for our individual names, which connect us to the One who spoke all creation into being. We rejoice in our shared calling to the ministry of reconciliation. God of transformations, you set us free to change and grow, even while

you hold us close in love and grace. Send us forth to love and serve you, in Christ's holy Name. Amen.

# THE CELEBRATION & BLESSING OF A MARRIAGE

*The couple to be blessed joins the assembly. A hymn of praise, Psalm, or anthem may be sung, or instrumental music may be played.*

## Greeting

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God + Father, Son and Holy Spirit

*People:* And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

*In place of the above, from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost:*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People:* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*Celebrant:* Beloved, let us love one another,

*People:* For love is of God.

*Celebrant:* Whoever does not love, does not know God.

*People:* For love is of God.

*Celebrant:* Since God so loves us,

*People:* Let us love one another.

*The Celebrant continues:*

Dear friends in Christ, we have gathered together today to witness N. N. and N. N. publicly committing themselves to one another and, to bless their union: a relationship of mutual fidelity and steadfast love, forsaking all others, holding one another in tenderness and respect, in strength and bravery, as long as they live. Therefore, in the name of Christ, let us pray that they may be strengthened for the promises they make this day, and that we will have the generosity to support them in what they undertake and the wisdom to see God at work in their life together.

## The Collect

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you!

*People:* And with your spirit.

*Celebrant:* Let us Pray.

*The Celebrant says one of the following Collects*

Gracious and ever-living God: assist by your grace N. and N., whose lifelong commitment of love and fidelity we witness this day. Grant them your blessing, that with firm resolve they may honor and keep the covenant they make; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

*Or this*

Almighty and ever living God: look tenderly upon N. and N., who stand before you in the company of your Church. Lift them up in joy in their life together. Grant them so to love selflessly and live humbly, that they may be to one another and to the world a witness and

a sign of your never-failing care; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, to the ages of ages. Amen.

*Or this*

O God, faithful and true, whose steadfast love endures for ever, we give you thanks for sustaining N. and N. in the life they share and for bringing them to this day. Nurture them and fill them with joy in their life together, continuing the good work you have begun in them; and grant us, with them, a dwelling place eternal in the heavens where all your People will share the joy of perfect love, and where you, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*Or this, for those who bring children*

Holy God draw together with bonds of love and affection N. and N., who with their families seek to live in harmony and forbearance all their days, that their joining together will be to us a reflection of that perfect communion which is your very essence and life, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who live and reign in glory everlasting. Amen.

## **The Lessons**

*The People sit and then one or more of the following passages of Scripture is read. If the Holy Communion is to be celebrated, a passage from the Gospels always concludes the Readings. When the blessing is celebrated in the context of the Sunday Eucharist, the Readings of the Sunday are typical used.*

Ruth 1:16-17 | 1 Samuel 18:1b, 3, 20:16-17, 42a | 1 Samuel 18:1-4 | Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 |  
Song of Solomon 2:10-13, 8:6-7 | Micah 4:1-4 | Romans 12:9-18 |  
1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13 | 2 Corinthians 5:17-20 | Galatians 5:14, 22-26 |  
Ephesians 3:14-21 | Colossians 3:12-17 | 1 John 3:18-24 | 1 John 4:7-16, 21 |

*When a biblical passage other than one from the Gospels is to be read, the Reader announces it with these words*

A Reading from....

*After each Reading, the Reader says:*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*The People says:*

Lord, open our hearts to Your word.

*Between the Readings, a Psalm, hymn, or anthem may be sung or said. Appropriate Psalms are*

Psalm 65 | Psalm 67 | Psalm 85:7-13 | Psalm 98 | Psalm 100 | Psalm 126  
| Psalm 127 | Psalm 133 | Psalm 148 | Psalm 149:1-5

## **The Gospel**

*Appropriate passages from the Gospels are:*

Matthew 5:1-16 | Mark 12:28-34 | Luke 6:32-38 | John 15:9-17 | John 17:1-2, 18-26

*Then, all standing. The Reader says:*

May the Lord be on our minds, on our lips and on our hearts as we hear the Holy Gospel according to...

*After each Reading:*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*The People reply:*

Lord, open our hearts to Your word.



## The Sermon

*A moment of Silent Contemplation then all standing*

## The Witnessing of the Vows and the Blessing of the Covenant

*The couple comes before the assembly.*

*If there is to be a presentation, the presenters stand with the couple. The Celebrant says:*

Who presents N. and N., who seek the blessing of God and the Church on their love and life together?

*The Presenters reply:*

We do

*The Celebrant continues:*

Do you promise to love, respect, and pray for N. and N., and to do all in your power to stand with them in the life they will share?

*The Presenters reply:*

We do

*Then addressing the couple the Celebrant says:*

N. and N., you have come before God and the Church to make public your commitment to one another and to ask God's blessing.

*Then addressing the each member of the couple:*

N., do you freely and unreservedly offer yourself to N.?

*Answer:* I do.

Will you live together in faithfulness and holiness of life as long as you both shall live?

*Answer:* I will.

*After each member of the Couple answers the above questions. The Assembly stands, the couple faces the People, and the Celebrant addresses them, saying:*

Will all of you here gathered uphold and honor this couple and respect the covenant they make?

*People:* We do

Will you pray for them in times of trouble and celebrate with them in times of joy?

*People:* We do

## The Prayers

*Celebrant:* Then let us pray for N. and N. in their life together and for the concerns of this community.

*A lay leader, minister or another leader leads the congregation in prayer for the couple.*

*The People reply "Hear our Prayer" to each petition.*

For N. and N., seeking your blessing and the blessing of your holy People; Lord in your goodness,

For a spirit of loving-kindness to shelter them all their days; Lord in your goodness,  
For friends to support them and communities to enfold them; Lord in your goodness,

For peace in their home and love in their family; Lord in your goodness,

For the grace, when they hurt each other, to recognize and acknowledge their fault, and to seek each other's forgiveness and yours; Lord in your goodness,

For the outpouring of your love through their work and witness; Lord in your goodness

For the strength to keep our vows and commitments; Lord in your goodness,

*The Celebrant concludes the Prayers with the following or another Collect.*

Giver of every gift, source of all goodness, hear the prayers we bring before you for N. and N., who seek your blessing this day. Give them a share in the saving work of Jesus, who gave himself for us, and bring about the fullness of life he promised, who now lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

*If the Eucharist is to follow, the Lord's Prayer is omitted here.*

*The Celebrant says:*

And now as our Saviour Christ taught, we are bold to say/pray...

*All say, pray or sing together:*

### **Form 1**

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.

### **Form 2**

Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. Let your Kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors. Bring us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

## **The Commitment**

*The People sit. The couple stands, facing the Celebrant and the Celebrant says:*

N. and N., I invite you now, illumined by the Word of God and strengthened by the prayer of this community, to make your covenant before God and the Church.

*Each member of the couple, in turn, takes the hand of the other and says:*

In the name of God, I, N., give myself to you, N. I will support and care for you by the grace of God: enduring all things, bearing all things. I will hold and cherish you in the love of Christ: in times of plenty, in times of want. I will honor and love you with the Spirit's help: forsaking all others, as long as we both shall live. This is my solemn vow.

*Or this*

In the name of God, I, N., give myself to you, N. I will support and care for you: enduring all things, bearing all things. I will hold and cherish you: in times of plenty, in

times of want. I will honor and love you: forsaking all others, as long as we both shall live. This is my solemn vow.

*If rings are to be exchanged, they are brought before the Celebrant, who prays using the following words.*

Bless, O God, these rings as signs of the enduring covenant N. and N. have made with each other, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The two People place the rings on the fingers of one another, first the one, then the other, saying:*

N., receive this ring as a symbol of my abiding love.

*If the two have previously given and worn rings as a symbol of their commitment, the rings may be blessed on the hands of the couple, the Celebrant saying:*

By these rings N. and N. have shown to one another and the world their love and faithfulness. Bless these rings, Holy God, that they may now be signs of the covenant N. and N. have made this day, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Pronouncement**

*The Celebrant says:*

Since N. and N. have exchanged vows of love and fidelity in the presence of God and the Church, I now pronounce that they are bound to one another in a holy covenant, as long as they both shall live. Amen

## **Blessing of the Couple**

*As the couple stands or kneels, the Celebrant invokes God's blessing upon them, saying:*

Most gracious God, we praise you for the tender mercy and unfailing care revealed to us in Jesus the Christ and for the great joy and comfort bestowed upon us in the gift of human love. We give you thanks for N. and N., and the covenant of faithfulness they have made. Pour out the abundance of your Holy Spirit upon them. Keep them in your steadfast love; protect them from all danger; fill them with your wisdom and peace; lead them in holy service to each other and the world.

*The Celebrant continues with one of the following:*

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you, and mercifully grant you rich and boundless grace, that you may please God in body and soul. God make you a sign of the loving-kindness and steadfast fidelity manifest in the life, death, and resurrection of our Savior, and bring you at last to the delight of the heavenly banquet, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

*Or this*

God, the holy and undivided Trinity, bless, preserve, and keep you, and mercifully grant you rich and boundless grace, that you may please God in body and soul. God make you a sign of the loving-kindness and steadfast fidelity manifest in the life, death, and resurrection of our Savior, and bring you at last to the delight of the heavenly banquet, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* And with your spirit.

*In place of the above may be said:*

*Celebrant:* The Peace of Christ be always with you

*People:* And with your spirit.

*The liturgy continues with the Holy Communion. When the Eucharist is not celebrated, the Celebrant blesses the People. The Celebrant dismisses them.*

# RECONCILIATION OF PENITENT

*The Penitent begins:*

Bless me, for I have sinned

*The Elder says*

May the grace of the Holy Spirit be in your heart and on your lips, so that you may sincerely confess your sins before God, in the name of the Father + and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Penitent continues:*

It has been (how long) since my last confession. – These are my sins:

*Having briefly exposed their sins, the penitent adds:*

For these and for all the sins of which I have ever been guilty, I humbly ask pardon of God and absolution of you.

*The Elder listens attentively to whatever the confessor has to say, then places their right hand upon the head of the penitent and pronounces the absolution of sins:*

“The Lord God through Nathan the Prophet forgave David his sin, and the adulteress weeping at his feet, and Peter shedding bitter tears for his betrayal, and the Publican and the Prodigal Son, may this same Lord and God through me a sinner, forgive you, N., all the sins of your life in this world and in the world to come. Amen.

The Lord has put away all your sins.

*The Penitent replies:*

Thanks be to God.

*The Elder concludes:*

Go (*or* abide) in peace, and pray for me, a sinner.

# ANOINTING OF THE SICK

*The Oil for the Sick is used for this Pastoral Office. The Elder begins with the following declaration.*

Holy scripture teaches us that in acts of healing and restoration our Lord Jesus and his disciples laid hands upon the sick (and anointed them). By so doing they made known the healing power and presence of God. Pray that as we follow Christ’s example, you may know his unfailing love.

*The Elder continues with the following declaration.*

N, through this holy anointing may God uphold you in love and mercy by the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.

*The Elder concludes with the following declaration.*

As you are outwardly anointed with this holy oil, so may our God grant you the inward anointing of the Holy Spirit. May God show mercy and forgive you your sins, release you from suffering, and restore you to wholeness and strength. May God deliver you from all evil, preserve you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# COMMUNION UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

## Greeting

*The minister begins:*

Peace to this house and to all who live in it.

*Or*

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be God for ever.

*All reply:*

Blessed be God for ever.

## The Collect for Purity

*The minister prays:*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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.

*All reply:*

Amen

## The Collect

*Minister:* The Lord be with you!

*All:* And with your spirit.

*Minister:* Let us Pray.

*The minister will recite the Collect of the day.*

## A Reading from Scripture

*The Minister may read the day's reading(s) and Gospel; or one of one of the following:*

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

*Matthew 11:28-30*

Jesus says, "I am the vine. You are the branches. He who remains in me and I in him bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

*John 15:5*

Jesus says, "I am the living bread which came down out of heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever. Yes, the bread which I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

*John 6:51*

Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me."

*John 14:6*

“We know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, & he who remains in love remains in God, and God remains in him.” *1 John 4:16*

*After the reading, the minister may comment on it briefly. Suitable prayers may be offered.*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

*The minister begins:*

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

*All say:*

Holy One, we confess to you that often we make excuses for not following the way you have called us to go. We have tried to argue and bargain with you to make the burden lighter. We confess that we too often do not look for you in the face of others, nor allow others to see you in our own actions. Too often we have doubted your presence and failed to worship you with our lives. Make us more complete and faithful followers of you. We ask all these things through Christ our Lord, Amen.

