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# **The Order for Evening Prayer**

*Taken from the Book of Common Prayer*

## HYMN

*A hymn may be sung.*

## SENTENCES

*All stand while the Priest reads one or more of the following:*

When the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. *Ezekiel 18.27*

I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. *Psalms 51.3*

Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. *Psalms 51.9*

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit : a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. *Psalms 51.17*

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. *Joel 2.13*

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him: neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us. *Daniel 9.9-10*

O Lord, correct me, but with judgement; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing. *Jeremiah 10.24; Psalm 6.1*

Repent ye; for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand. *St Matthew 3.2*

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. *St Luke 15.18-19*

Enter not into judgement with thy servant, O Lord; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. *Psalm 143.2*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to

forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all  
unrighteousness. 1 *St John* 1.8-9

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

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

*All kneel.*

**Almighty and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost**

sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

*Priest stands.*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He ☩ pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore

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

*All kneel.*

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

#### OPENING VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

O Lord, open thou our lips.

**And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.

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

*All stand.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

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

Praise ye the Lord.

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

PSALM

*All sit.*

*At the end of the psalm(s), all stand.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to  
the Holy Ghost;

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

FIRST LESSON

*All sit.*

MAGNIFICAT

*All stand.*

My soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit  
hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

**For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his  
hand-maiden.**

For behold, from henceforth : all generations  
shall call me blessed.

**For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and  
holy is his Name.**

And his mercy is on them that fear him :  
throughout all generations.

**He hath shewed strength with his arm : he  
hath scattered the proud in the imagination  
of their hearts.**

He hath put down the mighty from their seat :  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

**He hath filled the hungry with good things :  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.**

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his  
servant Israel : as he promised to our  
forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to  
the Holy Ghost;

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

SECOND LESSON

*All sit.*

NUNC DIMITTIS

*All stand.*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in  
peace : according to thy word.

**For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation;**

Which thou hast prepared : before the face of  
all people;

**To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of thy people Israel.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

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

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholick Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

*All kneel.*

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

*Priest stands.*

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.  
**And grant us thy salvation.**  
O Lord, save the King.  
**And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**  
Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

**And make thy chosen people joyful.**

O Lord, save thy people.

**And bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

**Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

**And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

#### COLLECTS

*The priest says Collect of the Day, followed by these and other prayers:*

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

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love

of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

HYMN

*A hymn may be sung.*

INTERCESSIONS

*Prayers of intercession may be made.*

*To conclude, the priest may say:*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of thy people; in the multitude of thy mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to thee for help; for thou art gracious, O lover of souls, and to thee we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

*All may then say:*

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

SERMON

*A homily may be given.*

HYMN

*A hymn may be sung.*

## BLESSING

*All remain standing for the Blessing.*

## COLLECTS FOR THE PATRONAL FESTIVAL

### *A Collect for Dedication.*

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: we praise thee for the many blessings thou hast given to those who worship thee here: and we pray that all who seek thee in this place may find thee, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to thee; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

### *A Collect for James the Apostle.*

Grant, O merciful God, that as thine holy apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, without delay was obedient unto the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him: so we, forsaking all worldly and carnal affections, may be evermore ready to follow thy holy commandments; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## COLLECTS AND PRAYERS FOR THE HARVEST FESTIVAL

### *A Collect for Harvest.*

O eternal God, who crownest the year with thy goodness and dost give us the fruits of the earth in their season: give us grace that we may use them to thy glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### *Various Collects for Rogation.*

Almighty God, by whose will both earth and sea bear their fruits in due season: bless the labours of those who work on land and sea, grant us a plenteous harvest and the grace always to rejoice in thy fatherly care; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Almighty God and Father, who hast ordered our life in common dependence one on

another: prosper those who work in commerce and industry and direct their minds and their hands that they may rightly use thy gifts in the service of others; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

O God our Father, who dost never cease from the work that thou hast begun, and dost prosper with thy blessing all human labour: make us wise and faithful stewards of thy gifts, that we may serve the common good, maintain the fabric of the world and seek that justice where all may share the good things thou dost pour upon us; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*A Thanksgiving for Plenty.*

O Most merciful Father, who of thy gracious goodness hast heard the devout prayers of thy Church, and turned our dearth and scarcity into cheapness and plenty: We give thee humble thanks for this thy special bounty;

beseeking thee to continue thy loving-kindness unto us, that our land may yield us her fruits of increase, to thy glory and our comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### *A General Thanksgiving.*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men; [\*particularly to those who desire now to offer up their praises and thanksgivings for thy late mercies vouchsafed unto them.] We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by

walking before thee in holiness and  
righteousness all our days; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the  
Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world  
without end. Amen.

## VARIOUS BLESSINGS

### *A Blessing of a Loaf*

Blessed art thou, Lord God of all creation;  
thou bringest forth bread from the fields  
and givest us the fruits of the earth in their  
seasons. ✠ Accept this loaf, which do we bring  
before thee, made from the harvest of thy  
goodness. Let it be for us a sign of thy fatherly  
care. Blessed art thou, O Lord our God,  
worthy of our thanksgiving and praise.

### *A Grace before of a Meal*

Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts which we  
are about to receive from Thy bounty, through  
Christ, Our Lord.