

# Prayers for All People: Morning and Evening Prayer, with Inclusive and Expansive Language

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# Preface

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Dear Members of the Episcopal Diocese of New York,

“There was never anything so carefully devised or so surely established, which could not be rendered more perfect by the added insight of many.”

Thus began the Preface for the revision of the Liturgy of the Hours, a.k.a. the Daily Offices, by Cardinal Francisco de Quinones in 1536. As *Prayers for all People* is released for this one year trial period, we seek to widen the circle of participation to include all the baptized in our diocese. We invite you to pray the Offices with us, to “read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them,” to quote Thomas Cranmer’s famous collect, and to send the Diocesan Liturgy Committee your thoughts, concerns and suggested edits ([liturgyfeedback@diocesenyc.org](mailto:liturgyfeedback@diocesenyc.org)), so that this that this new revision of the Daily Offices might similarly benefit from “the added insight of many.”

*Prayers for All People* is a revision of Morning and Evening Prayer in the 1979 Prayer Book that attempts to stay as close as possible to the *Book of Common Prayer*, while also providing both more inclusive and, in reference to God, more expansive language. By employing the these terms we have established four broad principles:

1. We have sought greater gender balance, primarily through radically reducing male gendered language for God, and also in regards to masculine power language such as “king,” which has been replaced with the less exclusive term “sovereign.”
2. Where gender balance was not possible, we created a higher level of gender neutrality by removing any gender reference in a particular verse.
3. Some verses were gender balanced but in a way that excludes transgender and/or non-binary people. In such cases “sons and daughters” has become “children” and “fathers and mothers” has become “parents,” in order to create space to include everyone.
4. Gendered language for God has been expanded through the inclusion of numerous canticles from *Enriching Our Worship I*, along with an alternative version of the Lord’s Prayer from *A Prayer Book for New Zealand*. We have not

altered the language of these texts because the copyright permission we received covers use only and not alteration.

There have been previous excellent attempts to create inclusive language worship texts, many of which have been consulted for this work, but these Offices may be unique in three ways: by how close we stay to the '79 Psalter; by our continued use of the word “Lord” and how we employ it (see below); and by principle 3 above. We hope that these Offices will continue the forward movement of understanding both what it means to be Prayer Book Christians, and in discerning all that is included in being inclusive and expansive.

The occasion that prompted this new effort was the Episcopal Church’s General Convention in 2018, at which a resolution was passed that ushered in a new era of liturgical renewal. Resolution A068 includes a wide range of concerns for this new era, including that “our liturgical revision utilize inclusive and expansive language and imagery for humanity and divinity.” It seemed that the exclusively male language for God in the Offices of the 1979 Prayer Book is one the most immediate needs for Prayer Book revision; therefore *Prayers for All People* has implemented the above principles in following ways:

1. All male pronouns for God have been removed.
2. The word “Lord” was retained because, while its origins are based in male power, the term also has a long history where it came to be used to speak of the Godhead generally. Due to the gendered nature of ancient Hebrew (there is no neuter in ancient Hebrew), it is not possible to completely eradicate gendered language, so as revisers we are always striving for considerable improvement rather than complete victory. For example, both *Elohim* (God) and *Adonai* (Lord) are masculine terms in Hebrew. While some have thought it best to remove “Lord,” we made a decision to use it as synonymous with God, knowing that both are masculine terms but that “Lord” is more inclusive than “he.” We also found it helpful to often use “God” and “Lord” in an alternating pattern that opened up more poetic options.
3. Some canticles were recast in the second person, but only when there was no other satisfactory way to rephrase them.

4. The versification, the five-book ordering, and the thirty day reading structure from the 1979 Prayer Book have all been retained.
5. This is very much a revision of the 1979 services of Morning and Evening Prayer. Every effort was made to keep the familiar cadences of the poetry, and by attempting whenever possible to keep the same number of syllables as the '79 version. In this sense, *Prayers for All People* does not involve translation work so much as it attempts to say the same things in a more inclusive manner. This falls under what is usually referred to as “dynamic equivalence.”

Our thanks go out to all those who have assisted in this process to date, especially the worshipping community of the chapel of the former General Seminary which, in 2020, facilitated the beginning of this work because it became clear that the time had come for inclusive language worship texts. Our thanks also go out to Bishop Matthew Heyd and Bishop Allen Shin for their support of this project, to the Liturgy Committee of the Diocese of New York which embraced it, and to others who have assisted in refining the text. And today, our thanks is extended to all of you, who will now provide your reflections, thoughts and edit suggestions in order to continue the evolution and refinement of this manuscript.