*The minister says:*

God’s mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Through Christ, we are freed to love one another, to forgive one another and be forgiven. You\* are forgiven! With full and free hearts, let us answer God’s gift with our praise service, and devotion.

*\*A deacon or lay person using the preceding form substitutes for “We” for “You.”*

## **The Peace**

*The minister says:*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All reply:*

And with your Spirit.

## **The Lord’s Prayer**

*The minister begins:*

As Jesus taught, we pray:

*All say or sing:*

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

## **The Distribution of Holy Communion**

*The minister says:*

The gifts of God for the People of God.

*All reply:*

Thanks be to God.

*The pre-consecrated sacrament is given with the following words.*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

## **Post Communion Prayer**

*The minister says:*

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and destroyed the veil that separated us from you. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life, we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

*All reply:*

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all of your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name.

## **Dismissal**

*The minister says:*

Let us bless the Lord.

*All reply:*

Thanks be to God.



# MINISTRY TO THE DYING

*The Officiant begins:*

Peace be to this house [or place], and to all who dwell in it. *Luke 10:5*

Almighty God, look on this your servant, lying in great weakness, and comfort him with the promise of life everlasting, given in the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## Litany at the Time of Death

*The following may be said. When possible, it is desirable that those present join in the responses.*

*Those present reply with "Have Mercy on your Servant" with the following petitions*

O God the Father

O God the Son

O God the Holy Spirit

O Holy and Undivided Trinity

*Those present reply with "Good Lord, deliver them" with the following petitions*

Lord Jesus Christ, deliver your servant from all evil, sin and tribulation;

By your holy Incarnation, 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

*Those present reply with "Hear us Lord" with the following petitions.*

We sinners beseech you to hear us, Lord Christ: That it may please you to deliver the soul of your servant from the power of evil,

That it may please you mercifully to pardon all their sins,

That it may please you to give them joy and gladness in your kingdom, with your saints,

That it may please you to raise them up at the last day

*The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said*

*Officiant:* Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.

*People:* Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.

*Officiant:* O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;

*People:* Have mercy on them

*Officiant:* O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;

*People:* Have mercy on them

*Officiant:* O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;

*People:* Grant them Peace

*Officiant:* O Christ hear us.

*People:* O Christ hear us.

*Officiant:* Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*People:* Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*Officiant:* Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

*People:* Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

*Officiant:* Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*People:* Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*Together they pray:*

### **Form 1**

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.

### **Form 2**

Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. Let your kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors. Bring us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

*Officiant:* O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

*People:* As we put our trust in you.

*The Officiant says:*

Let us pray. Loving Jesus, deliver your servant, N., from all evil, and set them free from every bond; that they may rest with all your saints in the eternal habitations; where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The Officiant may invite those present to offer words of thanksgiving, reconciliation, or farewell. The Officiant may conclude with words of comfort.*

### **Commendation at the Time of Death**

*Here the Elder may anoint the dying person with oil. The Elder says:*

Depart, O child of God, 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 sanctifies you.  
May your rest this day be in peace, and your dwelling place in the Paradise of God.

### **A Commendatory Prayer**

*The Elder says:*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant N. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, your precious child, a recipient of your redeeming work. Receive them into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints. Amen

*The Officiant and People may say*

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

Lord, 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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be for ever and ever.

### **Closing Prayer**

*The Elder says:*

May their soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen.

# THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

## Reception of the Body

*The Celebrant meets the body at the door of the church.*

With faith in Jesus Christ, we receive the body of our brother/sister N. for burial. Let us pray with confidence to God, the giver of life, that he will raise him/her to perfection in the company of the saints.

*Silence may be kept after which the Celebrant continues:*

Deliver Your servant, N., O Sovereign Lord Jesus, from all evil, and set him/her free from every bond, that he/she, may rest with all Your saints in the eternal habitations, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit You live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Let us also pray for all who mourn, that they may cast their care on God, and know the consolation of his love.

*Silence may be kept after which the Celebrant continues:*

Almighty God, look with compassion upon the sorrows of this family for whom we pray. Remember them, in mercy; nourish them with patience; comfort them with a sense of Your goodness; lift up Your countenance upon them and give them peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*All stand for the procession. The Celebrant leads, then the coffin, then the family follows.*

*While processing the Celebrant says the following:*

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. *Matthew 5:4*

For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

It is because of the Lord's loving kindnesses that we are not consumed, because his compassion does not fail. They are new every morning. *Lamentations 3:22-23*

*When all are in place, the Celebrant may address the congregation, acknowledging briefly the purpose of the gathering, and bidding their prayers for the bereaved.*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with your spirit.

*The Celebrant continues:*

Let us pray. We gather now as family, friends, and well-wishers both to honor N.\_\_\_\_\_ in her/his life and to comfort and encourage one another at her/his death. As it is written ..And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and gave up the spirit. The veil of the temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom. (*Mark 15:37-38*)

We recognize and rejoice that neither N.\_\_\_\_\_ 's soul, nor spirit, have ceased to be, but only the visible and mortal temple for these no longer holds them, just as the Temple in Jerusalem now no longer holds back God's Holy Spirit.

*Silence may be kept. The Celebrant concludes with the following or some other prayer.*

Let us Pray. God our maker, your creative will gives life to all that is; your quickening power brings us to birth. Let your love sustain us to the end of our days and bring us through death to a new beginning, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All reply:*

Amen

## The Lessons

*One or more of the following passages from Holy Scripture is read. Between the readings a suitable hymn, song, or canticle may be sung or said. If there is to be a Communion, a passage from the Gospel always concludes the Readings.*

Isaiah 25:6-9 | Isaiah 61:1-3 | Lamentations 3:22-26,31-33 | Job 19:21-27a | Romans  
8:14-19,34-35,37-39 | 1 Corinthians 15:2-26,35-38,42-44,53-58 |

2 Corinthians 4:16--5:9 | 1 John 3:1-2 | Revelation 7:9-17 | Revelation 21:2-7

*When a biblical passage other than one from the Gospels is to be read, the Reader announces it with these words*

A Reading from....

*After each Reading, the Reader says:*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

*The People reply:*

Lord, open our hearts to Your word.

*Between the Readings, a Psalm, hymn, or anthem may be sung or said. Appropriate Psalms are*

Psalm 23 | Psalm 27 | Psalm 42:1-7 | Psalm 46 | Psalm 90:1-12 |  
Psalm 106:1-5 | Psalm 116 | Psalm 121 | Psalm 130 | Psalm 139:1-11

## The Gospel

*Appropriate passages from the Gospels are:*

John 5:24-27 | John 6:37-40 | John 10:11-16 | John 11:21-27 | John 14:1-6

*Then, all standing and the Reader says:*

May the Lord be on our minds, on our lips and on our hearts as we hear the Holy Gospel according to...

*Then after the Reading, the Reader says:*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

*The People reply:*

Lord, open our hearts to Your word.

*Here a family member may say a few words.*

## The Sermon

*A moment of Silent Contemplation then all standing*

### The Creed

*It is appropriate to utilize the Nicene or Apostles Creed. The Creed must be recited in unison. The Celebrant begins:*  
In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say

*All say:*

We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;

We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,

died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

We 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

## Prayers

*If there is not to be a Communion, the Lord's Prayer is said here, and the service continues with the Prayers. When there is a Communion, the following Prayers are used. A lay leader, minister or another leader bids prayers.*

For our brother/sister N. \_\_\_\_\_, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

*The People reply "Hear us Lord" to each petition.*

Lord, You consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for N. \_\_\_\_\_ and dry the tears of those who weep.

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, comfort us in our sorrow.

You raised the dead to life and have given to our brother/ sister eternal life.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented and have brought our brother/sister to the joys of heaven.

Having been washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; You have given him/her fellowship with all Your saints.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother/sister; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

*Silence may be kept. The Celebrant concludes with the following or some other prayer.*

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to You our brother/sister N. \_\_\_\_\_, Grant that his/her death may recall to us Your victory over death and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in Your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where You have led the way, and where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. Amen.

*When there is no Communion, the service continues with the Commendation, or with the Committal.*

*The service continues with the Eucharist.*

*If the body is not present, the service continues with the [blessing and] dismissal. Unless the Committal follows immediately in the church, the following Commendation is used.*

## The Commendation

*The Celebrant and other ministers take their places at the body. The celebrant says:*

Give rest, O Christ, to Your servant(s) with Your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind, and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did You ordain when You created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*The Celebrant, facing the body, says*

Father, we commend to your care our sister/brother, N.\_\_\_\_, giving thanks for him/her gifts and all that she/he brought us. Though now taken from us, let her/him never be parted from you. May your servant, set free from the bondage of earth, be transformed fully into your likeness, from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*The Celebrant may dismiss them saying:*

God of grace and glory, we thank you for N.\_\_\_\_, who was so near and dear to us, and who has now been taken from us into your mansion. We thank you for the friendship she/he gave and for the strength and peace she/he brought. We thank you for the love she/he offered and received while she/he was with us on earth.

We pray that nothing good in this woman's/man's life will be lost, but will be of benefit to the world; that all that was important to her/him will be respected by those who follow ~ and that everything in which she/he was great will continue to mean much to us now that she/he is dead.

We ask you that she/he may go on living in her/his children, her family and her/his friends, in their hearts and minds, in their courage and their consciences. We ask you that we who were close to her/him may now, because of his/her death, be even closer to each other, and that we may, in peace and friendship here on earth, always be deeply conscious of your promise to be faithful to us in death.

We pray for ourselves, who are severely tested by this death that we do not try to minimize this loss, or seek refuge from it in words alone, and also that we do not brood over it so that it overwhelms us and isolates us from others. May God grant us courage and confidence in the new life of Christ. We ask this in the name of the risen Lord.

Let us go forth in Peace

*As the body is borne from the church, a hymn, or one or more of these anthems may be said.*

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and giving life to those in the tomb.

The Sun of Righteousness is gloriously risen, giving light to those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

The Lord will guide our feet into the way of peace, having taken away the sin of the world.

Christ will open the kingdom of heaven to all who believe in his Name, saying, “Come, O blessed of my Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you.”

Into paradise may the angels lead you. At your coming may the martyrs receive you, and bring you into the holy city Jerusalem.



# BLESSING OF THE HOLY OILS

## The Oils

The matter suitable for sacrament is olive oil, or according to local conditions, another oil extracted from plants. The chrism is made of oil and some aromatic substance. The chrism may be mixed either in private prior to the consecration or by the bishop during the liturgical rite itself.

*After the prayer after communion, the ministers place the oils to be blessed on a table suitably located in the center of the sanctuary. The concelebrating priests stand around the bishop on either side, in a semicircle, and the other ministers stand behind them. The bishop then blesses the Oil of Catechumens, then the Oil of the Sick, followed by the Chrism*

## Blessing of Oil of Catechumens

Blessed are you, sovereign God, the protector of the beloved. Bless + this oil and give wisdom and strength to all who are anointed with it in preparation for their baptism. Bring them to a deeper understanding of the gospel, help them to accept the challenge of Christian living, and lead them to the joy of new birth in the family of your Church. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

## Blessing of Oil for the Sick

God of all consolation, You chose and sent Your Son to heal the world. Graciously listen to our prayer of faith and send the power of Your Holy Spirit, the Consoler, into this precious oil, this soothing ointment, this rich gift, this fruit of the earth.

Bless this oil + and sanctify it for our use. Make this oil a remedy for all who are anointed with it, heal them in body, in soul, and in spirit, and deliver them from every affliction.

## Blessing of Chrism

Let us pray that God our almighty Father will bless this oil so that all who are anointed with it may be inwardly transformed and come to share in eternal salvation. God our maker, source of all growth in holiness, accept the joyful thanks and praise we offer in the name of Your church.

In the beginning, at Your command, the earth produced fruit-bearing trees. From the fruit of the olive tree You have provided us with oil for holy chrism. The prophet David sang of the life and joy that the oil would bring us in the sacraments of Your love.

After the avenging flood, the dove returning to Noah with an olive branch announced Your gift of peace. This was a sign of a greater gift to come. Now the waters of baptism wash away the sins of men, and by the anointing with olive oil You make us radiant with Your joy.

At Your command Aaron was washed with water and Your servant Moses, his brother, anointed him priest. This too foreshadowed greater thing to come.

After Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, asked John for baptism in the waters of Jordan, You sent the Spirit upon him in the form of a dove. By the witness of Your own voice You declared him to be Your only, well- beloved Son. In this You clearly fulfilled the prophecy of David, that Christ would be anointed with the oil of gladness beyond his fellow men.

