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# The Order for Evening Prayer

## Hymn

*At the beginning of Evening Prayer the Minister shall read with a loud voice one or more of these Sentences of the Scriptures that follow. And then shall he say that which is written after the said Sentences.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 St. John 1.8-9*

## **Confession**

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

Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

*A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation after the minister, all kneeling.*

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

*The Absolution or Remission of sins to be pronounced by the Priest alone, standing: the people still kneeling.*

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.**

*If no priest be present the person saying the service shall read the Collect for the Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity, that person and the people still kneeling.*

*Then the Minister shall kneel, and say the Lord's Prayer: the people also kneeling, and repeating it with him.*

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

*Then likewise he shall say,*

Priest.           O Lord open thou our lips.

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

Priest.           O God, make speed to save us.

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

*Here, all standing up, the Priest shall say,*

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

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

Priest.           Praise ye the Lord.

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

*Then shall be said or sung the Psalms in order as they be appointed.*

*Then a Lesson of the Old Testament, as is appointed. And after that  
Magnificat in English, as followeth.*

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

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

## **The First Lesson**

*Here endeth the First Lesson*

# Magnificat

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

For he | hath re|garded : the | lowliness | of his | hand-  
maiden.

For be | hold, from | henceforth : all gene|rations 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 :  
through | out | all | generations.

He hath shewed | strength with his | arm : he hath  
scattered the proud in the imag|ination | of their | hearts.

He hath put down the mighty | from their | seat :  
and hath ex|alted the | humble and | meek.

He hath filled the hungry with | good | things :  
and the rich he | hath sent | empty a | way.

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 |. A|men.

## The Second Lesson

*Here endeth the Second Lesson*

## Nunc Dimittis

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.

*Then shall be said or sung the Apostle's Creed, by the Minister and the people 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 Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

*And after that these Prayers following, all devoutly kneeling: the Minister first pronouncing with a loud voice.*

**Minister.** The Lord be with you.

**Answer.** **And with thy spirit.**

**Minister.** Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Answer.** **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*Then the Minister, Clerks, and people shall say the Lord's Prayer with a loud voice.*

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

*Then the Priest standing up shall say,*

**Priest.** O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

**Answer.** **And grant us thy salvation.**

**Priest.** O Lord, save the Queen.

**Answer.** **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

**Priest.** Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

**Answer.** **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

**Priest.** O Lord, save thy people.

**Answer.** **And bless thine inheritance.**

*Priest.* Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

*Priest.* O God, make clean our hearts within us.

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

*Then shall follow three Collects: The first for the day: The second for Peace: The third for Aid against all perils, as hereafter followeth: which two last Collects shall be daily said at Evening Prayer without alteration.*

*The Second Collect at Evening Prayer.*

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

*The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils*

**LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Hymn**

## Intercessions

*A prayer of saint 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**

*2 Corinthians 13.*

**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.**

## Hymn

## Sermon

## Blessing

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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