Yours in Christ,

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# Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two, with Inclusive and Expansive Language

*The Officiant begins the service with one or more of these sentences of Scripture, or with the Confession, or with the versicle “Lord, open our lips.”*

## *Advent*

Watch, for you do not know when the owner of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning, lest the owner comes suddenly and finds you asleep. *Mark 13:35, 36*

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. *Isaiah 40:3*

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. *Isaiah 40:5*

## *Christmas*

Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. *Luke 2:10, 11*

Behold, the dwelling of God is with mortals. The Lord will dwell with them, and they shall be God's people. *Revelation 21:3*

### *Epiphany*

Nations shall come to your light, and their sovereigns to the brightness of your rising. *Isaiah 60:3*

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b*

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

*Malachi 1:11*

### *Lent*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. *Joel 2:13*

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, because we have rebelled against God and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God. *Daniel 9:9*

Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, let them deny themselves, take up their cross and follow me." *Mark 8:34*

### *Holy Week*

Like sheep we have gone astray; we have turned every one to their own way; and the Lord has laid on them the iniquity of us all. *Isaiah 53:6*

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow which was brought upon me, whom the Lord has afflicted. *Lamentations 1:12*

*Easter Season, including Ascension Day and the Day of Pentecost*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalms 118:24*

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

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

*Colossians 3:1*

Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. *Hebrews 9:24*

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

*Trinity Sunday*

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come! *Revelation 4:8*

*All Saints and other Major Saints' Days*

We give thanks to God, who has made us worthy to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. *Colossians 1:12*

You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. *Ephesians 2:19*

Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world. *Psalms 19:4*

*Occasions of Thanksgiving*

Give thanks to the Lord, and call upon the name of God; make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples. *Psalms 105:1*

*At any Time*

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

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

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

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy  
hill and to your dwelling. *Psalms 43:3*

The Lord is in the holy temple; let all the earth keep silence. *Habakkuk 2:20*

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship God in spirit  
and truth. *John 4:23*

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

*The following Confession of Sin may then be said; or the Office may continue at once with “Lord, open our  
lips.”*

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God to praise the  
Lord, to hear God’s holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those  
things that are necessary for salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and  
mind to worship the Lord, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts  
confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by God’s infinite goodness and mercy.

*or this*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and people together, all kneeling*

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

*The Priest alone stands and says*

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.*

*A deacon or lay person using the preceding form remains kneeling, and substitutes “us” for “you” and “our” for “your.”*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*All stand*

*Officiant*            Lord, open our lips.

*People*                And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*Except in Lent, add* Alleluia.

*Then follows one of the Invitatory Psalms, Venite or Jubilate.*

*One of the following Antiphons may be sung or said with the Invitatory Psalm*

*In Advent*

Our Sovereign and Savior now draws near: Come let us worship Christ.

*On the Twelve Days of Christmas*

Alleluia. To us a child is born: Come let us worship Christ. Alleluia.

*From the Epiphany through the Baptism of Christ, and on the Feasts of the Transfiguration and Holy Cross*

The Lord has shown forth glory: Come let us worship the Lord.

*In Lent*

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us worship the Lord.

*From Easter Day until the Ascension*

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us worship the Lord. Alleluia.

*From Ascension Day until the Day of Pentecost*

Alleluia. Christ the Lord has ascended into heaven: Come let us worship Christ.  
Alleluia.

*On the Day of Pentecost*

Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth: Come let us worship the Lord. Alleluia.

*On Trinity Sunday*

O Holy Trinity, one God: Come let us worship the divine unity.

*On other Sundays and weekdays*

The earth is the Lord's: come let us worship the Lord.

*or this*

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

*or this*

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us worship the Lord.

*The Alleluias in the following Antiphons are used only in Easter Season.*

*On Feasts of the Incarnation*

[Alleluia] The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us: Come let us worship Christ.

[Alleluia.]

*On All Saints and other Major Saints' Days*

[Alleluia] The Lord is glorious in the saints: Come let us worship the Lord. [Alleluia.]

**Venite** *Psalm 95:17*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before the Lord with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to God with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great ruler above all gods;  
holding the caverns of the earth, \*  
along with the heights of the hills.  
The sea belongs to our God, \*  
whose hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For the Lord is our God,  
and we are the Lord's people and the sheep of God's hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would listen to the Lord!