And so, Father, we ask You to bless (+ and breathe into container) this oil You have created. Fill it with the power of Your Holy Spirit through Christ Your Son. It is from him that chrism takes its name and with chrism You have anointed for Yourself priests and kings, prophets and martyrs. Amen.

# BLESSING OF SALT AND WATER

*The Elder gathers a measure of salt and water. Making the Sign of the Cross, the Elder then says:*

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

*Those present respond:*

Who has made heaven and earth.

*Over the Salt, the Elder says:*

Salt made by God, I purge you of evil, by the living God, by the true God, by the holy God, by God who ordered by the mouth of the prophet Elisha that you be mixed with water to heal the latter's sterility. Become now the salt of exorcism for the salvation of the faithful, that all tasting you may receive health of soul and body. From wherever you are sprinkled let them flee away all appearance of devilish deceit, and wickedness and cunning. Let every unclean spirit be commanded by Him who is to come to judge the living and the dead and the world by fire.

*Those present respond:*

Amen.

*Over the Water, the Elder says:*

Elder: Water made by God, I purge you, too, of evil, in the name of God the Father almighty, in the name of Jesus Christ His Son our Lord, and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Become now water blessed to banish all power of the enemy, and to conquer and dispel that enemy himself with his fallen angels, by the power of the same Lord Jesus Christ, who shall come to judge the living and the dead and the world by fire.

*Those present respond:*

Amen.

*The Elder then says:*

O God, for the salvation of mankind You have built Your greatest sacraments on this substance of water. Give a kindly hearing to our prayers and pour out the power of Your blessing on this element, now prepared for our many kinds of purifications. Grant that this, Your creature, may receive power by divine grace, in serving Your mysteries, to drive away evil spirits, and dispel diseases. Grant that everything in the homes or other buildings of the faithful that is sprinkled with this water may be freed of all uncleanness, and be freed from harm. Let no harmful spirit abide here, nor breath of corruption approach, and may all the snares of our hidden enemy vanish. If there be anything which threatens either the health or the peace of those living there, may the sprinkling of this water put it to flight. Grant that the well-being sought by calling on Your holy name may be defended from all attacks, through Christ our Lord.

*Those present respond.*

Amen.

*The Elder mixes a little Salt into the water saying:*

May a mixture of salt and water now be made in the name of the +Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy + Spirit.

*Those present respond:*

Amen.

*The Elder then says:*

The Lord be with you.

*Those present respond:*

And with your spirit

*The Elder then says:*

Let us pray. O God, Creator unconquerable, invincible Ruler, Victor ever-glorious, Who did hold in check the forces bent on dominating us, Who did overcome the cruelty of the raging enemy, Who did in Your power beat down the wicked foe:

Humbly and fearfully do we pray to You, O Lord, and we ask You to look with favor on this salt and water which You have created. Shine on it with the light of Your kindness. Sanctify it by the dew of Your love, so that, through the invocation of Your holy name, wherever this water and salt is sprinkled it may turn aside every attack of the unclean spirit and dispel the terror of the poisonous serpent. And wherever we may be, make the Holy Spirit present to us who now implore Your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever.

*Those present respond:*

Amen.

# BLESSING FOR A HOME

*The celebrant, members of the household, and friends assemble in the living room of the home.  
The Celebrant greets the People:*

The Lord be with you.

*The People reply:*

And with your spirit.

*The People pray:*

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, grant to this home the grace of your presence, that you may be known to be the inhabitant of this dwelling, and the defender of this household; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The following lessons may be read by the celebrant, member of the household or friends assembled.*

## **First Lesson: Genesis 18:1-8**

The Lord appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked and saw that three men stood near him. When he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself to the earth, and said, “My lord, if now I have found favor in your sight, please don’t go away from your servant. Now let a little water be fetched, wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. I will get a piece of bread so you can refresh your heart. After that you may go your way now that you have come to your servant.”

They said, “Very well, do as you have said.” Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Quickly prepare three seahs[a] of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes.” Abraham ran to the herd, and fetched a tender and good calf, and gave it to the servant. He hurried to dress it. He took butter, milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them. He stood by them under the tree, and they ate.

## **Second Lesson: 3rd John 1:2-8, 11**

Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be healthy, even as your soul prospers. For I rejoiced greatly when brothers came and testified about your truth, even as you walk in truth. I have no greater joy than this: to hear about my children walking in truth.

Beloved, you do a faithful work in whatever you accomplish for those who are brothers and strangers. They have testified about your love before the assembly. You will do well to send them forward on their journey in a way worthy of God, because for the sake of the Name they went out, taking nothing from the Gentiles. We therefore ought to receive such, that we may be fellow workers for the truth. Beloved, don’t imitate that which is evil, but that which is good. He who does good is of God. He who does evil hasn’t seen God.

Peace to you. Our friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.

*When appropriate, the Celebrant then says the following invocation:*

Let the mighty power of the Holy God be present in this place to banish from it every unclean spirit, to cleanse it from every residue of evil, and to make it a secure habitation for those who dwell in it; in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*If convenient, prayers for the several rooms of the house are offered at this time. The Celebrant, with members of the household (one of them carrying a lighted candle if desired), and others as convenient, move from room to room, concluding the procession in the living room. The prayers in the separate rooms may be used before or after the service. The prayers in the rooms may be used in any convenient sequence. The appointed antiphons may be read or sung by all, or by the celebrant, or by some other person.*

### **At the Entrance**

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come into the house, and eat with you, and you with me. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in: From this time forth for evermore.

Let us pray.

*Silence*

Sovereign Lord, you are Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end: Send your servants out from this place on many errands, be their constant companion in the way, and welcome them upon their return, so that coming and going they may be sustained by your presence, O Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **In a Study or Library**

*The following Antiphon is said together*

Teach us, O Lord, where wisdom is to be found, and show us the place of understanding. Seek the Lord your God, and you will find him: Search for him with all your heart and with all your soul.

*The Celebrant says:*

Let us pray. O God of truth, eternal ground of all that is, beyond space and time yet within them, transcending all things yet pervading them: Show yourself to us, for we go about in ignorance; reveal yourself to us, for it is you that we seek, O Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Silence*

### **In a Bedroom**

*The following Antiphon is said together*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace. I lie down and go to sleep: I wake again, because the Lord sustains me.

*The Celebrant says:*

Let us pray. O God of life and love, the true rest of your People: Sanctify to your servants their hours of rest and refreshment, their sleeping and their waking; and grant that, strengthened by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, they may rise to serve you all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Silence*

### **In a Child's Room**

*The following Antiphon is said together*

Jesus said, Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to those like them belongs the kingdom of heaven.

Praise the Lord, you children of the Lord:

*The People respond*

Praise the Name of the Lord.

*The Celebrant says:*

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, your Son our Savior took young children into his arms and blessed them: Embrace the child whose room this is with your unfailing love, protect him from all danger, and bring him in safety to each new day, until he greets with joy the great day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Silence*

### **In a Guest Room**

*The following Antiphon is said together*

Do not neglect to show hospitality, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Open your homes to each other without complaining: Use the gifts you have received from God for the good of others.

*The Celebrant says:*

Let us pray. Loving God, you have taught us to welcome one another as Christ welcomed us: Bless those who from time to time share the hospitality of this home. May your fatherly care shield them, the love of your dear Son preserve them from all evil, and the guidance of your Holy Spirit keep them in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Silence*

### **In a Bathroom**

*The following Antiphon is said together*

I will sprinkle you with clean water, and you will be cleansed. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering: Having our bodies washed with pure water.

*The Celebrant says:*

Let us pray. O holy God, in the incarnation of your Son our Lord you made our flesh the instrument of your self-revelation: Give us a proper respect and reverence for our mortal bodies, keeping them clean and fair, whole and sound; that, glorifying you in them, we may confidently await our being clothed upon with spiritual bodies, when that which is mortal is transformed by life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*Silence*

### **In a Workroom or Workshop**

*The following Antiphon is said together*

Many there are who rely upon their hands and are skillful in their own work. Prosper, O Lord, the work of our hands: Prosper our handiwork.

*The Celebrant says:*

Let us pray. O God, your blessed Son worked with his hands in the carpenter shop in Nazareth: Be present, we pray, with those who work in this place, that, laboring as workers

together with you, they may share the joy of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Silence*

### **In the Kitchen**

*The following Antiphon is said together*

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the Name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord: And you give them their food in due season.

*The Celebrant says:*

Let us pray. O Lord our God, you supply every need of ours according to your great riches: Bless the hands that work in this place, and give us grateful hearts for daily bread; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Silence*

### **In a Dining Room or Area**

*The following Antiphon is said together*

The living God gave you from heaven rain and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness. He brings forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden our hearts: Oil to make a cheerful countenance, and bread to strengthen the heart.

*The Celebrant says:*

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O Lord, King of the universe, for you give us food and drink to sustain our lives: Make us grateful for all your mercies, and mindful of the needs of others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Silence*

### **In a Terrace or Garden**

*The following Antiphon is said together*

As the earth puts forth its blossom, or bushes in a garden burst into flower, so shall the Lord God make righteousness and praise blossom before all the nations.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land: Indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

*The Celebrant says:*

Let us pray. Jesus, our good Companion, on many occasions you withdrew with your friends for quiet and refreshment: Be present with your servants in this place, to which they come for fellowship and recreation; and make of it, we pray, a place of serenity and peace; in your Name we ask it. Amen.

*Silence*

### **In the Living Room or Family Room**

*The following Antiphon is said together*

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when God's People live together in unity! Above everything, love one another earnestly: For love covers many sins.

*The Celebrant says:*

Let us pray. Give your blessing, Lord, to all who share this room, that they may be knit together in fellowship here on earth, and joined with the communion of your saints in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



*In those rooms and other places for which no provision has been made in this service, any suitable antiphon, versicle, and prayer may be used.*

*When the procession has returned to the living room, or immediately after the homily (and invocation), the Celebrant completes the blessing of the home as follows:*

*The following Antiphon is said together*

The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness tranquility and trust for ever. My People will abide in secure dwellings and in quiet resting places. Unless the Lord builds the house: Their labor is in vain who build it.

*The Celebrant says:*

Let us pray. Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live here with the gift of your love; and grant that they may manifest your love [to each other and] to all whose lives they touch. May they grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen them; and preserve them in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Celebrant then says to the People:*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*The People respond:*

And with your spirit.

*The People greet one another in the name of the Lord. If there is not to be a Communion, the service concludes with the Lord's Prayer and a blessing. If there is to be a Communion, the Liturgy continues with the Offertory. Members of the household present the offerings of bread and wine.*

*If the Great Thanksgiving provides for a Proper Preface, the following may be used*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who grew to perfect manhood in his parents' home at Nazareth, and in the home of friends in Bethany revealed himself as Life and Resurrection.*

*In place of the usual post-communion prayer, the following may be used*

*How wonderful you are, O gracious God, in all your dealings with your People! We praise you now, and give you thanks, because in the blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ you have visited this house and hallowed it by your presence. Stay among us, we pray, to bind us together in your love and peace. May we serve you, and others in your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*The service may conclude with a dismissal. If there has not been a Communion as part of the service, it is desirable that there be a celebration of the Holy Eucharist in the home at the earliest convenient time.*

# BLESSING OF OBJECTS

*The Elder begins:*

Blessed is the name of the Lord

*Those present respond:*

Unto the Ages of ages (for ever and ever).

*The Elder reads a text of Sacred Scripture. Examples: Luke 11:9-10 | Colossians 3:17*

*Then with hands outstretched says:*

O GOD, by whose word all things are sanctified. pour forth your blessing upon this (name the object), in your holy name, father, son, + and holy spirit. and grant that whoever uses it according to your law and will, may receive from you, health of body and peace of soul.

Through Christ our Lord.

*Those present respond:*

Amen

## **A Blessing a Rosary**

Blessed is the name of the Lord

*Those present respond:*

Unto the Ages of ages (for ever and ever).

*The Elder reads a text of Sacred Scripture. Examples: Luke 11:9-10 | Acts 1:14*

*Then with hands outstretched says:*

In honor of the Virgin Mary, the Holy Theotokos (Go-bearer) and Mother of the Church, may those who devoutly use this rosary to pray be blessed, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

*Those present respond:*

Amen

## **Short Formulary**

*In special circumstances, an elder or deacon may use the following short blessing formulary.*

May this (name of article) and the one who uses it be blessed, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. R. Amen.

