

DAILY OFFICE

DAILY MORNING PRAYER

The Officiant may begin Morning Prayer by reading an opening sentence of Scripture. One of the following, or a sentence from among those provided at the end of the Office (pages 13–15), is customary.

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

PHILIPPIANS 1:2

or this

I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord.

PSALM 122:1

or this

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

PSALM 19:14

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says to the People

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 cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and 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;

or this

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence is kept. All kneeling, the Officiant and People say

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 [apart from thy grace,] there is no health in us.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.

Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults.

**Restore thou those that are penitent; according to thy promises
declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,

that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. **Amen.**

The Priest alone stands and says

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.**

or this

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

A Deacon or layperson remains kneeling and prays

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INVITATORY

All stand.

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips;

People **And our mouth shall show forth thy 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 Ghost;

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

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.

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

Then follows the Venite. Alternatively, the Jubilate may be used.

One of these antiphons, or one from the seasonal antiphons provided at the end of the Office (pages 15-16), may be sung or said before and after the Invitatory Psalm.

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: *

O come, let us adore him.

or this

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: *

O come, let us adore him.

or this

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: *

O come, let us adore him.

VENITE

O Come

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners of the earth, *
and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his, and he made it, *
and his hands prepared the dry land.
O come, let us worship and fall down, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God; *
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

The following verses may be omitted, except in Lent.

Today, if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts *
as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness,
When your fathers tested me, *
proved me, and saw my works.
Forty years long was I grieved with this generation and said, *
It is a people that do err in their hearts,
for they have not known my ways:
Unto whom I swear in my wrath *
that they should not enter into my rest.

PSALM 95:1-7, 8-11

or this

JUBILATE
Be Joyful

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; *
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise; *
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting, *
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

PSALM 100

During the first week of Easter, the Pascha Nostrum, without antiphons, is used in place of the Invitatory Psalm, and it may be used throughout Eastertide.

PASCHA NOSTRUM

Christ our Passover

**Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast;
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and wickedness: *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
Alleluia.**

**Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more: *
death hath no more dominion over him.
For in that he died, he died unto sin once: *
but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.
Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin: *
but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Alleluia.**

**Christ is risen from the dead: *
and become the first-fruits of them that slept.
For since by man came death: *
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

1 CORINTHIANS 5:7-8; ROMANS 6:9-11; 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-22

Then follows

THE PSALM OR PSALMS APPOINTED

At the end of the Psalms the Gloria Patri (Glory be...) is sung or said

**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 LESSONS

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

A Reading from _____.

A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.

After each lesson the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Or the Reader may say

Here endeth the Reading.

The following Canticles are normally sung or said after each of the lessons. The Officiant may also use a Canticle drawn from the Supplemental Canticles or an appropriate song of praise.

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS
We Praise Thee, O God

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord. *

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud;

the heavens, and all the Powers therein. *

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; *

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee. *

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs praise thee. *

The holy Church throughout all the world

doth acknowledge thee;

the Father of an infinite Majesty;

thine adorable, true and only Son; *

also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ. *

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, *

thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, *

thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, *

in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge. *

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

**Make them to be numbered with thy Saints, *
in glory everlasting.**

The following verses may be omitted

**O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage. *
Govern them and lift them up for ever.**

**Day by day we magnify thee; *
and we worship thy Name ever, world without end.**

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. *

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in thee. *

O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

During Lent the Benedictus es, Domine usually replaces the Te Deum, and it may be used at other times.

BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE
A Song of Praise

**Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and dwellest
between the Cherubim: *
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy Kingdom: *
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven: *
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.**

SONG OF THE THREE YOUNG MEN, 29-34

BENEDICTUS
The Song of Zechariah

**Blessed 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.
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, *
 and to remember his holy covenant.
To perform the oath which he sware
to our forefather Abraham, *
 that he would give us;
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies *
 might serve him without fear;
In holiness and righteousness before him, *
 all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: *
 for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord
 to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people *
 for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God; *
 whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness,
and in the shadow of death, *
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
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.

LUKE 1:68-79

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing

**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 catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The People kneel or stand.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant 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.**

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
People **And grant us thy salvation.**
Officiant O Lord, guide those who govern us;
People **And lead us in the way of justice and truth.**
Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
People **And make thy chosen people joyful.**
Officiant O Lord, save thy people;
People **And bless thine inheritance.**
Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;
People **And evermore mightily defend us.**
Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us;
People **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

The Officiant then prays one or more of the following Collects, always beginning with the Collect of the Day (usually the Collect of the Sunday or Principal Feast and of any of the weekdays following, or of the Holy Day being observed). It is traditional to pray the Collects for Peace and Grace daily.