*The following verses are added in Lent and other Penitential occasions:*

Let us listen today to God's voice:  
Harden not your hearts,  
as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.  
They put me to the test, \*  
though they had seen my works.  
Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
"This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways."  
So I swore in my wrath, \*  
"They shall not enter into my rest."

**Jubilate** *Psalm 100*

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

Know this: The Lord is God; \*  
our maker, and we belong to God;  
we are the Lord's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter the holy gates with thanksgiving;  
go into God's courts with praise; \*  
give thanks and call upon the Name of God.

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

*In Easter Week, in place of an Invitatory Psalm, the following is sung or said. It may also be used daily until the Day of Pentecost.*

**Christ our Passover** *Pascha nostrum*

*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 Christ died, he died to sin, once for all; \*  
but the life that Christ 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 one of us came death, \*  
by one of us 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 is sung or said*

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity; \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Lessons

*One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading (Lesson) from \_\_\_\_\_

*A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.*

*After each Lesson the reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

*Answer* Thanks be to God.

*Or the Reader may say* Here ends the Lesson (Reading).

*Silence may be kept after each Reading. One of the following Canticles is sung or said after each Reading, following the chart at the end of this Office.*

## 8      **The Song of Moses** *Cantemus Domino*

*Exodus 15:16, 11-13, 17-18*

*Especially suitable for use in Easter Season*

I will sing to the Lord, who is lofty and uplifted; \*  
    the horse and its rider have been 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 the Lord, \*  
    the God of my people and I will exalt the Lord.  
The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
    Yahweh is the Name of our God.  
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army have been thrown 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; \*  
    with your might 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 ever.

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

9 **The First Song of Isaiah** *Ecce, Deus*

*Isaiah 12:2-6*

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in the Lord and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
the Lord God will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the Name of God;  
Make the deeds of the Lord known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that the Lord's Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, who has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

10     **The Second Song of Isaiah** *Quaerite Dominum*

*Isaiah 55:6-11*

Seek the Lord, who wills to be found; \*  
    call upon the Lord, who draws near.  
Let the wicked forsake their ways \*  
    and the evil ones their thoughts;  
And let them turn to the Lord, who will have compassion, \*  
    and to our God, who will richly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \*  
    nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \*  
    so are my ways higher than your ways,  
    and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \*  
    and return not again, but water the earth,  
Bringing forth life and giving growth, \*  
    seed for sowing and bread for eating,  
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \*  
    it will not return to me empty;  
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \*  
    and prosper in that for which I sent it.  
  
Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity;\*  
    as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## 11a **The Third Song of Isaiah** *Surge, illuminare*

*Isaiah 60:13, 11a, 14c, 18-19*

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

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

But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
God's glory will appear upon you.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity; \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## 11b A Song of Judith

*Judith 16:13-16*

I will sing a new song to my God, \*  
for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.  
Let the whole creation serve you, \*  
for you spoke and all things came into being.  
You sent your breath and it formed them, \*  
no one is able to resist your voice.  
Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, \*  
rocks melt like wax at your presence.  
But to those who fear you, \*  
you continue to show mercy.  
No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, \*  
but whoever fears the Lord will stand in your sight forever.  
  
Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity; \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## 12 A Song of Creation *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini*

*Song of the Three Young Men, 35-65*

*One or more sections of this Canticle may be used. Whatever the selection, it begins with the Invocation and concludes with the Doxology.*

### *Invocation*

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \*  
give praise and highly exalt God for ever.  
In the firmament of God's power, glorify the Lord, \*  
give praise and highly exalt God for ever.

### *I The Cosmic Order*

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, \*  
O heavens and all waters above the heavens.  
Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, \*  
give praise and highly exalt God for ever.

Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, \*  
all winds and fire and heat.

Winter and summer, glorify the Lord, \*  
give praise and highly exalt God for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, \*  
drops of dew and flakes of snow.

Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, \*  
give praise and highly exalt God for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, \*  
O shining light and enfolding dark.

Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, \*  
give praise and highly exalt God for ever.

## *II The Earth and its Creatures*

Let the earth glorify the Lord, \*  
give praise and highly exalt God for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,  
and all that grows upon the earth, \*  
give praise and highly exalt God for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, \*  
O whales and all that move in the waters.