*Those present respond:*

Amen

# THE ORDINAL

# THE ORDINATION OF A DEACON

*Ministers queue up, first the Gospel Bearer, then Ordinand, then celebrant and then Bishop, they walks last of all. The praise singers will sing their opening song and the procession enters the church and processes up the aisle stopping at the altar table until songs end. Gospel Bearer will take their seat leaving preacher and celebrant standing before the congregation.*

## The Greeting

*At the conclusion of the Processional Song, the Bishop turns to face the congregation saying:*

The Lord be with you!

*The People reply:*

And with your spirit.

*The Bishop continues:*

Blessed be Kingdom of the Father, and the Son and Holy Spirit.

*The People reply:*

Amen

## The Collect for Purity

*The Bishop prays...*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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.

## The Presentation

*The Bishop and People sit. The Presenters, standing before the Bishop, present each Ordinand, saying*

Most Reverend [Mother/Father/Bishop], on behalf of the People of the Convergent Christian Communion [ *the presenters can include the name of a Worship Community or Parachurch Ministry name*], we present to you [Name], to be admitted to the Order of Deacons in Christ's holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

*The Bishop asks the Presenters...*

Do know them to be worthy?

*The Presenters reply:*

No human could be worthy, but as far as human frailty allows us to judge, we do both know and attest that they have walked humbly in integrity of service and in the love and truth of Christ. They are advancing daily in wisdom and are a trusted guardian of the Church and its People.

*Addressing those present, the Bishop say:*

If anyone has any objection to the raising of this person to the sacred charge of the diaconate, let them speak now or for ever remain silent.

*A moment of silence is held. If no objection is made, the Bishop continues*

There being no objections heard, I ask the People of God now to give voice to their consent. Is it your will that these persons be ordained a Deacon?

*The People reply:*

It is.

*The Bishop asks..*

Will you uphold them in their ministry?

*The People reply:*

We will

*The Bishop says:*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

### **The Litany for Ordinations**

*Those present are lead in prayer, with each petition the People reply "Have mercy upon us."*

O God the Father

O God the Son

O God the Holy Spirit

O Holy and Undivided Trinity

*Those present are led in prayer, with each petition the People reply, "Hear us, good Lord."*

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord: That it may please you to grant peace to the whole world and to your Church,

That it may please you to sanctify and bless your holy Church throughout the world,

That it may please you to inspire all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons with the love of you and of your truth,

That it may please you to endue all ministers of your Church with devotion to your glory and to the salvation of souls

That 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 edification of your Church, and to the glory of your holy Name

That it may please you to guide by your indwelling Spirit those whom you call to the ministry of your Church; that they may go forward with courage, and persevere to the end,

That it may please you to increase the number of ministers in your Church, that the Gospel may be preached to all People,

That it may please you to grant us true repentance, amendment of life, and the forgiveness of all our sins,

That it may please you to hasten the fulfillment of your purpose, that your Church may be one,

That it may please you to grant that we, with all your saints, may be partakers of your everlasting kingdom

*The leader continues:*

*Leader:* Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*All:* Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

*Leader:* Hear us, O Lord, when we cry out to you;

*All:* Have mercy upon us and hear us.

*Leader:* O Lord, arise and help us;

*All:* And deliver us for your Name's sake.

*Leader:* Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;

*All:* And let your saints sing with joy.

*Leader:* O Lord, hear our prayer;

*All:* And let our cry come to you.

## **The Collect**

*The Bishop says:*

Let us Pray. Almighty God, by your divine providence you appointed various Orders of Ministers in your Church, and you inspired your Apostles to appoint to the Order of Deacons the first martyr Stephen, with others: mercifully behold these your servants now called to the same office and administration; so fill them with the truth of your doctrine and adorn them with holiness of life, that 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 Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

## **The Lessons**

*The People sit. The following Lessons are appointed for the ordination of a Deacon. On a Major Feast, or on a Sunday, the Bishop may select Lessons from the Propers of the Day.*

*Jeremiah 1:4-10 | Psalm 119:1-8 | 1 Timothy 3:8-13*

*One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading from....

*After each Reading*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*The People reply:*

Lord, open our hearts to your word.

*A Song may be sung. Then, All stand as the Reader says:*

May the Lord be on our minds, on our lips, and on our hearts as we hear the Holy Gospel according to...

*Then after the reading*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*The People reply:*

Lord, open our hearts to your word.

*All are seated.*

## **The Sermon**

## **The Examination**

*The Bishop addresses the Ordinand and continues:*

Child of God, you have been called to the sacred order of Deacons. The church now confirms your calling. As a Deacon, you are coworker with the laity, elders and bishops. Remember you are called to serve rather than be served, to proclaim the faith of the church and to look after the concerns of God above all.

## **Ordination Vows**

(N.\_\_\_\_) so all may know you are both willing and able to accept this ministry in Christ's church, we ask that you speak your vows publicly as you enter this ministry. Do you confess together with us and the church throughout all ages your faith in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

*The Ordinand answers:*

Yes, truly with all my heart.

*The Bishop continues:*

Let us confess our faith with (N.\_\_\_\_), in the words of the Apostles Creed.

*Then all say:*

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

*The congregation is seated; the Ordinand shall remaining standing with the Bishop continuing:*

Do you believe in your heart that you are called by Christ's church, and therefore by God, to the sacred order of Deacons?

*The Ordinand answers:*

Yes, truly with all my heart.

*The Bishop asks:*

Do you believe that the Holy Scriptures are our foundation and contain all things necessary for salvation?

*The Ordinand answers:*

Yes, truly with all my heart.

*For each of the following questions, the Ordinand will answer "I will, and I ask God to help me."*

*The Bishop asks:*

Will you proclaim the gospel of our Lord, upholding the witness of Holy Scripture?

Will you be diligent in your study of Holy Scripture and in your use of the means of grace?

Will you pray for God's People and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

Will you accept the Church's order and governance, submitting to any ministerial coaching or discipline should you become delinquent in either life or doctrine?

Will you strive to fulfil faithfully, diligently, and cheerfully the duties required of you, following our Lord's example and humble service?

*The Congregation may kneel and prays silently for the fulfillment of these purposes. The Bishop prays:*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who has given you a good will to do all these things, grant you also the strength and power to perform them, accomplishing in you the good work which he has begun, that you may be found perfect and without reproach on the last day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Ordinand(s) kneel(s) or lie prostrate, facing the Bishop. The Veni, Creator Spiritus or other hymn to the Holy Spirit may be sung or said as a prayer for the renewal of the Church. Afterwards, all now stand as witnesses, except the Ordinand(s), who kneel(s) facing the Bishop. The Bishop then prays the following prayer, first saying:*

Let us pray. O God, most merciful Father, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to take upon himself the form of a servant. He humbled himself, becoming obedient even to death on a Cross. Yet you have highly exalted him, and made him Lord of all. For this great mystery, and for these your servants whom you now call to obedience after his example, we offer you our most hearty thanks; and we ask that we may daily increase in humility and service, that by their ministry as well as by those with whom they serve, your holy Name may for ever be glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **The Laying on of Hands**

*Then the Bishop anoints the head of the Ordinand(s) and lays hands upon the head of everyone to be made Deacon, each one humbly kneeling and says:*

Receive the Holy Spirit for the Office and work of a Deacon in the Church of God, now committed to you by the imposition of my hands, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*The Bishop then touches their crucifix to the shoulders of the new Deacon and prays:*

Make them, Lord, modest and humble, strong and constant, to observe the discipline of Christ. Let his (her) life and teaching so reflect your commandments, that through him (her) many may come to know you and love you. As your Son came not to be served but to serve, may this Deacon share in Christ's service, and come to the unending glory of him who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever and ever.

*The People reply:*

Amen



*The Bishop vests the Deacon with a red stole which is placed over the left shoulder and fastened under the right arm; then makes the sign of the Cross over the heart of the new Deacon and says:*

Take this stole for a sign of the yoke of Christ, your Savior. In the name of the +the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*The Bishop then hands the new Deacon the Words of Christ and says*

Take this hook for a sign that you are called to be fishers of humankind, in the name of the+ Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*The Bishop then hands the new Deacon the Words of Christ and says*

Take the authority to read and proclaim the Gospel in the Church of God and to assist in the ministration of the holy Sacraments, in the name of the+ Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*The People reply:*

Amen

*The Bishop declares:*

Let us welcome the newly ordained with our applause!

## **The Peace**

*The Bishop says:*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*The People reply:*

And with your Spirit

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*The service continues in the usual manner.*

# THE ORDINATION OF AN ELDER

*Ministers queue up, first the Gospel Bearer, then Ordinand, then celebrant and then Bishop, (s)he walks last of all. The praise singers will sing their opening song and the procession enters the church and processes up the aisle stopping at the altar table until songs end. Gospel Bearer will take their seat leaving preacher and celebrant standing before the congregation.*

*The People Stand for the Processional Song.*

## The Greeting

*At the conclusion of the Processional Song, the Bishop turns to face the congregation saying:*

The Lord be with you!

*The People reply:*

And with your spirit.

*The Bishop continues:*

Blessed be Kingdom of the Father, and the Son and Holy Spirit.

*The People reply:*

Amen

## The Collect for Purity

*The Bishop prays:*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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.

## The Presentation

*The Bishop and People sit. The Presenters, standing before the Bishop, present each Ordinand, saying:*

Most Reverend [Mother/ Father], on behalf of the Convergent Christian Communion [ the presenters can include the name of a Worship Community or Parachurch Ministry name], we present to you the Reverend [Name], to be admitted to the Order of Presbyters in Christ's holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

*The Bishop asks:*

Do know them to be worthy?

*The Presenters reply:*

No human could be worthy, but as far as human frailty allows us to judge, we do both know and attest that they have walked humbly in integrity of service and in the love and truth of Christ. They are advancing daily in wisdom and are a trusted guardian of the Church and its People.

*Addressing those present, the Bishop say:*

There being no objections heard, I ask the People of God now to give voice to their consent. Is it your will that this person be ordained an Elder?

*The People reply:*

It is.

*The Bishop asks:*

Will you uphold them in their ministry?

*The People reply:*

We will

*The Bishop says:*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

### **The Litany for Ordinations**

*Those present are led in prayer, with each petition the People reply "Have mercy upon us."*

O God the Father

O God the Son

O God the Holy Spirit

O Holy and Undivided Trinity

*Those present are led in prayer, with each petition the People reply, "Hear us, good Lord."*

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord: That it may please you to grant peace to the whole world and to your Church,

That it may please you to sanctify and bless your holy Church throughout the world,

That it may please you to inspire all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons with the love of you and of your truth,

That it may please you to endue all ministers of your Church with devotion to your glory and to the salvation of souls

That it may please you to bless these your servants, now to be admitted to the Order of Presbyters, and to pour your grace upon them, that they may duly execute their office to the edification of your Church, and to the glory of your holy Name

That it may please you to guide by your indwelling Spirit those whom you call to the ministry of your Church; that they may go forward with courage, and persevere to the end,

That it may please you to increase the number of ministers in your Church, that the Gospel may be preached to all People,

That it may please you to grant us true repentance, amendment of life, and the forgiveness of all our sins,

That it may please you to hasten the fulfillment of your purpose, that your Church may be one,

That it may please you to grant that we, with all your saints, may be partakers of your everlasting kingdom

*The leader continues:*

*Leader:* Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*All:* Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

*Leader:* Hear us, O Lord, when we cry out to you;

*All:* Have mercy upon us and hear us.

*Leader:* O Lord, arise and help us;

*All:* And deliver us for your Name's sake.

*Leader:* Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;

*All:* And let your saints sing with joy.

*Leader:* O Lord, hear our prayer;

*All:* And let our cry come to you.

## **The Collect**

*The Bishop says:*

Let us Pray. Almighty God, giver of all good things, by your Holy Spirit you have appointed various Orders of Ministers in your Church: mercifully behold this your servant now called to the Order of Presbyters, and so fill them with the truth of your doctrine and adorn them with holiness of life, that 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 Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

## **The Lessons**

*The People sit. The following Lessons are appointed for the ordination of an Elder. On a Major Feast, or on a Sunday, the Bishop may select Lessons from the Propers of the Day.*

*Isaiah 6:1-8 | Psalm 119:33-40 | Ephesians 4:7-16 or Philippians 4:4-9 | Luke 10:1-9 or John 10:1-16*

*One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading from....

*After each Reading*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*The People reply:*

Lord, open our hearts to your word.

*A Song may be sung. Then as All stand, the Reader says...*

May the Lord be on our minds, on our lips, and on our hearts as we hear the Holy Gospel according to...

*After each reading, the Reader says:*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

*The People reply:*

Lord, open our hearts to your word.