Alternatively, one may pray the Collects on a weekly rotation, using the suggestions in italics.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY
From the Collects of the Christian Year

A COLLECT FOR STRENGTH TO AWAIT CHRIST'S RETURN
Sunday

O God our King, who by the resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, didst conquer sin, put death to flight, and give us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive us our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise thee and to do thy will; and strengthen us to wait for the consummation of thy kingdom on the last great Day: through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR THE RENEWAL OF LIFE *Monday*

O God, the King eternal, who dividest the day from the night and turnest the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR PEACE *Tuesday*

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, 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, 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, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE *Thursday*

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy 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 the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR SABBATH REST *Saturday*

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

Unless the Great Litany or the Eucharist is to follow, one of the following prayers for mission is added. If the Great Litany is used, it follows here, or after a hymn or anthem, and concludes the Office.

PRAYER FOR MISSION

Almighty and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels: Send down upon our clergy, and 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; and ignite in them a zealous love of thy gospel: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

or this

O God, who hast made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after thee and find thee; bring the nations into thy fold; pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of thy kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

or this

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

The Officiant may invite the People to offer intercessions and thanksgivings.

A hymn or anthem may be sung.

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

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

**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.**

**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 our selves 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.**

A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty 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 requests: 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.**

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 says one of these concluding sentences (and the People may be invited to join)

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.**

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

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

ROMANS 15:13

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

EPHESIANS 3:20-21

OPENING SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

ADVENT

Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

ISAIAH 40:3

CHRISTMAS

Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

LUKE 2:10-11

EPIPHANY

For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of hosts.

MALACHI 1:11

LENT *and* OTHER PENITENTIAL OCCASIONS

Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

MATTHEW 3:2

Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds.

PSALM 51:9

Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

MARK 8:34

HOLY WEEK

Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me, wherewith the Lord hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger.

LAMENTATIONS 1:12

EASTER

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

COLOSSIANS 3:1

ASCENSION

Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

HEBREWS 4:14, 16

PENTECOST

Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

ACTS 1:8

TRINITY SUNDAY

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

REVELATION 4:8

DAYS OF THANKSGIVING

Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

PROVERBS 3:9-10

AT ANY TIME

The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

HABAKKUK 2:20

O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me, and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.

PSALM 43:3

Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

ISAIAH 57:15

The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

JOHN 4:23

SEASONAL ANTIPHONS

ADVENT

Our King and Savior draweth nigh: *

O come, let us adore him.

CHRISTMAS

Alleluia, unto us a child is born: *

O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

EPIPHANY, AND THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

The Lord hath manifested forth his glory: *

O come, let us adore him.

PRESENTATION AND ANNUNCIATION

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us: *

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 ascendeth into heaven: *

O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

DAY OF PENTECOST

Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord filleth the world: *

O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

TRINITY SUNDAY

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God: *

O come, let us adore him.

ALL SAINTS' AND OTHER MAJOR SAINTS' DAYS

The Lord is glorious in his saints: *

O come, let us adore him.

MIDDAY PRAYER

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 Ghost;

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

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.

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

A suitable hymn may be sung.

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

PSALM 119:105-112

Lucerna pedibus meis

**105 Thy word is a lantern unto my feet *
and a light unto my paths.**

**106 I have sworn, and am steadfastly purposed *
to keep thy righteous judgments.**

**107 I am troubled above measure; *
quicken me, O LORD, according to thy word.**

**108 Let the free-will offerings of my mouth please thee, O LORD; *
and teach me thy judgments.**

**109 My soul is alway in my hand, *
yet do I not forget thy law.**

**110 The ungodly have laid a snare for me, *
but yet I swerved not from thy commandments.**

**111 Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage for ever, *
and why? they are the very joy of my heart.**

**112 I have applied my heart to fulfill thy statutes alway, *
even unto the end.**

PSALM 121

Levavi oculos

**1 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills; *
from whence cometh my help?**

- 2 My help cometh even from the LORD, *
 who hath made heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved, *
 and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
- 4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel *
 shall neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The LORD himself is thy keeper; *
 the LORD is thy defense upon thy right hand;
- 6 So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, *
 neither the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil; *
 yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
- 8 The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, *
 from this time forth for evermore.