All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, \*  
give praise and highly exalt God for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, \*  
and all you flocks and herds.

O people everywhere, glorify the Lord, \*  
give praise and highly exalt God for ever.

## *III The People of God*

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, \*  
give praise and highly exalt God for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, \*  
give praise and highly exalt God for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, \*  
give praise and highly exalt God for ever.  
You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, \*  
give praise and highly exalt God for ever.

*Doxology*

Let us glorify the Lord: Creator, Redeemer, and Guide; \*  
give praise and highly exalt God for ever.  
In the firmament of great power, glorify the Lord, \*  
give praise and highly exalt God for ever.

**13 A Song of Praise** *Benedictus es, Domine*

*Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34*

Glory to you, Lord God our Creator; \*  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.  
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.  
Glory to you, Holy Trinity, one God; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

## 14 **A Song of Penitence** *Kyrie Pantokrator*

*Prayer of Manasseh, 1-2, 4, 6-7, 11-15*

*Especially suitable in Lent, and on other penitential occasions*

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, \*  
God of our forbears and of all their  
righteous offspring:  
You made the heavens and the earth, \*  
with all their vast array.  
All things quake with fear at your presence; \*  
they tremble because of your power.  
But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; \*  
it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.  
O Lord, you are full of compassion, \*  
long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.  
You hold back your hand; \*  
you do not punish as we deserve.  
In your great goodness, Lord,  
you have promised forgiveness to sinners, \*  
that they may repent of their sin and be saved.  
And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, \*  
and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.  
I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, \*  
and I know my wickedness only too well.  
Therefore I make this prayer to you: \*  
Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.

Do not let me perish in my sin, \*  
nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.  
For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, \*  
and in me you will show forth your goodness.  
Unworthy as I am, you will save me,  
in accordance with your great mercy, \*  
and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.  
For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, \*  
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

15 **A Song of Wisdom** *Sapientia liberavit*

*Wisdom 10:15-10, 20b-21*

Wisdom freed from a nation of oppressors \*  
a holy people and a blameless race.  
She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord, \*  
withstood dread rulers with wonders and signs.  
  
To the saints she gave the reward of their labors, \*  
and led them by a marvelous way;  
She was their shelter by day \*  
and a blaze of stars by night.  
  
She brought them across the Red Sea, \*  
she led them through mighty waters;  
But their enemies she swallowed in the waves \*  
and spewed them out from the depths of the abyss.  
  
And then, Lord, the righteous sang hymns to your Name, \*  
and praised with one voice your protecting hand;  
for Wisdom opened the mouths of the mute, \*  
and gave speech to the tongues of a new-born people.  
  
Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity; \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, \*  
    you have come to your people and set them free.  
You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, \*  
    born of the house of your servant David.  
Through your holy prophets you promised of old  
to save us from our enemies, \*  
    from the hands of all who hate us,  
To show mercy to our ancestors, \*  
    and to remember your holy covenant.  
This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham, \*  
    to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship you without fear, \*  
    holy and righteous before you,  
    all the days of our life.  
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
    for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,  
To give God's 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 holy and undivided Trinity; \*  
    as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## 17 **A Song of Christ's Humility**

*Philippians 2:6-11*

Though in the form of God, \*  
Christ Jesus did not cling to equality with God,  
But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, \*  
and was born in human likeness.  
Being found in human form, he humbled himself \*  
and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.  
Therefore, God has highly exalted him \*  
and given him the name above every name,  
That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, \*  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, \*  
to the glory of God the Father.

## 18 **A Song to the Lamb** *Dignus es*

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

Splendor and honor and royal power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a royal priesthood to serve our God.  
And so, to God who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,  
for ever and for evermore.

19 **The Song of the Redeemed** *Magna et mirabilia*

*Revelation 15:34*

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O Ruler of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the Holy One.  
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity; \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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

You are God: we praise you;  
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;  
You are the eternal One:  
All creation worships you.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
    Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
    heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;  
    Almighty God, with majesty unbounded,  
    your true and only Child, worthy of all worship,  
    and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of God.  
When you became human to set us free  
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
    Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
    bought with the price of your own blood,  
    and bring us with your saints  
    to glory everlasting.

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

*Anselm of Canterbury*

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you; \*  
    you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.  
Often you weep over our sins and our pride, \*  
    tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.  
You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, \*  
    in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.  
Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life; \*  
    by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.  
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; \*  
    through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.  
Your warmth give life to the dead, \*  
    your touch makes sinners righteous.  
Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us; \*  
    in your love and tenderness, remake us.  
In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness, \*  
    for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.

