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# THE ORDER

where Morning and Euening  
prayer shall be vsed and sayd.



*The Morning and Euening prayer shall be vsed in the accustomed place of the Church, Chapell, or Chancel, except it shal be otherwise determined by the Ordinary of the place: and the Chancels shall remaine, as they haue done in times past.*

*And here is to be noted, that the Minister at the time of the Communion, and at all other times in his Ministration, shall vse such Ornaments in the Church, as were in vse by authority of Parliament in the second yeere of the Reigne of EDWARD the sixt according to the Acte of Parliament set foorth in the beginning of thys Booke.*



# AN ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER

*dayly throughout the yeere.*

**A**T the beginning both of Morning prayer, and likewise of Euening Prayer, the Minister shall reade with a lowd voice, some one of these Sentences of the Scriptures that follow. And then he shall say that, which is written after the said Sentences.



**T** what time soeuer a sinner doth repent him of his sinne from the botto-  
tome of his heart; I will put all his  
wickednesse out of my remembrance  
saith the Lord.

Ezek. 18.

I do know mine own wickednesse,  
and my sinne is alway against me.

Pfal. 51.

Turne thy face away from our  
sinnes, O Lord and blot out all our  
offences.

Pfal. 51.

A sorrowfull spirit is a sacrifice to God: despise not, O Lord,  
humble and contrite haerts.

Pfal. 51.

Rent your hearts, and not your garments, and turne to the  
Lord your God, because he is gentle and mercifull, hee is  
patient and of much mercie, and such a one that is sorry for  
your afflictions.

Joel 2.

To thee, O Lord God belongeth mercies and forgeuenesse,  
for we haue gone away from thee, and haue not hearkened to  
thy voice, whereby we might walke in thy Lawes, which thou  
halt appointed for vs.

Daniel 9.

Correct vs, O Lord, and yet in thy iudgement, not in thy  
fury, least we should be consumed and brought to nothing.

Jere. 10

Matth. 3.

Amend your liues, for the kingdome of God is at hand.

Luke 15.

I will goe to my Father, and say to him, Father, I haue sinned against heauen, and against thee, I am no more worthy to be called thy sonne.

Pfal. 143.

Enter not in to iudgement wyth thy seruants, O Lord, for no flesh is righteous in thy sight.

1 John 1.

If we say that we haue no sinne, we deceiue ourselues, and there is no trueth in vs.



Dearely beloued brethren, the Scripture moueth vs in sundry places, to acknowledge and confesse our manifold sins and wickednesse, and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heauenly Father, but confesse them with an humble, lowly, penitent & obedient heart to the end that we may obtaine forgiuenes of the same by his infinite goodnesse and mercie. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sinnes before God, yet ought we most chiefly so to doe, when we assemble and meet together, to render thankes for the great benefits that wee haue receiued at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to heare his most holy word, and to aske those things which be requisite & necessary, aswel for the body as the soule. Wherefore I pray and beleech you, as many as be here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voyce, vnto the throne of the heauenly grace, saying after me.

¶ A generall confession, to be said of the whole Congregation after the Minister, kneeling.



Almighty and most mercifull Father, we haue erred and strayed from thy wayes, like lost sheepe we haue followed too much the deuices and delires of our owne hearts. We haue offended against thy holy Lawes: We haue left vndone those things which we ought to haue done, and we haue done those things which wee ought not to haue done, and there is no health in vs: but thou, O Lord, haue mercy vpon vs miserable

offenders. Spare thou them O God, which confesse their faults, restore thou them that bee penitent, according to thy promises declared vnto mankinde, in Christ Iesu our Lord: and grant, O most mercifull Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter liue a godly, rightuous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

¶ The absolution or remission of finnes to be pronounced by the Minister alone.



Almighty God, the father of our Lord Iesus Christ, which desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turne from his wickednesse and lieu, and hath giuen power and commandement to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people being penitent, the absolution and remission of their finnes: hee pardoneth and absolueth all them which truly repent, and vnfainedly beleue his holy Gospel. Wherefore we beseech him to grant vs true repentaunce and his holy Spirit, that thole things may please him, which we doe 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 eternall ioye, through Iesus Christ our lord.

The people shall aunswere.

Amen.



¶ Then shall the Minister begin the Lords prayer  
with a loud voice.



**O**ur Father, which art in heauen, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdome come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heauen. Giue vs this day our daily bread. And forgiue vs our trespalles, as we forgiue them that trespalle against vs. And lead vs not into tempta- tion. But deliuer vs from euill.

¶ Then likewise he shall say.

**O** Lord, open thou our lips.

Aunfwere.

And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Prieste.

**O** God, make speed to saue vs.

Aunfwere.

Lord, make halste to helpe vs.

Prieste.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Sonne : and to the holy Gholt.

Al it was in the beginning, is now and euer shalbe: world without end. Amen.

**P**raise ye the Lord.

¶ Then shall be said or sung, this Psalme following.



**C**ome let vs syng vnto the Lord: let vs heartily reioyce in the strength of our saluacion.

Let vs come before his prelence with thankgiuing: and shew our selves glad in him with Psalmes.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King about 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 drie land.

☉ come, let vs worship and fall downe: and kneele before the Lord our maker.

For he is the Lord our God : and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheepe of his hands.

To day if ye will heare his voice, harden not your hearts : as in the prouocacion, and as in the day of temptation in the wildernesse.

When your fathers tempted me : prooued me, and saw my workes.

