

EVENSONG WITH THE LORD'S SUPPER

OPENING SENTENCES

At the beginning of Evening Prayer the Minister shall read with a loud voice some one or more of these Sentences of the Scriptures that follow.

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

Psalm 51.17

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

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*

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

FIRST HYMN

INVITATION

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 with me.

CONFSSION

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.

ABSOLUTION

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.

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Sitting or kneeling, the Minister sings

Minister

O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir

And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Minister

O God, make speed to save us,

Choir

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Here, all standing up, the Priest shall sing,

Minister

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

Choir

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

Minister

Praise ye the Lord.

Choir

The Lord's Name be prais'd.

PSALM

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

FIRST LESSON

Then a Lesson of the Old Testament, as is appointed.

MAGNIFICAT

The Song of the blessed Virgin Mary from Luke 1.

¹ My soul doth | magnify • the | Lord : and my spirit hath re- |
joiced in | God my | Saviour.

² For he | hath re- | garded : the | lowli-ness | of his | handmaiden.

³ For be- | hold from | henceforth : all gene- | rations • shall | call me | blessed.

⁴ For he that is mighty hath | magni-fied | me : and | holy | is his | name.

⁵ And his mercy is on | them that | fear him : through- | out all | gene- | rations.

⁶ He hath shewed | strength with • his | arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagi- | nation | of their | hearts.

⁷ He hath put down the mighty | from their | seat : and hath ex- | alted • the | humble • and | meek.

⁸ He hath filled the hungry with | good | things : and the rich he |
hath sent | empty • a- | way.

⁹ He re- | membering • his | mercy : hath | holpen • his | servant |
Israel.

¹⁰ 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.

SECOND LESSON

Then a Lesson of the New Testament, as it is appointed.

SERMON

NUNC DIMITTIS

The Song of Simeon from Luke 2

¹ Lord now lettest thou thy servant de- | part in | peace : ac- | cording | to thy | word.

² For mine eyes have | seen thy • sal- | vation : which thou hast prepared before the | face of | all | people.

³ 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. | A- | men.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Then shall be said the Apostles' 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.

THE LESSER LITANY

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Then the Priest standing up shall sing,

O Lord, shew thy mercy up - on us.

Choir

And grant us thy sal - va - tion.

Minister

O Lord, save the Queen.

Choir

And mercifully hear us when we call up - on thee.

Minister

Endue thy ministers with righ - teous - ness.

Choir

And make thy chosen people joy - ful.

Minister

O Lord, save thy peo - ple.

Choir

And bless thine in - her - i - tance.

Minister

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir

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

Minister

O God, make clean our hearts with - in us.

Choir

And take not thy Holy Spirit } from us.

After the Collects.

A - men.

COLLECTS

COLLECT OF THE DAY

THE SECOND COLLECT FOR PEACE

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.

OFFERTORY HYMN

A hymn is sung as the table is prepared.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *St. Matthew 11.28*

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *St. John 3.16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 St. Timothy 1.15*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. *1 St. John 2.1*

After which the Priest shall proceed, saying,

Priest. Lift up your hearts.

Answer. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Priest. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Answer. **It is meet and right so to do.**

Then shall the Priest turn to the Lord's Table and say,

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Here shall follow the proper Preface, according to the time, if there be any specially appointed: or else immediately shall follow,

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

All. **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Amen.**

Then shall the Priest, kneeling down at the Lord's Table, shall lead the people to say,

All. **We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

When the Priest, standing before the Table, hath so ordered the Bread and Wine, that he may with the more readiness and decency break the Bread before the people, and take the Cup into his hands, he shall say the Prayer of Consecration, as followeth.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again: Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving

these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood: who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. **Amen.**

Then shall the Minister first receive the Communion in both kinds himself, and then to the people also in order, into their hands, all meekly kneeling. And, when he delivereth the Bread to any one, he shall say,

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee,
preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

And the Minister that delivereth the Cup to any one shall say,

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee,
preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

FINAL HYMN

A final hymn is sung, during which the offering is taken.

THE BLESSING

The minister pronounces God's blessing upon His people.