PSALM 124
Nisi quia Dominus

- 1 If the LORD himself had not been on our side, now may Israel say; *
 if the LORD himself had not been on our side, when men rose up against us;
- 2 Then had swallowed us up alive; *
 when they were so wrathfully displeased with us;
- 3 Yea, the waters had drowned us, *
 and the stream had gone over our soul.
- 4 The deep waters of the proud *
 had gone even over our soul.
- 5 But praised be the LORD, *
 who hath not given us over for a prey unto their teeth.
- 6 Our soul is escaped even as a bird out of the snare of the fowler; *
 the snare is broken, and we are delivered.
- 7 Our help standeth in the Name of the LORD, *
 who hath made heaven and earth.

PSALM 126
In convertendo

- 1 When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, *
 then were we like unto them that dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter *
 and our tongue with joy.

- 3 Then said they among the heathen, *
 The LORD hath done great things for them.
- 4 Yea, the LORD hath done great things for us already, *
 whereof we rejoice.
- 5 Turn our captivity, O LORD, *
 as the rivers in the south.
- 6 Those that sow in tears *
 shall reap in joy.
- 7 He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed *
 shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

At the end of the Psalms the Gloria Patri (Glory be...) is sung or said

**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.**

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

Jesus said, “Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.” JOHN 12:31-32

If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-18

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

At the end of the reading is said

 The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

A meditation, silent or spoken, may follow.

The Officiant then begins the Prayers

Officiant I will bless the Lord at all times.
People **His praise shall ever be in my mouth.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant 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.**

Officiant O Lord, hear our prayer;

People **And let our cry come unto thee.**

Officiant Let us pray.

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

Blessed Savior, who at this hour didst hang upon the cross stretching out thy loving arms:
Grant that all mankind may look unto thee and be saved; for thy tender mercies' sake.
Amen.

Almighty Savior, who at mid-day didst call thy servant Saint Paul to be an Apostle to the
Gentiles: We beseech thee to illumine the world with the radiance of thy glory, that all
nations may come and worship thee; who art, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one
God, world without end. **Amen.**

Father of mercies, who to thine Apostle Saint Peter didst reveal in three-fold vision thy
boundless compassion: Forgive, we pray thee, our unbelief, and so enlarge our hearts, and
enkindle our zeal, that we may fervently desire the salvation of all men, and with more
ready diligence labor in the extension of thy kingdom; for his sake, who gave himself for
the life of the world, thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the
incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ announced by the message of an angel to the Virgin

Mary, so by his cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection.; through the same Christ our Lord. **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 our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

ADDITIONAL DIRECTIONS

The Officiant and People may join in saying “Alleluia” (except in Lent) as an alternative to the versicles “Praise ye the Lord. The Lord’s Name be praised.”

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.

The Lord’s Prayer may be ended with, “deliver us from evil. Amen.” omitting the concluding doxology.

DAILY EVENING PRAYER

The Officiant may begin Evening Prayer by reading an opening sentence of Scripture. One of the following, or a sentence from among those provided at the end of the Office (pages 31-32), is customary.

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. JOHN 8:12

or this

Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honor dwelleth. PSALM 26:8

or this

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense; and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice. PSALM 141:2

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says to the People

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 cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and 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;

or this

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence is kept. All kneeling, the Officiant and People say

**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 [apart from thy grace,] there is no health in us.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults.
Restore thou those that are penitent; according to thy promises
declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Priest alone stands and says

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.**

or this

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

A Deacon or layperson remains kneeling and prays

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY

All stand.

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips;
People **And our mouth shall show forth thy 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 Ghost;

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

Officiant Praise ye 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 everliving 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 thy praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Thou art 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 Gloria Patri (Glory be...) is sung or said

**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 LESSONS

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

A Reading from _____.

A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.

After each Lesson the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Or the Reader may say

Here endeth the Reading.

The following Canticles are normally sung or said after each of the lessons. The Officiant may also use a Canticle drawn from the Supplemental Canticles or an appropriate song of praise.