## 23     **A Song of Our True Nature**

*Julian of Norwich*

Christ revealed our frailty and our falling, \*  
our trespasses and our humiliations.

Christ also revealed his blessed power, \*  
his blessed wisdom and love.

He protects us as tenderly and sweetly when we are in greatest need; \*  
he raises us in spirit and turns everything to glory and joy without ending.

God is the ground and the substance, the very essence of nature; \*  
God is the true father and mother of natures.

We are all bound to God by nature, \*  
and we are all bound to God by grace.

And this grace is for all the world, \*  
because it is our precious mother, Christ.

For this fair nature was prepared by Christ for the honor and nobility of all, \*  
and for the joy and bliss of salvation.

## The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
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 also with you.

*Officiant*            Let us pray.

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

*Or this*

Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and for ever. Amen.

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*Then follows one of these sets of Suffrages*

**A**

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. And grant us your salvation.  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. Let your people sing with joy.  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. For only in you can we live in safety.  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. Your saving health among all nations.  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

**B**

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
R. We praise your Name for ever.  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
R. For we put our trust in you.  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects*

*The Collect of the Day*

*A Collect for Sundays*

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

*A Collect for Fridays*

Almighty God, whose most dear Child went not up to joy before suffering great pain, and entered not into glory before being 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 our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Saturdays*

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

*A Collect for the Renewal of Life*

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

*A Collect for Peace*

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

*A Collect for Grace*

O God, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Guidance*

Heavenly Lord, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all 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.*

*Then, unless the Eucharist or a form of general intercession is to follow, one of these prayers for mission is added*

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.*

*or this*

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

*or the following*

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

*Here may be sung a hymn or anthem.*

*Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

*Before the close of the Office one or both of the following may be used*

### *The General Thanksgiving*

*Officiant and People*

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

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

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

*Then may be said*

Let us bless the Lord.

*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 then conclude with one of the following*

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

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen. Romans 15:13*

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

## Suggested Canticles at Morning Prayer

### *After the Old Testament Reading*

- Sun.** 16. Benedictus Dominus  
*Advent:*  
11a. Surge, illuminare  
*Lent:*  
14. Kyrie Pantokrator  
*Easter:*  
8. Cantemus Domino

**Mon.** 9. Ecce, Deus

**Tue.** 13. Benedictus es

**Wed.** 11b. A Song of Judith  
*Lent:*  
14. Kyrie Pantokrator

**Thu.** 15. Sapientia liberavit

**Fri.** 10. Quaerite Dominum  
*Lent:*  
14. Kyrie Pantokrator

**Sat.** 12. Benedicite

### *After the New Testament Reading*

7. Te Deum laudamus  
*Advent and Lent:*  
16. Benedictus Dominus

19. Magna et mirabilia

18. Dignus es

17. A Song of Christ's Humility

22. A Song of Christ's Goodness  
*Advent and Lent:*  
19. Magna et mirabilia

23. A Song of our True Nature

19. Magna et mirabilia

### *On Feasts of our Lord and other Major Feasts*

16. Benedictus Dominus

21. Te Deum laudamus

# Daily Evening Prayer: Rite Two, with Inclusive and Expansive Language

*The Officiant begins the service with one or more of these sentences of Scripture, or with the Confession, or with the versicle "O God, make speed to save us."*

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. *Psalm 141:2*

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

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before our God. *Psalm 96:9*

Yours is the day, O God, yours also the night; you established the moon and the sun. You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter. *Psalm 74:15,16*

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not fall. *Psalm 16:7,8*

Seek God who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night; who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out upon the surface of the earth. *Amos 5:8*

If I say, “Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night,” darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. *Psalm 139:10,11*

Jesus said, “I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” *John 8:12*

*The following Confession of Sin may then be said; or the Office may continue at once with “Lord, open our lips.”*

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by God’s infinite goodness and mercy.

*or this*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and people together, all kneeling*

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

*The Priest alone stands and says*

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.*

*A deacon or lay person using the preceding form remains kneeling, and substitutes “us” for “you” and “our” for “your.”*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant*            O God, make speed to save us.

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

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*Except in Lent, add* Alleluia.