*All are seated.*

## **The Sermon**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

*All stand to recite the Nicene Creed, the Bishop first saying*

With the Church across all ages, let us confess our faith

*Then All say:*

We 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 Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, very God from very God, begotten not made, of one essence with the Father, through Him all things were made: for us men, and for our salvation He came down from heaven,

*Genuflect*

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

*Rise*

For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death, and was buried: on the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures, he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father: He shall come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom shall have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father: Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified: Who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and we look for the resurrection of the dead +and life of the age to come. Amen.

### **The Examination**

*The Bishop addresses the Ordinand and continues:*

You have heard, during the Church's discernment of your vocation and in the Holy Scriptures themselves, how weighty is this Office to which you are called. I now exhort you, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to be a messenger, watcher, and steward of the Lord. You are to teach, to warn, to feed, and to provide for the Lord's family, and to seek for Christ's sheep who are in the midst of this fallen world, that they may be saved through Christ for ever.

Remember how great this treasure is that is being committed to your charge. They are the sheep of Christ for whom he shed his blood. The Church is his bride, his body. If the Church, or any of her members, is hurt or hindered by your negligence, you must know both the gravity of your fault, and the grievous judgment that will result.

Therefore, consider the purpose of your ministry to the children of God. Work diligently, with your whole heart, to bring those in your care into the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of God, and to maturity in Christ, that there may be among you neither error in religion nor immorality in life. Finally, equip and lead your Congregation to proclaim tirelessly the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

And seeing that the demands of this Holy Office are so great, lay aside all worldly distractions and take care to direct all that you do to this purpose: read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the Scriptures, that you may show yourself both dutiful and thankful to the Lord; and frame your conduct, and that of your household and those committed to your care, according to the doctrine and discipline of Christ. Know, however, that you cannot accomplish this of yourself; for the will and the ability needed are given by God alone. Therefore, pray earnestly for his Holy Spirit to enlighten your mind and strengthen your resolve.

## Ordination Vows

*The Bishop begins:*

(N.\_\_\_\_) so all may know you are both willing and able to accept this ministry in Christ's church, we ask that you speak your vows publicly as you enter this ministry. Do you believe in your heart that you are truly called, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Order and ministry of the Priesthood?

*The Ordinand answers:*

Yes, truly with all my heart.

*The Bishop asks:*

Do you believe that the Holy Scriptures are our foundation and contain all things necessary for salvation?

*The Ordinand answers:*

Yes, truly with all my heart.

*For the following questions, the Ordinand will answer with "I will, and I ask for God to help me."*

*The Bishop asks:*

Will you proclaim the gospel of our Lord, upholding the witness of Holy Scripture.

Will you be diligent in your study of Holy Scripture and in your use of the means of grace?

Will you pray for God's People and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

Will you accept the Church's order and governance, submitting to any ministerial coaching or discipline should you become delinquent in either life or doctrine?

Will you strive to fulfil faithfully, diligently, and cheerfully the duties required of you, following our Lord's example and humble service?

*The Congregation may kneel and prays silently for the fulfillment of these purposes. The Bishop prays:*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who has given you a good will to do all these things, grant you also the strength and power to perform them, accomplishing in you the good work which he has begun, that you may be found perfect and without reproach on the last day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Ordinand(s) kneel(s) or lie prostrate, facing the Bishop. The Veni, Creator Spiritus or other hymn to the Holy Spirit may be sung or said as a prayer for the renewal of the Church. Afterwards, all now stand as witnesses, except the Ordinand(s), who kneel(s) facing the Bishop. The Bishop then prays the following prayer, first saying:*

We praise you, eternal God, because you have called us to be a priestly People, offering to you acceptable worship through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Apostle and High Priest, Shepherd and Bishop of our souls. We thank you for Jesus and for the Spirit that empowers us all for ministry. We thank you for the abundance of gifts among us and in particular we thank you for your servant who kneels before us. Give to your servant (N.\_\_\_\_), the grace and power they need to serve you in this ministry.

Make them a faithful minister, a patient teacher, and a wise counselor. Enable them to serve without reproach, to proclaim the prophetic gospel of salvation, to administer the sacraments of the new covenant, to order the life of the church and to offer with all your People spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **The Laying on of Hands**

*Then the Bishop anoints the head of the Ordinand(s) and lays hands upon the head of all that are to be made Elder, each one humbly kneeling, and says:*

Receive the Holy Spirit for the office and work of an Elder in the Church of God, now committed to you by the imposition of our hands. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven. If you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld. Be a faithful minister of God's holy Word and Sacraments; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*The Bishop then prays.*

Send your heavenly blessing upon this your servant, that they may be clothed with righteousness, offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you, and that your Word, spoken by their 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 they shall deliver out of your most holy Word 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, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end.

*All reply:*

Amen

*The Bishop vests the Elder with a stole, then says:*

Take the yoke of the Lord, for his yoke is easy and his burden is light. In the name of the +the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*The Bishop then vests the Elder with a chasuble and says:*

Receive this priestly garment which symbolizes charity; for God is well able to give you an increase of charity and a perfect work, in the name of the+ Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*The Bishop then anoints the hands of the new Elder with the Oil of Chrism, saying:*

Grant, O Lord, to consecrate and sanctify these hands by this unction and by our blessing, that whatsoever they bless may be blessed, and whatsoever they consecrate may be consecrated and sanctified, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*All reply:*

Amen

*The Bishop then gives the new Priest a Bible in one hand and a chalice in the other hand saying:*

Take authority to preach the Word of God and to administer the Holy Sacraments. Do not forget the trust committed to you as a Priest in the Church of God.

*The Bishop declares:*

*Bishop:* Let us welcome the newly ordained with our applause!

## **The Peace**

*The new Elder says:*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All reply:*

And with your Spirit

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*The service continues in the usual manner.*



# THE CONSECRATION OF A BISHOP

*Ministers queue up, first the Gospel Bearer, then assisting ministers and then Bishop elect followed by Assisting Bishops and the Presiding Bishop, they walk last of all. The praise singers will sing their opening song and the procession enters the church and processes up the aisle stopping at the altar table until songs end. Gospel Bearer will take their seat leaving preacher and celebrant standing before the congregation. There must be a minimum of 3 Bishops for a consecration. The People stand and the opening Song is sung.*

## The Greeting

*At the conclusion of the Processional Song, the Presiding Bishop turns to face the congregation saying:*

The Lord be with you!

*The People reply:*

And with your spirit.

*The Presiding Bishop continues:*

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*The People reply:*

And blessed be God's Kingdom now and for ever. Amen

## The Collect for Purity

*The Presiding Bishop prays:*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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.

## The Collect

*The Presiding Bishop says:*

Let us Pray. Almighty God, who by your Son Jesus Christ gave many excellent gifts to your holy Apostles, and charged them to feed your flock: Give your grace to all Bishops, the pastors of your Church, that they may diligently preach your Word, duly administer your Sacraments, and wisely provide godly discipline; and grant to your People that they may obediently follow them, so that all may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, world without end.

*The People reply:*

Amen.

## The Presentation

*The Presiding Bishop Bishop and People sit. The Presenters, standing before the Bishop, present each Ordinand, saying* Most Reverend [Mother/ Father], on behalf of the People of the Convergent Christian Communion, we present to you the Reverend [Name], to be consecrated a Bishop Christ's holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

*The Presiding Bishop asks:*

Do know them to be worthy?

*The Presenters Reply:*

No human could be worthy, but as far as human frailty allows us to judge, we do both know and attest that they have walked humbly in integrity of service and in the love and truth of Christ. They are advancing daily in wisdom and are a trusted guardian of the Church and its People.

*The Presiding Bishop asks:*

Do you have the Charge of Election?

*The Presenters Reply:*

We do.

*The charge of election is read. After the reading of the Charge of Election, the consecrator addresses the People*

If anyone has any objection to the raising of this Elder to the sacred charge of the episcopacy, let them speak now or for ever remain silent.

*The Presiding Bishop pauses to allow any objection to be made. If none are made, they continue:*

There being no objections heard, I ask the People of God now to give voice to their consent to this consecration. Do you find them to be worthy of the charge of the episcopate?

*The People reply:*

Axios! They are worthy!

*The Presiding Bishop says:*

I ask you again, are they worthy?

*The People reply louder*

Axios! They are worthy!

*The Presiding Bishop says:*

I ask you again, are they worthy?

*The People reply louder*

Axios! They are worthy!

*All are seated and a song is sung.*

## **The Lessons**

*One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying:*

A Reading from....

*After each reading the Reader says:*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

*The People reply:*

Lord, open our hearts to your word.

*Then, all standing as the Reader says:*

May the Lord be on our mins, on our lips, and on our hearts as we hear the Holy Gospel according to...

*After each reading the Reader says:*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

*The People reply:*

Lord, open our hearts to your word.

*All are seated:*

## **The Sermon**

*All standing:*

## **Affirmation of Faith**

*It is appropriate to utilize the Nicene Creed, Apostles Creed or other suitable Affirmation of Faith.  
These may be sung or said in unison.*

With the Church across all ages, let us confess our faith

*Then all say:*

We 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 Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, very God from very God, begotten not made, of one essence with the Father, through Him all things were made: for us men, and for our salvation He came down from heaven,

*Genuflect*

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

*Rise*

For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death, and was buried: on the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures, he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father: He shall come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom shall have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father: Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified: Who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and we look for the resurrection of the dead +and life of the age to come. Amen.

### **The Exhortation and Examination**

*The People are Seated, wearing their miters, the Consecrators take their seats and address the congregation:*

Consider carefully the position in the Church to which this Elder are about to be raised. Our Lord Jesus Christ, who came among us as a brother to show us the love and compassion of the Holy One, in turn sent His apostles into the world to continue His work. They were filled with the power of the Holy Spirit to preach the Good News and to reconcile all humanity to our loving God. Because this service was to continue to the end of time, the apostles selected others to help them. By the laying on of hands, which confers the sacrament of orders in its fullness, the apostles passed on the gift of the Holy Spirit which they themselves had received from Christ. In that way, by a succession unbroken from one generation to the next, the blessings conferred in the beginning were handed down, and the work of the Savior lives and grows in our time. In the person of the bishop, surrounded by the elders and the deacons, Jesus Christ, the Lord, who became the High Priest for ever, is present among you.

Through the ministry of the bishop, Christ Himself continues to proclaim the Gospel and to confer the mysteries of faith on those who believe. Through the action of the bishop, Christ adds new members to His Body. Through the bishop's wisdom and prudence, Christ guides you in your earthly pilgrimage toward eternal happiness.

Gladly and gratefully, therefore, receive this Elder whom we are about to accept into the order of bishops by the laying on of hands. Respect them as ministers of Christ and as a steward of the mysteries of God. They have been entrusted with the task of witnessing to the Truth of the Gospel and fostering a spirit of justice and holiness.

*The Consecrator then addresses the Bishop-Elect:*

You, dear child of God, have been chosen by the Lord. Remember that you are chosen from among the People to act for the People in relation to God. The title of bishop is not one of honor but of function, and therefore, a bishop should strive to serve rather than to rule. Such is the counsel of the Master: the greater should behave as if the least, the leader as the one who serves. Proclaim the message whether it is welcome or unwelcome; correct error with unflinching patience and teaching. Pray and offer sacrifice for the People committed to your care and so draw every kind of grace for them from the overflowing holiness of Christ. As a steward of the mysteries of Christ in the church entrusted to you, be a faithful overseer and guardian. Since you are chosen by God to serve God's People, always be mindful of the Good Shepherd, Who knows his sheep and is known by them and Who did not hesitate to lay down His life for them.

Love all those whom God places in your care. Love the elders and deacons who share with you the ministry of Christ. Love the poor and the infirm, strangers and the homeless. Encourage the faithful to work with you in your apostolic task; listen willingly to what they have to say. Never relax your concern for all who do not yet belong to the Christ's holy Church; they too are commended to you in the Lord. Never forget that in the Church Catholic, made one by the bond of Christian love, you are incorporated into the order of bishops. You should therefore have a constant concern for all the churches and gladly come to the aid of churches in need. Attend to the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit appoints you an overseer of the Church of God—in the Name of the Father, Whose image you personify in the Church—and in the Name of the Son, Jesus Christ, Whose role of Teacher, Priest and Shepherd you undertake—and in the Name of the Holy Spirit, Who gives life to the Church of Christ and supports our weakness with Her strength. May God, Who has begun the good work in you, bring it to fulfillment.

