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## THE ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER

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¶ *The Minister shall begin the Morning Prayer by reading one or more of the following Sentences of Scripture; all standing.*

**T**HE Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

The Lord is nigh unto all who call upon him; unto all who call upon him in truth.

Give ear to my words, O God, consider my meditation. Harken unto the voice of my cry, my King and my God; for unto thee will I pray.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found; call ye upon him while he is near.

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly of heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

**B**ELOVED in the Lord, we have again assembled together as the disciples of Jesus Christ, to render thanks to God for all

his mercies; to confess our manifold transgressions; to renew our good resolutions; and to recommend ourselves and all our concerns to the care of our heavenly Father. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Put your trust in him, and you shall not be disappointed. With humble and contrite hearts let us approach the throne of heavenly grace.

¶ *The Minister shall then say the following Prayer; all reverently bowing down or kneeling, and the People responding with AMEN.*

○ GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all men, trusting in thy loving-kindness and tender mercy, we come into thy Holy Presence, and bring to thee our devout offerings. Purify us, we beseech thee, from all guile; unite us to one another in the bonds of love and peace; pour down upon us thy spiritual gifts, and grant us every blessing in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Lord's Prayer, to be said by Minister and People.*

○ 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.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

O Lord, open thou our lips;

*People.* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

¶ *Here, all standing, the Minister shall say:*

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only Wise God;

*People.* Be honor and glory through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever.

*Minister.* Praise ye the Lord.

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

¶ *Then shall be sung the following, or some other Anthem; all standing.*

*Venite Psalms xcvi-xcvi.*

**O** COME, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving: and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.

In his hands are the corners of the earth: and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down: and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God: and we are the people of his pasture; and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth.

GLORIA PATRI.

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

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

¶ *On days when the Lord's Supper is celebrated the following hymn called Benedictus shall be sung instead of Venite; all standing.*

BENEDICTUS. St. Luke i. 68.

**B**LESSED be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us, in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy

Prophets, which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us.

¶ *Then shall be read responsively one or more of the Psalms, taken from the SELECTIONS; and at the end of every Psalm shall be sung the GLORIA PATRI.*

¶ *Then shall be recited the Profession of Faith.*

¶ *On days of Holy Communion here shall be read The Divine Law with Kyrie Eleison (page 32).*

¶ *Then shall be read the Lesson out of Holy Scripture.*

¶ *NOTE that before the Lesson the Minister shall say, Here beginneth such a Chapter, or Verse of such a Chapter, of such a Book; and after the Lesson, Here endeth the First, or the Second Lesson.*

¶ *Then shall be sung an Anthem, or some Hymn of Praise. On days when the Lord's Supper is celebrated, the following Hymn, called GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, may be sung.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.

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

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of

the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

¶ *Then the Minister may say:*

The Lord be with you;

*People.* And with thy spirit.

*Minister.* Let us pray.

*Minister.* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

*People.* And grant us thy salvation.

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

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

¶ *Here the Minister may offer prayer in his own words, or read the Litany; or the Service may proceed as follows:*

*The Collect for Peace.*

○ GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is

perfect freedom; Grant us, thy servants, we humbly beseech thee, that peace which the world can neither give nor take away; that we, who in all our dangers rely on thy goodness, may under thy fatherly protection be defended against all adversities, and evermore rejoice in thy blessed service, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*The Collect for Grace.*

○ LORD, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that which is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the following Prayers and Intercessions.*

*For the President and Civil Authorities.*

○ LORD, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the Universe, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favor to behold and bless thy servant, *the President of the United States*, and all others in authority; and so replenish



them with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way: endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts: grant them in health and prosperity long to live; and after this life to attain everlasting joy and felicity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*For the Christian Church.*

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon all Ministers of the gospel, and upon all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O God, for thy great love in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*For all Conditions of Men.*

**O** GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Church Universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of

truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for thy mercy's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A General Thanksgiving, to be said by Minister and People.*

**A**LMIGHTY 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. 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 may show 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 honor and glory, world without end.  
*Amen.*

¶ *The offering may now be received and taken to the altar to be consecrated by minister and people all standing and singing the Doxology as follows:*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him, above, ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.*

¶ *Then shall be sung a hymn and the sermon shall follow.*

¶ *Then a Hymn shall be sung by Choir and Congregation; and after that, the Minister may say the following:*

*Concluding Prayer and Benediction.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee, and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy name thou wilt grant their request. Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in

this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

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

## THE ORDER FOR VESPERS

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¶ *The Minister shall begin Vespers by reading one or more of the following Sentences of Scripture; all standing.*

**F**ROM the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised.

Let our prayers be set forth in his sight as incense; and the lifting up of our hands, as an evening sacrifice.