MAGNIFICAT

The Song of Mary

**My soul doth magnify the Lord, *
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded *
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
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 showed 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.**

LUKE 1:46-55

NUNC DIMITTIS

The Song of Simeon

**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.

LUKE 2:29-32

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing

**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 catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The People kneel or stand.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant 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 follows one of these sets of Suffrages

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
People **And grant us thy salvation.**
Officiant O Lord, guide those who govern us;
People **And lead us in the way of justice and truth.**
Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
People **And make thy chosen people joyful.**
Officiant O Lord, save thy people;
People **And bless thine inheritance.**
Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;
People **And evermore mightily defend us.**
Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us;
People **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

or this

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,
We entreat thee, O Lord.
That thy holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,
We entreat thee, O Lord.
That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

That there may be peace in thy Church and in the whole world,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

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

That we may be bound together by thy Holy Spirit in the
communion of [_____ and] all thy saints, entrusting
one another and all our life to Christ,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

The Officiant then prays one or more of the following Collects, always beginning with the Collect of the Day (usually the Collect of the Sunday or Principal Feast and of any of the weekdays following, or of the Holy Day being observed). It is traditional to pray the Collects for Peace and Aid against Perils daily. Alternatively, one may pray the Collects on a weekly rotation, using the suggestions in italics.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY
From the Collects of the Christian Year

A COLLECT FOR RESURRECTION HOPE *Sunday*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who by triumphing over the powers of darkness didst prepare our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant us, who have this day given thanks for thy Resurrection, to praise thee in that city whereof thou art the light; where with the Father and the Holy Ghost thou livest and reignest, world without end. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR PEACE *Monday*

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 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 Savior. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST PERILS *Tuesday*

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 thine only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR PROTECTION *Wednesday*

O God, who art 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 thee for the timely blessings of the day, and

humbly beseech thy merciful protection all the night. Bring us, we pray thee, in safety to the morning hours; through him who died for us and rose again, thy 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 thee as thou art revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of thy love. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR FAITH *Friday*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who by thy death didst take away the sting of death: Grant unto us thy servants so to follow in faith where thou hast led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in thee, and awake up after thy likeness; for thy tender mercies' sake. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR THE EVE OF WORSHIP *Saturday*

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

Unless the Great Litany or the Eucharist is to follow, one of the following prayers for mission is added. If the Great Litany is used, it follows here, or after a hymn or anthem, and concludes the Office.

PRAYER FOR MISSION

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship thee, all nations obey thee, all tongues confess and bless thee, and men and women everywhere love thee and serve thee 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 thine 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 thy love's sake. **Amen.**

or this

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

The Officiant may invite the People to offer intercessions and thanksgivings.

A hymn or anthem may be sung.

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

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

**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.**

**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 our selves 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.**

A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty 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 requests: 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.**

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 says one of these concluding sentences (and the People may be invited to join)

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.** 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

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

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

OPENING SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

ADVENT

Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. MARK 13:35-36

CHRISTMAS

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. REVELATION 21:3

EPIPHANY

And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. ISAIAH 60:3

LENT AND OTHER PENITENTIAL OCCASIONS

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 JOHN 1:8-9

I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. PSALM 51:3

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him. DANIEL 9:9

HOLY WEEK

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. ISAIAH 53:6

EASTER

Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:57

ASCENSION

Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.

HEBREWS 9:24

PENTECOST

The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

REVELATION 22:17

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.

PSALM 46:4

TRINITY SUNDAY

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

ISAIAH 6:3

DAYS OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens. By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.

PROVERBS 3:19-20

AT ANY TIME

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

PSALM 96:9

I will thank the Lord for giving me warning, my reins also chasten me in the night season. I have set the Lord always before me; for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

PSALM 16:8-9

ADDITIONAL DIRECTIONS

The Confession and Apostles' Creed may be omitted, provided each is said at least once during the course of the day.

The Gloria Patri (Glory be...) in the opening versicles may be said in unison.

The Officiant and People may join in saying "Alleluia" (except in Lent) as an alternative to the versicles "Praise ye the Lord. The Lord's Name be praised."

If an offering is to be received, it is appropriate to do so during the hymn or anthem following the Collects.

A sermon may be preached after the lessons, after the hymn or anthem following the Collects, or after the conclusion of the Office.

COMPLINE

The Officiant begins

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night
and a perfect end. **Amen.**

Officiant Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
People **Who hath made heaven and earth.**

The Officiant continues

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept. The Officiant and People then say

**Almighty God and Father, we confess to thee,
to one another, and to the whole host of heaven,
that we have sinned against thee, through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in those things which we have left undone.
For the sake of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins,
and by the power of the Holy Ghost
raise us up to serve thee in newness of life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

The Officiant alone says

May Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins,
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

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 Ghost;

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

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.