*The Bishop-Elect stand before the Consecrators. The Consecrator continues:*

Sister[Brother], the Holy Scriptures and the ancient Canons command that we should not be hasty in laying on hands, and admitting any person to authority in the Church of Christ; so before we admit you to this Office, we will examine you in certain Articles, in order that this congregation here present may know how you will conduct yourself in the Church of God.

*The following questions are then addressed to the Bishop-Elect by the Consecrators.*

Are you persuaded that you are truly called to this ministry, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Order of this Church?

*Bishop Elect:* I am so persuaded.

Will you accept this call and fulfill this trust in obedience to Christ?

*Bishop Elect:* I will obey Christ and will serve in His Name.

Will you be faithful in prayer, and in the study of Holy Scripture, that you may have the mind of Christ?

*Bishop Elect:* I will, for God is my help.

Will you boldly proclaim and interpret the Gospel of Christ, enlightening the minds and stirring up the conscience of your People?

*Bishop Elect:* I will, in the power of the Spirit.

As a chief elder and pastor, will you encourage and support all baptized People in their gifts and ministries, nourish them from the riches of God's grace, pray for them without ceasing, and celebrate with them the Sacraments of our redemption?

*Bishop Elect:* I will, in the Name of Christ, the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls.

Will you guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church?

*Bishop Elect:* I will, for the love of God.

Will you share with your fellow Bishops in the government of the whole Church; will you sustain the Elders and take counsel with them; will you guide and strengthen the Deacons and all others who minister in the Church?

*Bishop Elect:* I will, by the grace given me.

Will you be merciful to all, show compassion to the poor and strangers, and defend those who have no helper?

*Bishop Elect:* I will, for the sake of Christ Jesus.

This we, Bishops of Christ's holy Catholic Church accept, state, and pledge: We will not forget your pledge nor fail to honor and regard that which is given.

*The Consecrators remove their miters. The Consecrator continues:*

My dear People, let us pray that Almighty God will pour out grace upon this servant who has been chosen to provide for the needs of the Church.

*All present kneel while the Bishop-Elect prostrate himself. The Cantor begins the Litany of the Saints. At the conclusion of the Litany of the Saints, the consecrating bishops stand and say the following prayer with hands outstretched. The Bishop-Elect remains prostrate. The People may remain seated.*

Lord, be moved by our prayers. Anoint Your servant with the fullness of priestly grace and bless them with spiritual power in all its richness. Grant them the fullness of the Holy Spirit, that in the Episcopal dignity, to which we are about to raise them, they may shine with all manner of heavenly virtue. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*All reply:*

Amen

## The Consecration

*The Bishop-Elect now kneels. The consecrating bishops approach the Bishop-Elect and together place their hands upon the head of the Bishop-Elect. Afterwards, any other bishops present place their hands on the new bishop's head in silence.*

*The Book of Gospels is brought to Presiding Bishop who places the open Book upon the head of the Bishop-Elect. The Book of Gospels is held over the head of the Bishop-elect until the Prayer of Consecration is completed.*

God, the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Father of mercies and God of all consolation, you dwell in heaven, yet look with compassion on all that is humble. You know all things before they come to be; by your gracious word you have established the plan of your Church.

From the beginning you chose the descendants of Abraham to be your holy nation. You established rulers and priests and did not leave your sanctuary without ministers to serve you. From the creation of the world, you have been pleased to be glorified by those whom you have chosen.

*All consecrating Bishop say together.*

So now pour out upon this chosen one the power which is from you, the governing Spirit whom you gave to your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, the Spirit given by him to his holy apostles, who founded the Church in every place to be your temple for the unceasing glory and praise of your name.

*The Presiding Bishop continues:*

Loving God, you know all hearts. You have chosen this your servant for the office of bishop. May they be a shepherd to your holy flock, and a high priest blameless in your sight, ministering to you night and day. May they always gain the blessing of your favor and offer the gifts of your holy Church. Through the Spirit who gives the grace of high priesthood grant them the power to forgive sins as you have commanded, to assign ministries as you have decreed, and to loose every bond by the authority which you gave to your apostles. May they be pleasing to you by their gentleness and purity of heart, presenting a fragrant offering to you through Jesus Christ, your Son, through whom glory and power and honor are yours with the Holy Spirit in your Holy Church, now and for ever.

*The Consecrator takes oil and anoints the head of the new Bishops.*

Receive the anointing of this oil and remember continually to stir up the grace of God which is given to you; for God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and love, and self-control.

*The Consecrator now anoints the new Bishop's hands with holy chrism.*

May these hands be consecrated and hallowed for the work of the Episcopal Order by this anointing with the holy chrism of sanctification. In the name of God + the Father, + the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Presiding Bishop and new Bishop now move to a side table to cleanse their hands. They then return to their place before the altar. The Book of Gospels is brought to a Consecrator who hands it to the new Bishop.*

Receive the book of the Gospels and be a teacher of the divine wisdom unto the People entrusted to you.

*The episcopal ring is presented to a Consecrator, who hands it to the new Bishop, saying:*



Receive this ring in token of the link which binds you to our Lord, and for a symbol of your office as legate to the People. In our Lord's most holy Name, be a healer of the souls of your brothers and sisters and a channel of Christ's love.

*The pectoral cross is presented to a Consecrator, who places it over the head of the new Bishop, saying:*

Receive this cross and be mindful of the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ which it represents. May His example inspire you to faithful service to all God's People.

*The miter is now brought to a Consecrator, who places it on the new Bishop's head, saying:*

Receive this mitre and remember that your authority rests in God's Word and Holy Spirit.

*The crozier is now brought to the Presiding Bishop, who hands it to the new Bishop, saying:*

Keep watch over the flock of which the Holy Spirit has appointed you shepherd. Encourage the faithful, restore the lost, build up the body of Christ; that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, you may receive the unfading crown of glory.

*The new Bishop is now formally seated. The Consecrator invites the new Bishop to take the first place among the concelebrating Bishops, the Assisting Bishops follow. The new Bishop sets aside their croziers and receives the kiss of peace from the Consecrators. Once they have shared the peace with the new Bishops, the Presiding Bishop formally presents the new Bishops to the community.*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I present to you the Right Reverend [N.], a Bishop in the Church of God.

*The New Bishops says:*

Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: even as I have loved you, that you love one another." The peace of the Lord be always with you

*All reply:*

And with your spirit!

*The Presiding Bishop instructs:*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Communion instructions are shared, and all are seated during the preparation of the table.*

# COLLECTS



# HOLY DAYS

## **The Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Day** *December 25*

Almighty God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to take on human flesh, and to be born of a virgin: Grant that we may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with You and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## **The Holy Name of our Lord Jesus Christ** *January 1*

Eternal Father, You gave Your Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation. We ask, graciously Lord, that you plant a love for Him in every heart around the world; we ask this through Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

## **The Epiphany** *January 6*

O God, by the leading of a star You manifested Your only Son to the Peoples of the earth; Lead us who know You now by faith, to Your presence, where we may see Your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **The Baptism of our Lord** *First Sunday after Epiphany*

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him Your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

## **The Transfiguration** *the Sunday before Ash Wednesday and/or August 6*

Father in heaven, whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever

## **Ash Wednesday**

Almighty and everlasting God, You hate nothing and You forgive the sins of all the world; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may come to know that you have granted right relationship with You; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever. Amen.

## **The Annunciation**      *March 25*

God our Father, Your Word became flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. May we become more like Jesus Christ, whom we acknowledge as our redeemer, God and man. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**

Almighty and ever living God, in Your tender love for humanity You sent Your Son to take upon himself human flesh, and to suffer a violent death at the hands of man, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever. Amen.

## **Holy Thursday**

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before He suffered, instituted the Sacrament of Holy Communion: mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries reminds us that he is with us always; and who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever. Amen.

## **Good Friday**

Almighty God, we pray You graciously to behold this Your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever. Amen.

## **Easter Day**

Almighty God, who through Your Son revealed our need for true communion with You opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **Ascension**

Almighty God, your blessed Son ascended far above all heavens that He might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, He abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

## **Pentecost**

Almighty God, on this day You revealed the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of Your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Trinity**

Almighty and everlasting God, we are limited in our understanding of you, but we know that you care for us and for all creation: We pray that you keep us steadfast in this faith and worship and bring us at last to see You in Your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **The Dormition of the Theotokos**     *August 15*

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son, Jesus. May we who have been redeemed Him, share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

### **Triumph of the Holy Cross**     *September 14*

God our Father, in obedience to You, Your only Son accepted death on the cross to reveal our need for you. We acknowledge the mystery of the cross on earth. Grant that we may look to the cross as a beacon of your love to this world. We ask this through who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **All Saints**     *November 1*

All powerful and ever living Father, today we rejoice in the witness of our ancestors, the holy men and women of every time and place. May their prayers bring us to remembrance of your presence and love; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Christ the King**     *Sunday closest to November 23*

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in Your Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the Peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

# COLLECTS OF THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

## **First Sunday of Advent**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which Your Son, Jesus Christ, came to us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in his glorious majesty we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **Second Sunday of Advent**

Merciful God, you sent the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and turn from our broken ways, that we may greet the coming of Jesus Christ with joy, we ask these things through Jesus Christ, Your son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **Third Sunday of Advent**

O Lord Jesus, who at your first coming sent 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; for you are alive and reign with the father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Father, you chose the Virgin Mary, to be the mother of our Lord and savior. Fill us with your grace that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **First Sunday after Christmas Day**

*This Sunday takes precedence over the three Holy Days which follow Christmas Day. As necessary, the observance of one, two, or all three of them, is postponed one day.*

Almighty God, You have poured upon us the new light of Your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Second Sunday after Christmas Day**

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of humankind. Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, Your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Almighty God, your Son is the light of the world. Grant that Your People, illumined by Your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known and worshiped to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of Jesus Christ and proclaim to all People the Good News, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Almighty and everlasting God, You govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of Your People, and in our time grant us Your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord who, lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which You have made known to us in Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without You, give us the help of Your grace, that we may please You both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany**

O Lord, You have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing; Send Your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts Your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before You. Grant this for the sake of Your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Most loving Father, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing but the loss of You, and to cast all our care on You who care for us, Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which You have manifested to us in Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **First Sunday in Lent**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by the adversary, come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as You know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find You mighty to save; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Second Sunday in Lent**

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again to embrace and hold fast to Your Word, Jesus Christ Your Son; who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever. Amen.

### **Third Sunday in Lent**

Almighty God, You know that we have no power in 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, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever. Amen.

### **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Gracious Father, Your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world. Evermore give us this bread that He may live in us, and we in him; we ask through him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Almighty God, You alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners. Grant Your People grace to love what You command and to desire what You promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever. Amen.

### **Monday in Holy Week**

Almighty God, whose dear Son went not up to joy but first He suffered pain and entered not into glory before He was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever. Amen.

### **Tuesday in Holy Week**

O God, by the passion of Your Son You made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever. Amen.

### **Wednesday in Holy Week**

Lord God, whose blessed Son, gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever. Amen.