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

**O Gracious Light** *Phos hilaron*

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the ever-living Creator 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 your praises, O God.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Jesus Christ, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the world.

*Or this*

**Light of the World** *Phos hilaron*

Light of the world, in grace and beauty,  
Mirror of God's eternal face,  
Transparent flame of love's free duty,  
You bring salvation to our race.  
Now, as we see the lights of evening,  
We raise our voice in hymns of praise;  
Worthy are you of endless blessing,  
Sun of our night, lamp of our days.

*Then follows*

**The Psalm or Psalms Appointed**

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

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity; \*  
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# The Lessons

*One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading (Lesson) from \_\_\_\_\_

*A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.*

*After each Lesson the reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

*Answer* Thanks be to God.

*Or the Reader may say* Here ends the Lesson (Reading).

*Silence may be kept after each Reading. One of the following Canticles is sung or said after each Reading, following the chart at the end of this Office.*

## **The Song of Mary** *Magnificat*

*Luke 1:46-55*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in you, O God my Savior, \*  
    for you have looked with favor on your lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
    For you, the Almighty, have done great things for me,  
    and holy is your name.  
You have mercy on those who fear you \*  
    from generation to generation.  
You have shown strength with your arm \*  
    and scattered the proud in their conceit,  
Casting down the mighty from their thrones \*  
    and lifting up the lowly.  
You have filled the hungry with good things \*  
    and sent the rich away empty.  
You have come to the help of your servant Israel, \*  
    for you have remembered your promise of mercy,  
The promise made to our ancestors, \*  
    to Abraham and his children forever.  
  
Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity; \*  
    As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## **A Song of God's Love**

*1 John 4:7-11*

Beloved, let us love one another, \*  
for love is of God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, \*  
for God is Love.

In this the love of God was revealed among us, \*  
that God sent his only Son into the world,  
so that we might live through Jesus Christ.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us \*  
and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, \*  
we ought also to love one another.

For if we love one another, God abides in us, \*  
and God's love will be perfected in us.

## **The Song of Simeon** *Nunc dimittis*

*Luke 2:29-32*

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity; \*  
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## **A Song of the Heavenly City**

*Revelation 21:22-26, 22:1-4*

I saw no temple in the city, \*  
    for its temple is the God of surpassing strength and the Lamb.  
And the city has no need of sun or moon to light it, \*  
    for the glory of God shines on it, and its lamp is the Lamb.  
By its light the nations shall walk, \*  
    and the rulers of the world lay their honor and glory there.  
Its gates shall never be shut by day, nor shall there be any night; \*  
    into it they will bring the honor and glory of nations.  
I saw the clean river of the water of life, bright as crystal, \*  
    flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.  
The tree of life spanned the river, giving fruit every month, \*  
    and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of nations.  
All curses cease where the throne of God and the lamb stands,  
and all servants give worship there, \*  
    there they will see God's face, whose Name shall be on their foreheads. in us.

## **A Song of the Spirit**

*Revelation 22:12-17*

“Behold, I am coming soon,” says the Lord,  
“and bringing my reward with me, \*  
to give to everyone according to their deeds.  
“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, \*  
the beginning and the end.”  
Blessed are those who do God’s commandments,  
that they may have the right to the tree of life, \*  
and may enter the city through the gates.  
“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to you, \*  
with this testimony for all the churches.  
“I am the root and offspring of David,  
I am the bright morning star.”  
“Come!” say the Spirit and the Bride; \*  
“Come!” let each hearer reply!  
Come forward, you who are thirsty, \*  
let those who desire take the water of life as a gift.

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## B

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That there may be peace in your Church and in the whole world,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects*

*The Collect of the Day*

*A Collect for Sundays*

O God, whose Child 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 the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 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 Fridays*

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 Saturdays*

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.*

*A Collect for Peace*

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Aid against Perils*

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Child, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Protection*

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 our protection though the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Child our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*A Collect for the Presence of Christ*

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.*

*Then, unless the Eucharist or a form of general intercession is to follow, one of these prayers for mission is added*

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

*or this*

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 the following*

O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Here may be sung a hymn or anthem.*

*Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

*Before the close of the Office one or both of the following may be used*

*The General Thanksgiving*

*Officiant and People*

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

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

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

*A Prayer of John Henry Newman*

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. *Amen.*

*Then may be said*

Let us bless the Lord.

*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 then conclude with one of the following*

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

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*     *Romans 15:13*

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

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