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

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

PSALM 4
Cum invocarem

- 1 Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: *
 thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble;
 have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.
- 2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honor, *
 and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after falsehood?
- 3 Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself
 the man that is godly; *
 when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
- 4 Stand in awe, and sin not; *
 commune with your own heart, and in your chamber,
 and be still.
- 5 Offer the sacrifice of righteousness, *
 and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 There be many that say, *
 Who will show us any good?
- 7 Lord, lift thou up *
 the light of thy countenance upon us.
- 8 Thou hast put gladness in my heart; *
 yea, more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.
- 9 I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest; *
 for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

PSALM 31:1-6
In te, Domine, speravi

- 1 In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust;
 let me never be put to confusion; *
 deliver me in thy righteousness.
- 2 Bow down thine ear to me; *
 make haste to deliver me.
- 3 And be thou my strong rock, and house of defense, *
 that thou mayest save me.
- 4 For thou art my strong rock, and my castle: *
 be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.
- 5 Draw me out of the net that they have laid privily for me; *

for thou art my strength.
6 Into thy hands I commend my spirit; *
for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

PSALM 91
Qui habitat

- 1 Whoso dwelleth under the defense of the Most High, *
shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope,
and my stronghold; *
my God, in him will I trust.
- 3 For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter, *
and from the noisome pestilence.
- 4 He shall defend thee under his wings,
and thou shalt be safe under his feathers; *
his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.
- 5 Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night, *
nor of the arrow that flieth by day,
- 6 For the pestilence that walketh in darkness, *
nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.
- 7 A thousand shall fall beside thee,
and ten thousand at thy right hand, *
but it shall not come nigh thee.
- 8 Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold, *
and see the reward of the ungodly.
- 9 For thou, Lord art my hope; *
thou hast set thine house of defense very high.
- 10 There shall no evil happen unto thee, *
neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, *
to keep thee in all thy ways.
- 12 They shall bear thee in their hands, *
that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.
- 13 Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder: *
the young lion and the dragon
thou shalt tread under thy feet.
- 14 Because he hath set his love upon me,
therefore I will deliver him; *
I will lift him up, because he hath known my Name.

**15 He shall call upon me, and I will hear him; *
yea, I am with him in trouble;
I will deliver him and bring him to honor.**
**16 With long life I will satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.**

PSALM 134
Ecce nunc

**1 Behold now, praise the Lord, *
all ye servants of the Lord;
2 Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord, *
even in the courts of the house of our God.
3 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary *
and praisethe Lord.
4 The Lord that made heaven and earth *
give thee blessing out of Zion.**

At the end of the Psalms the Gloria Patri (Glory be...) is sung or said

**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.**

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

Thou, O LORD, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy Name. Leave us not, O
Lord our God. JEREMIAH 14:9

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 in heart; and ye shall find rest unto
your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. MATTHEW 11:28-30

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great
Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect
in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. HEBREWS 13:20-21

Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about,
seeking whom he may devour: whom resist, steadfast in the faith. But thou, O Lord, have
mercy upon us. 1 PETER 5:8-9

At the end of the reading is said

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Officiant Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

People **For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord,
thou God of truth.**

Officiant Keep me as the apple of thine eye;

People **Hide us under the shadow of thy wings.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant 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.**

Officiant O Lord, hear our prayer;

People **And let our cry come unto thee.**

Officiant Let us pray.

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

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, this place, and drive from it all the snares of the enemy; let thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace; and may thy blessing be upon us evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 thine only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may repose upon thine eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Look down, O Lord, from thy heavenly throne, illuminate the darkness of this night with thy celestial brightness, and from the sons of light banish the deeds of darkness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR SATURDAYS

We give thee thanks, O God, for revealing thy Son Jesus Christ to us by the light of his resurrection: Grant that as we sing thy glory at the close of this day, our joy may abound in the morning as we celebrate the Paschal mystery; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

One of the following prayers may be added

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine 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 thy love's sake. **Amen.**

or this

O God, whose 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.

The Officiant and People say or sing the Song of Simeon with this Antiphon

Preserve 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.

NUNC DIMITTIS

The Song of Simeon

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.

LUKE 2:29-32

Preserve 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.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Officiant concludes with the following

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
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



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