### **Monday in Easter Week**

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with awe the Paschal feast may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Tuesday in Easter Week**

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that all may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Wednesday in Easter Week**

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread, Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all His work; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Thursday in Easter Week**

Almighty and everlasting God established the new covenant of reconciliation, Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Friday in Easter Week**

Almighty and everlasting God, who sent Your Only Son to illuminate humankind's need for you: Give us grace so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve You in purity of living and truth; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Saturday in Easter Week**

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank You for freeing us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into Your kingdom; and we pray that, as by his death He has recalled us to life, so by his love He may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

**Second Sunday of Easter**

Almighty and everlasting God established the new covenant of reconciliation, Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Third Sunday of Easter**

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread; Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of Your People; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where He leads; who, with You and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Almighty God: Grant us so perfectly to know Your Son to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards You, that we, loving You in all things and above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



**Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day**

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted Your Son with great triumph to Your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

## The Sundays After Pentecost

**Proper 1**     *Week of the Sunday closest to May 11*

Remember, O Lord, what You have made of us and not what we deserve; and, as You have called us to Your service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

**Proper 2**     *Week of the Sunday closest to May 18*

Almighty and merciful God, in Your goodness keep us from all things that may hurt us, that we may accomplish with free hearts those things which belong to Your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Proper 3**     *Week of the Sunday closest to May 25*

Lord we ask that you grant that the course of this world may be peaceably governed by Your providence; and that Your church may joyfully serve You in confidence and serenity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Proper 4**     *Week of the Sunday closest to June 1*

Father, Your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and earth: Put away from us all hurtful things and give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Proper 5**     *Week of the Sunday closest to June 8*

Lord we ask that you grant that we may think on those things that are right, and by Your merciful guidance may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Proper 6**     *Week of the Sunday closest to June 15*

Father, keep Your Church in Your steadfast faith and love, that through Your grace may we may proclaim Your truth with boldness, and minister Your justice with compassion; for the sake your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Proper 7**     *Week of the Sunday closest to June 22*

O Lord, grant us perpetual love and reverence for Your Holy Name, for You never fail to help those whom You have set upon the sure foundation of Your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Proper 8**    *Week of the Sunday closest to June 29*

Almighty God, You have built Your church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant that we be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to You; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Proper 9**    *Week of the Sunday closest to July 6*

O God, You have taught us to keep Your commandments by loving You and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to You with our whole hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Proper 10**    *Week of the Sunday closest to July 13*

Merciful Lord, receive the prayers of Your People who call upon You, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Proper 11**    *Week of the Sunday closest to July 20*

Almighty God, You are the fountain of all wisdom; You know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Proper 12**    *Week of the Sunday closest to July 27*

O God, lover of mankind, without You nothing is strong, and nothing is holy: Increase Your mercy on us; that, with You as our ruler and guide, we lose not our focus on your kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Proper 13**    *Week of the Sunday closest to August 3*

Let Your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend Your church; and protect and govern it always by Your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Proper 14** *Week of the Sunday closest to August 10*

Grant to us, Lord, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we may be enabled to live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Proper 15** *Week of the Sunday closest to August 17*

Almighty God, You have given Your only Son to destroy the barriers between You and man: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of this redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Proper 16** *Week of the Sunday closest to August 24*

Grant, O merciful God, that Your church, being gathered together in unity by Your Holy Spirit, may show forth Your power among all Peoples, to the glory of Your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Proper 17** *Week of the Sunday closest to August 31*

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of Your Name; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Proper 18** *Week of the Sunday closest to September 7*

Lord strengthen our trust in You, teach us to rely on you and remind us that You will never leave nor forsake us; we ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Proper 19** *Week of the Sunday closest to September 14*

God grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Proper 20** *Week of the Sunday closest to September 21*

Calm our anxieties, O Lord, relieve us of the distractions of this temporal world and train our eyes to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Proper 21** *Week of the Sunday closest to September 28*

O God, You declare Your almighty power in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of Your grace, that we, may become partakers of Your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Proper 22** *Week of the Sunday closest to October 5*

Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Proper 23** *Week of the Sunday closest to October 12*

Lord, we pray that Your grace may always surround us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Proper 24** *Week of the Sunday closest to October 19*

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ You have revealed Your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of Your mercy, that Your church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Proper 25** *Week of the Sunday closest to October 26*

Almighty and everlasting God increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what You promise, make us love what You command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Proper 26** *Week of the Sunday closest to November 5*

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by Your gift that Your faithful People offer You true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain Your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Proper 27** *Week of the Sunday closest to November 9*

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that He might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as He is pure; that, when He comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Proper 28** *Week of the Sunday closest to November 16*

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast in the knowledge of your love, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Proper 29** *Week of the Sunday closest to November 23*

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the Peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## VARIOUS OCCASIONS

*For optional use, when desired, subject to the rules set forth in the Calendar of the Church Year.*

### **Of the Holy Trinity**

Almighty God, You have revealed to Your church Your eternal Being of glorious majesty and perfect love as one God in Trinity of Persons: Give us grace to continue steadfast in the confession of this faith, and constant in our worship of You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; for You live and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Of the Holy Spirit**

Almighty and most merciful God grant 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 Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Of the Holy Angels**

Everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as Your holy angels always serve and worship You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Of the Incarnation**

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of humanity, Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, Your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Of the Holy Eucharist** *Especially suitable for Thursdays*

God our Father, whose Son in a wonderful sacrament has left us a memorial of his passion: Grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of his Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of his redemption; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Of the Holy Cross** *Especially suitable for Fridays*

Almighty God, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption: Give us courage to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **For all Baptized Christians** *Especially suitable for Saturdays*

Grant, Lord God, that we may be renewed in the spirit of our minds and live in righteousness and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **For the Departed**

Eternal Lord God, You hold all souls in life: Give to Your Church Your light and Your peace; and grant that we may at the last enter with them into Your unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Of the Reign of Christ**

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in Your Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the Peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **At Baptism**

Almighty God, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ, You turn us from the old life of sin: Grant that we, being reborn to new life in him, may live in righteousness and holiness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **At Confirmation**

Grant, Almighty God, that we, who have been redeemed from the old life of sin by our baptism into the death and resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ, may be renewed in Your Holy Spirit, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **On the Anniversary of the Dedication of a Church**

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: We give You thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshiped in this place, and we pray that all who seek You here may find You, and be filled with Your joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

Almighty Father, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one as You and he are one: Grant that Your church, being bound together in love and obedience to You, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom You have sent, Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



### **Collect for Chrism Mass**

Father, by the power of the Holy Spirit you anointed your Son Messiah and Lord of creation; you have given us a share in this Consecration to priestly service in your church. Help us to be faithful witnesses in the world of Christ to all mankind. We ask this through our Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **For the Sick**

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve Your sick servants, and give Your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those (or N. or & NN.) for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in Your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **For Social Justice**

Almighty God, who created us in Your 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 in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of Your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **For Social Service**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **For Education**

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom: Enlighten by Your Holy Spirit 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, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **For Vocation in Daily Work**

Almighty God, You declare Your glory and show forth Your handiwork in the heavens and in the earth: Deliver us in our various occupations from the service of self alone, that we may do the work You give us to do in truth and beauty and for the common good; for the sake of him who came among us as one who serves, Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **For Labor Day**

Almighty God, You have linked our lives one with another that all we do affects all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **FOR THE MINISTRY (EMBER DAYS)**

*For use on the traditional days or at other times*

### **I. For those to be ordained**

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, in Your divine providence You have appointed various orders in Your church: Give Your grace, we humbly pray, to all who are [now] called to any office and ministry for Your People; and so fill them with your truth and clothe them with holiness of life, that they may faithfully serve before You, to the glory of Your great Name and for the benefit of Your church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **II. For the choice of fit persons for the ministry**

O God, You led Your holy apostles to ordain ministers in every place: Grant that Your church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may choose suitable persons for the ministry of Word and Sacrament, and may uphold them in their work for the extension of Your kingdom; through him who is the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **III. For all Christians in their vocation**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of Your faithful People is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before You for all members of Your Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve You; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **For the Mission of the Church**

O God, You have made of one blood all the Peoples of the earth, and sent Your Son to preach peace to the whole world: Grant that People everywhere may seek after You and find You. Bring the nations into Your fold, pour out Your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of Your Son; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **For the Nation**

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

### **For Peace**

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with Your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility Your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of Your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **FOR ROGATION DAYS**

### **I. For fruitful seasons**

Almighty God, We humbly pray that Your gracious providence may give and preserve for our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labor to gather them, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from Your hand, may always give You thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **II. For Commerce and Industry**

Almighty God, whose Son in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labor: Be present with Your People where they work; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to Your will; and give to us all a pride in what we do, and a just return for our labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **III. For stewardship of creation**

O merciful Creator, Your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for Your providence; and grant that we be faithful stewards of Your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

# ALTERNATIVE PREFACES

# HOLY DAYS

## **The Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas**      *December 25 Form 1*

Father, it is truly right and just; always and everywhere to give You praise through Christ our Lord. For in the mystery of the Word made flesh the light of Your glory has shone upon the eyes of our mind, so that, as we recognize in him God made visible, we may be caught up through him in love of things invisible. And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of Your glory, as without end we acclaim:

## **The Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas**      *December 25 Form 2*

Father, it is truly right and just; always and everywhere to give You praise through Christ our Lord. For on the feast of this holy mystery, though invisible in his own divine nature, He has appeared visibly in ours, and begotten before all ages, He has begun to exist in time, so that, raising up in himself all that was cast down, He might restore unity to all creation and call straying humanity back to the heavenly Kingdom. And so, with all the Angels, we praise You, as in joyful celebration we acclaim:

## **The Holy Name of our Lord Jesus Christ**      *January 1*

Father, it is right and proper that on all occasions we give You praise and thanksgiving. You have given to Your Son, Jesus, the Name that is above every name, that at His name every knee should bow. Therefore, we join with angels, archangels, with the saints and martyrs, all thrones and dominions, cherubim and seraphim, and with the hosts of the heavenly army, and sing:

## **The Epiphany**      *January 6*

Father, it is truly right and just; always and everywhere to give You praise through Christ our Lord. For today You have revealed the mystery of our salvation in Christ as a light for the nations, and, when He appeared in our mortal nature, You made us new by the glory of His immortal nature. And so, with angels and archangels, with thrones and dominions, and with all the hosts and powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of Your glory, as without end we acclaim:

## **The Baptism of the Lord**      *First Sunday after Epiphany*

Father, it is truly right and just; always and everywhere to give You praise through Christ our Lord. For in the waters of the Jordan you revealed with signs and wonders a new Baptism, so that through the voice that came down from heaven we might come to believe in your Word dwelling among us, and by the Spirit's descending in the likeness of a dove we might know that Christ your Servant has been anointed with the oil of gladness and sent to bring the good news to the poor. And so with all the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim Your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise:

## **The Transfiguration**     *Sunday before Ash Wednesday*

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. He revealed his glory to the disciples to strengthen them for the scandal of the cross. His glory shone from his body like our own, to show that the Church, which is the body of Christ, would one day share his glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim Your glory and join their unending hymn of praise:

### **Easter Day** *Form 1*

Father, it is truly right and just; always and everywhere to give You praise through Christ our Lord. For through the saving Passion of Your Son the whole world has received a heart to confess the infinite power of Your majesty, by the wondrous power of the Cross the veil between You and man is now torn. And so, Lord, with all the angels and Saints, we, too, give You thanks, as in exultation we acclaim:

### **Easter Day** *Form 2*

Father, it is truly right and just; always and everywhere to give You praise through Christ our Lord. For He has destroyed death, and by rising, restored life. Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every People exults in Your praise and even the heavenly powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of Your glory, as they acclaim:

### **Ascension**

Father, it is truly right and just; always and everywhere to give You praise through Christ our Lord. The Lord Jesus, the King of glory, the conqueror of sin and death, ascended to heaven while the angels sang his praises. Christ, the mediator between God and man, judge of the world and Lord of all, has passed beyond our sight, not to abandon us but to be our hope. Christ Jesus is the beginning, the head of the Church; where he has gone, we hope to follow. The joy of the resurrection and ascension renews the whole world, while the choirs of heaven sing for ever to Your glory:

### **Pentecost**

Father, it is truly right and just; always and everywhere to give You praise through Christ our Lord. The Lord Jesus, the King of glory, the conqueror of sin and death, ascended to heaven while the angels sang his praises. Christ, the mediator between God and man, judge of the world and Lord of all, has passed beyond our sight, not to abandon us but to be our hope. Christ Jesus is the beginning, the head of the Church; where he has gone, we hope to follow. The joy of the resurrection and ascension renews the whole world, while the choirs of heaven sing for ever to Your glory:

**Trinity**      *the First Sunday after Pentecost*

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks. We joyfully proclaim our faith in the mystery of the Trinity. You have revealed Your glory as the glory also of Your Son and of the Holy Spirit: three persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in Your everlasting glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim Your glory and join their unending hymn of praise:

**The Dormition of the Theotokos**      *August 15*

It is indeed right and good, to give you thanks and praise, Father Almighty, ever-living God, for the work of your grace in the Blessed Virgin Mary. For by the overshadowing of your Holy Spirit she conceived and bore the Word made flesh. At the cross she kept her vigil and saw the saving work of your Son brought to its perfection. She rejoiced in his resurrection, and joining her prayers with those of the apostles, was filled with the gift of your promised Spirit. In her you show us the greatness of your love, and the wonderful purpose you intend for all your children. Therefore, we join our voice with hers, and all the company of heaven, as they sing with joy the hymn of your glory:

**Triumph of the Holy Cross**      *September 14*

It is a right and joyful thing always and everywhere to give you thanks to you holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Today we celebrate with songs of praise the cross, the victory-sign of Christ. Once through the fruit of the forbidden tree we fell, now through this tree we are made free. An instrument of shameful death has become for Christ a throne of glory. The power of the life-giving cross reveals the judgement that has come upon the world and the triumph of Christ crucified. And so, with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join their unending hymn of praise:

**All Saints**      *November 1*

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Today we keep the festival of Your holy city, the heavenly Jerusalem. Around Your throne the saints, our brothers and sisters, sing Your praise for ever. Their glory fills us with joy and their communion with us in Your church gives us inspiration and strength as we hasten our pilgrimage of faith, eager to meet them.