Let us, therefore, come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

O Lord, open thou our lips;

*People.* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

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

*People.* O Lord, make speed to help us.

*Minister.* O Lord, let thy mercy be shown upon us;

*People.* As we do put our trust in thee.

*Minister.* Praise ye the Lord.

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

¶ *Then shall be sung the following Psalm:*

BONUM EST CONFITERI.

**I**T is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord: and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most Highest;

To tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning: and of thy truth in the night-season;

Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute: upon a loud instrument, and upon the harp.

For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy works: and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of thy hands.

## GLORIA PATRI.

*To be sung at the close of this, and every Psalm.*

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.

¶ *After the Psalm, the Minister shall say:*

The Lord be with you;

*People.* And with thy spirit.

*Minister.* Let us pray.

[All reverently bowing down.]

WE humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and for the glory of thy name turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living.

*People.* Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.

O GOD, merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful; Mercifully assist our prayers that we make before thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and grant that we thy

servants may evermore give thanks unto thee in the holy Church of thy Son Jesus Christ.

*People.* Grant us thy peace, O Lord.

○ GOD, our heavenly Father, we give thee humble and hearty thanks for all the benefits and blessings, both spiritual and temporal, which in the riches of thy great mercy thou hast poured down upon us; but especially for thy spiritual blessings. Lord, let us not live but to praise and magnify thy great goodness. Grant, we beseech thee, that all our thoughts, words, and works may tend to the discharge of our duty, the good of our fellow-men, and the advancement of thy Son's kingdom on earth. *Amen.*

○ LORD Most High, with thy whole Church throughout the world we especially give thanks to thee for all thy saints departed; and for the hope of future joy in the resurrection of the just. O let the cloud of witnesses, the innumerable company of those who have gone before and entered into rest, be to us an example of godly life: even now may we rejoice in their happiness; and with patience may we so run the race that is set before us, as to have an entrance administered abundantly into thy heavenly presence,



to be united with them and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

○ THOU Father of our spirits, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray; Often in the midst of our daily business may we lift up our hearts to thee; and grant, we humbly beseech thee, that those whom thou dost refresh with thy presence may, by a life well pleasing to thee, show their love and gratitude, as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

○ BLESSED God, who neither slumberest nor sleepest; Take us into thy gracious keeping for this night; and make us mindful of that night when the noise of this busy world shall be heard by us no more. O Lord, in whom we trust, help us by thy grace so to live that we may never be afraid to die, and grant that at the last as now our even-song may be: I will lay me down in peace, and sleep, for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be sung a Vesper Hymn, or Sacred Song (unannounced), giving devout and audible words with a melody that touches the heart.*

¶ *After that shall be read one of the SELECTIONS of Psalms, in verses, alternately, by Minister and People; all standing.*

¶ *Then shall be read a Lesson from the Sacred Scriptures. At the close of which the Minister shall say, Here endeth the Scripture Lesson; and a Vesper Psalm or Hymn shall be sung.*

¶ *Offertory.*

¶ *Here shall follow an Exposition or Address; which is designed to occupy about fifteen minutes. At the close the Minister shall say, Let us pray; and the Lord's Prayer shall be said or sung.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

OUR Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

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

And lead us not into temptation;

But deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

Forever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be sung a Parting Hymn of Peace, by Choir and Congregation.*

¶ *After which this Benediction shall be said; the Choir chanting the AMEN. Or, instead of the AMEN, the Choir may chant the NUNC DIMMITTIS (St. Luke ii. 29).*

**L**ORD, 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. Amen.

BENEDICTION.

**T**HE peace of God, which passeth all un-  
derstanding, the grace of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, and the communion of the Holy  
Spirit, be with us all. *Amen.*