



LUTTERWORTH CHURCH
EVENSONG

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.

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*

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

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

HYMN

The hymn is announced and the congregation stand to sing.

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:

CONFESSION

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.

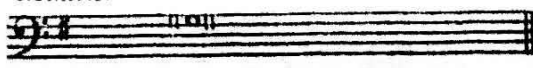
If no priest be present the person saying the service shall read the Collect for the Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity, that person and the people still kneeling.

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.

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

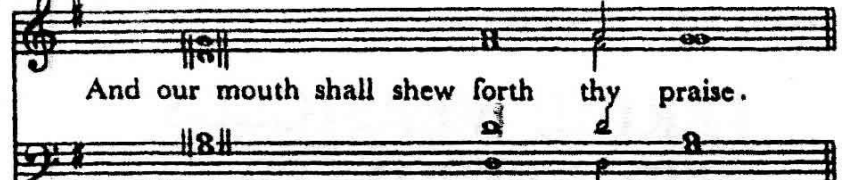
Sitting or kneeling, the Minister sings

Minister



O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir



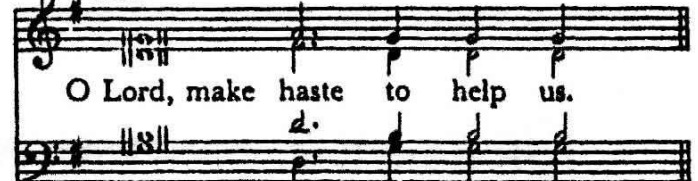
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Minister



O God, make speed to save us,

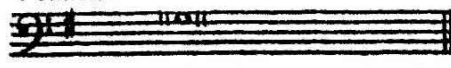
Choir



O Lord, make haste to help us.


Here, all standing up, the Priest shall sing,

Minister



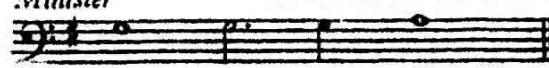
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

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
| blessèd.

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.

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.

SERMON

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.

The congregation sit, as the prayers continue.

Minister. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Minister. Lord, have mercy upon us.

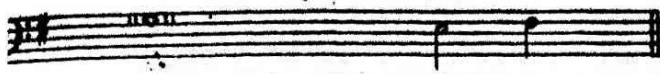
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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,

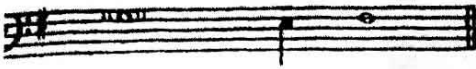


O Lord, shew thy mercy up - on us.

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

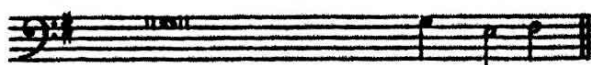


Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

Then shall follow three Collects ; the first of 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.

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.

ANTHEM

As the choir sings, the congregation meditates on the truths of Scripture.

PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

THE GRACE

The Intercessions end as the congregation prays these words of St Paul, the Apostle,

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.

OFFERTORY HYMN

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

THE BLESSING

The minister pronounces God's blessing using these or other words.

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.**