**Christ the King**    *November the Sunday closest to November 23*

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. You anointed Jesus Christ, Your only Son, with the oil of gladness, as the eternal priest and universal King. As priest He offered his life on the altar of the cross and redeemed the human race by this one perfect sacrifice of peace. As king He claims dominion over all creation, that He may present to You, his almighty Father, an eternal and universal kingdom: a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace. With their great company and the angels, we praise Your glory as we cry out with one voice:



# PREFACES FOR THE SUNDAYS AFTER EPIPHANY & PENTECOST

## **Preface I**

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Through his him we are freed from sin and death and called to the glory that has made us a chosen a chosen People and a royal priesthood. Everywhere we proclaim Your mighty works, for You have called us out of darkness into Your own wonderful light.

And so with all the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim Your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise:

## **Preface II**

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Out of love for man, He humbled himself to be born of the Virgin Mary. He freed us from death, and by rising from the dead He gave us eternal life.

And so with all the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim Your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise:

## **Preface III**

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. By his birth we are reborn. In his suffering we are freed. By his rising from the dead we rise to everlasting life. In his return to You in glory we enter into Your heavenly kingdom.

And so, we join the angels and the saints as they sing their unending hymn of praise:

## **Preface IV**

Father, all powerful and ever living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks. All things are of Your making, all times and seasons obey Your laws, but You chose to create man in Your own image, setting him over the whole world in all its wonder. You made man the steward of creation, to praise You day by day for the marvels of Your wisdom and power, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And so with all the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim Your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise:

# PROPER PREFACES FOR OTHER OCCASIONS

## **Advent I**

Father, it is truly right and just; always and everywhere to give You praise through Christ our Lord. For He assumed at his first coming the lowliness of human flesh and fulfilled the design You formed long ago and tore down the barriers between You and man, that, when He comes again in glory and majesty and all is at last made manifest, we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise in which now we dare to hope. And so, with angels and archangels, with thrones and dominions, and with all the hosts and powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of Your glory, as without end we acclaim:

## **Advent II**

Father, it is truly right and just; always and everywhere to give You praise through Christ our Lord. For all the oracles, seers and prophets foretold him, the Virgin Mother longed for him with love beyond all telling and, John the Baptist told of his coming and proclaimed his presence when He came. It is by his gift that already we rejoice at the mystery of his Nativity, so that He may find us watchful in prayer and exultant in his praise. And so, with angels and archangels, with thrones and dominions, and with all the hosts and powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of Your glory, as without end we acclaim:

## **Presentation of the Lord**

Father, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Christ our Lord. Today Your Son, who shares Your eternal splendor, was presented in the temple, and revealed by the Spirit as the glory of Israel and the light of the Peoples.

Our hearts are joyful, for we have seen Your salvation, and now with the angels and saints we praise you and join in their unending hymn of praise

## **Ash Wednesday**

Father, it is truly right and just; always and everywhere to give You praise through Christ our Lord. You bid Your People to cleanse their hearts, and to prepare for the Paschal feast; that, in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by Your word and sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which You have prepared. Therefore, with angels, archangels, patriarchs, prophets, apostles and martyrs and the whole company of heaven we join in their unending hymn of praise:

## **Lent**

Father, it is truly right and just; always and everywhere to give You praise through Christ our Lord. For You have given Your children a sacred time for the renewing and purifying of their hearts, that, freed from disordered temptations, they may so deal with the things of this passing world as to hold rather to the things that eternally endure.

And so, with all the angels and Saints, we praise You, as without end we acclaim:

## **Holy Thursday**

Father, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Christ our Lord. He is the true and eternal priest who established this unending covenant. He offered himself for us and taught us to make this offering in his memory. As we eat his body, which He gave for us, we grow in strength. As we drink his blood, which He pours out for us, we are washed clean.

Now, with angels and archangels, and the whole company of heaven, we sing the unending hymn of Your praise:

## **Preface for Chrism Mass**

Father, it is truly right and just; always and everywhere to give You praise through Christ our Lord. By Your Holy Spirit You anoint Your Only Son High Priest of the new and eternal covenant. Christ gives the dignity of a royal priesthood to His People from these, He chooses men and women to share his sacred ministry by the laying on of hands. He appoints them to call your People to remembrance of His paschal meal. He calls them to lead Your People in love, nourish them by Your word, and strengthen them through the sacraments. Father, they are to give their lives in Your service and for Your People as they strive to grow in the likeness of Christ and honor You by their courageous witness of faith and love. Now, with angels and archangels, and the whole company of heaven, we sing the unending hymn of Your praise:

## **Feast of the Annunciation**

Father, it is truly right and just; always and everywhere to give You praise through Christ our Lord. He came to us by becoming a man himself. The Virgin Mary, receiving the angel's message in faith, conceived by the power of the Spirit and bore Your Son in purest love. In Christ, Your promise came true. In Christ, the hope of all Peoples was realized beyond all expectation.

Through Christ the angels of heaven offer their prayer of adoration as they rejoice to be in Your presence for ever. May our voices be heard with theirs in their triumphant hymn of praise:

# APPENDIX

# DINNER LITURGY

*Gathering Song, The Celebrant begins:*

Please stand as we lift our voices and sing praises to God.

*Opening Song*

## Opening Prayer

*The Celebrant begins:*

Let us pray together.

*All standing*

Father, we thank You for the light that shines from within! Regardless of whether or not the sun is shining or the rain is falling, remind us of the light that You have given us. Help us to brighten the world of the depressed, to glow in a world of darkness and to shine when others struggle to find joy. In a time of war, may our light be a light of peace. In a time of hate, may our light be a light of love. In a time of poverty, may our light be a light of prosperity. In a time of scarcity, may our light be a light of abundance. Bless us this day to be a light to the world. Help us to let our light shine that all People might see Your goodness, mercy and power, shining through what they see in us. We ask these things through Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*Another song may be sung.*

## Announcements

### The Meal

*The Celebrant says:*

We'll bless our meal with an ancient Eucharistic prayer; we will stand to pray with hands lifted, as was the custom in the early church. After you receive the bread, give your neighbor a piece, saying, "This is my body."

The Lord be with you!

*People:* And with your Spirit!

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* It is right to give Him our thanks and praise.

*Celebrant:* God of all power, ruler of the universe, you are worthy of all glory and praise. At your command, all things came to be; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our sanctuary.

*People:* By Your will they were created and have their being.

*Celebrant:* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race and blessed us with memory, reason and skill. You made us rulers of creation, but we turned against you and against one another.

*People:* Have mercy upon us Lord, for we are sinners in Your sight.

*Celebrant:* Again, and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages, you revealed yourself to humankind; and in the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of the Virgin Mary, to reveal for us the way of freedom and peace

*People:* Have mercy upon us Lord, for we are sinners in Your sight.

*Celebrant:* While Jesus was eating with his disciples, he took a bread, and after blessing it, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take, this is my body. Do this in remembrance of me."

*People:* Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

*Celebrant:* As grain was scattered across the hills then gathered and made one in this bread, so may Your church, scattered to the ends of the earth, be gathered and made one in you.

*People:* Amen!

*Everyone is invited to help themselves to the bounty. We will spend the first part of our meal in conversation then we will hear a reading from Scripture and a short sermon.*

## **Scripture Reading**

## **The Sermon**

## **Prayers**

Let us pray also for the unity of the churches, for the sick (especially...), for the frail, for prisoners, for all those who are working, for those who are traveling and for the homeless, that they be granted healing and peace through Christ our Lord.

*Pause*

Let us also pray for those who have fallen asleep in the Lord (especially...), that the Lord may be pleased to give them rest and translate them to a place of peace by the intercession of his Saints, through Christ our Lord.

## **Blessing the Cup**

*All stand, as the Celebrant begins:*

We bless our cup at the end of our meal, just as Jesus did when he was at the table with his disciples. As with the bread, we will be serving each other the cup. After you receive the cup, pass it to your neighbor, saying, "This is my blood."

Blessed are You, most Holy God, who came among us as a servant and a friend to reconcile us to Yourself. We thank You for loving us unconditionally and for the promise of a place at Your table where all Your children are set free. Most of all we praise You for your gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

*People:* We worship and adore You.

*Celebrant:* After supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

*People:* We worship and adore You.

*Celebrant:* Strengthen us to do Your work, and to be Your body in the world. Unite us in Christ and give us Your peace. Through Christ our Redeemer, in the power of the Spirit, we worship You, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

*People:* Blessing, honor and glory be Yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.

*Closing Song*

## **The Blessing**

*The Celebrant says:*

Live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

## **Passing the Peace**

*The Celebrant says:*

The Peace of Christ be always with you.

*The People reply*

And also with you!

*The Celebrant instructs..*

Please share a sign of God’s peace with your neighbor.

*Everyone is invited to pass the peace.*

# VESTING PRAYERS

*NOTE: to be said while putting on and taking off Vestments*

## **At Washing the Hands**

Cleanse my hands, O Lord, from all stain, so that that pure in mind and body, I may be worthy to serve you.

## **While putting on the Amice**

Place, O Lord, the helmet of Salvation upon my head to repel the assaults of the enemy.

## **While putting on the Alb**

Cleanse me, O Lord, and purify my heart, so that, being made white in the Blood of the Lamb, I may rejoice in everlasting bliss.

## **While putting on the Cincture**

Gird me, O Lord, with the belt of purity and quench in me the fire of desire, so that the grace of restraint and chastity may ever more abide in me.

## **While putting on the Stole**

Give me, O Lord, the stole of immortality, and although I am unworthy to come unto the Holy Sacrament, grant that I may yet attain everlasting felicity.

## **While putting on the Chasuble**

Lord, you have said, My yoke is easy and my burden is light, grant that I may so bear it, as to attain your great gifts. Amen.

## **While putting on the Dalmatic, or Tunicle**

LORD, cloth me with the garment of Salvation, and cover me with the robe of righteousness. Amen.

## **Prayers while removing the vestments**

Lord Jesus Christ, who in a wonderful Sacrament has left unto us a memorial of Your passion: Grant me, I beseech You, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of Your Body and Blood, that I may ever perceive within myself the fruit of Your redemption.

Let it be to me the armor of faith, the riddance of all vices, and the increase of all virtues.

And I pray You, that You would vouchsafe to bring me, a sinner, to that unfathomable Feast, where You, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, are to Your Saints true light, full satisfaction, everlasting joy, complete delight, and perfect happiness. All this I ask through Your most Holy Name. Amen.



# THE CHURCH YEAR

The Church Year consists of two cycles of feasts and holy days: one is dependent upon the movable date of the Sunday of the Resurrection or Easter Day; the other, upon the fixed date of December 25, the Feast of our Lord's Nativity or Christmas Day. Easter Day is always the first Sunday after the full moon that falls on or after March 21. It cannot occur before March 22 or after April 25. The sequence of all Sundays of the Church Year depends upon the date of Easter Day. But the Sundays of Advent are always the four Sundays before Christmas Day, whether it occurs on a Sunday or a weekday. The date of Easter also determines the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, and the feast of the Ascension on a Thursday forty days after Easter Day.

## 1. Principal Feasts

The Principal Feasts observed in this Church are the following:

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| Easter Day           | The Dormition of the Theotokos, <i>August 15</i> |
| Ascension Day        | Triumph of the Holy Cross, <i>September 14</i>   |
| The Day of Pentecost | All Saints' Day, <i>November 1</i>               |
| Trinity Sunday       | Christmas Day, <i>December 25</i>                |
|                      | The Epiphany, <i>January 6</i>                   |

These feasts take precedence of any other day or observance. All Saints' Day may always be observed on the Sunday following November 1, in addition to its observance on the fixed date.

## 2. Sundays

All Sundays of the year are feasts of our Lord Jesus Christ. In addition to the dated days listed above, only the following feasts, appointed on fixed days, take precedence of a Sunday:

The Holy Name  
The Presentation  
The Transfiguration

The feast of the Dedication of a Church, and the feast of its patron or title, may be observed on, or be transferred to, a Sunday, except in the seasons of Advent, Lent, and Easter. All other Feasts of our Lord, and all other Major Feasts appointed on fixed days in the Calendar, when they occur on a Sunday, are normally transferred to the first convenient open day within the week. When desired, however, the Collect, Preface, and one or more of the Lessons appointed for the Feast may be substituted for those of the Sunday, but not from the Last Sunday after Pentecost through the First Sunday after the Epiphany, or from the Last Sunday after the Epiphany through Trinity Sunday.

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