Fourty yeeres long was I grieued with this generation, and said : it is a people that doe erre in their hearts : for they haue not knowen my wayes.

Unto whom I sware in my wrath : that they should not enter into my rest.

Glory be to the father, and to the Sonne : and to the holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and euer shall bee : world without end. Amen.

¶ Then shal follow certaine Psalmes in order, as they be appointed in a Table made for that purpose, except there be proper Psalmes appointed for that day. And at the end of euery Psalme throughout the yeere, and likewise in the ende of *Benedictus*, *Benedicite*, *Magnificat*, and *Nunc Dimittis*, shall be repeated.

**Glory be to the father, &c. As it was in the beginning, &c.**

Then shalbe read two Lessons distinctly with a lowd voice, that the people may heare. The first of the old Testament, the second of the New, lyke as they be appointed by the Kalender, except there bee proper Lessons, assigned for that day: the Minister that readeth the Lesson, standing and turning him so as he may best be heard of all such as be present, And before euery lesson, the Minister shal say thus, The first, second, third, or fourth Chapter of Genesis or Exodus, Matthew, Marke, or other like, as is appointed in the Kalender, And in thend of euery Chapter, he shall say, **Here endeth such a Chapter of such a Booke.**

And to the end the people may the better heare in such places where they doe sing, there shall the Lessons be sung in a plaine tune after the manner of distinct reading: and likewise the Epistle and Gospel.

After the first Lesson, shall follow, *Te Deum laudamus* in Englishe dayly throughout the whole yeere.

*Te Deum.  
Laudamus.*



¶ praise the, O God : wee know-  
ledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee :  
the Father euerlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud :  
the heauens and all the powers  
therein.

To thee Cherubin, and Sera-  
phin : continually doe cry.

Holy, holy, holy : Lorde God of  
Sabbaoth.

Heauen and earth are full of the Maieltie : of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee.

The noble armie of Martyrs : praise thee.

The holy Church throrowout all the world : doth knowledge  
thee.

The Father : of an infinite Maieltie.

Thine honourable, true : and onely Sonne.

Also the holy Ghost : the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory : O Christ.

Thou art the euerlasting Sonne : of the Father.

When thou tookest vpon thee to deliuer man : thou diddest not  
abhorre the Virgins wombe.

When thou hadst ouercome the Charpnelle of death : thou didst  
open the Kingdome of heauen to all beleeuers.

Thou sittest on the right hand of God : in the glory of the  
Father.

We beleue that thou shalt come to be our Iudge.

We therefore pray thee helpe thy seruants : whom thou hast  
redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbred with thy Saints : in glory euerlast-  
ing.

O Lord saue thy people : and blesse thine heritage.

Gouerne them : and lifte them vp for euer.

Day by day : we magnifie thee.

And we worship thy name : euer world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lorde : to keepe vs this day without synne.



- O Lord haue mercie vpon vs : haue mercie vpon vs.  
 O Lord let thy mercy lighten vpon vs : as our trust is in thee.  
 O Lord in thee haue I trusted : let me neuer be confounded.

Or this canticle. *Benedicite omnia opera, &c.*



All ye workes of the Lord, blesse ye the Lord : praise him, and magnifie him for euer.

O ye Angels of the Lord, blesse ye the Lorde : praise him, and magnifie him for euer.

O ye heauens, blesse ye the Lord : praise him, and magnifie him for euer.

O yee waters that bee aboue the firmament, blesse ye the Lorde : praise him, and magnifie him for euer.

O all yee powers of the lord, blesse ye the Lord : praise him, and magnifie him for euer.

O yee Sonne, and Moone, blesse ye the Lorde : praise him, and magnifie him for euer.

O yee Starres of heauen, blesse ye the Lord : praise him, and magnifie him for euer.

O yee showres, and deaw, blesse ye the Lorde : prase him, and magnifie him for euer.

O yee windes of God, blesse ye the Lord : praise him, and magnifie him for euer.

O ye fire and heat, blesse ye the Lord : praise him, and magnifie him for euer.

O yee winter and Summer, blesse ye the Lord : praise him, and magnifie him for euer.

O ye deawes and frosts, blesse ye the Lord : praise him, and magnifie him for euer.

O yee frost and cold, blesse ye the Lord : praise him, and magnifie him for euer.

O yee yce and snow, blesse ye the Lord : praise him, and magnifie him for euer.

O ye nights and dayes, blesse ye the Lord : praise him, and magnifie him for euer.

☉ ye light and darknesse, blesse ye the Lord : praise him, and magnifie him for euer.

☉ ye lightnings and clouds, blesse ye the Lorde : praise him, and magnifie him for euer.

☉ let the earth blesse the Lorde : yea, let it praise him, and magnifie him for euer.

☉ ye mountaines and hilles : blesse ye the Lorde, praise him, and magnifie him for euer.

☉ al ye greene things vpon the earth, blesse ye the Lord : praise him, and magnifie him for euer.

☉ yee welles, blesse ye the Lord : praise him, and magnifie him for euer.

☉ ye Seas, and floods, blesse yee the Lord : praise him, and magnifie him for euer.

☉ ye Whales, and all that mooue in the waters, blesse ye the Lord : praise him, and magnifie him for euer.

☉ all yee foules of the aire, blesse ye the Lord, praise him, and magnifie him for euer.

☉ all ye bealts, and cattell, blesse yee the Lord : praise him, and magnifie him for euer.

☉ yee children of men, blesse yee the Lord : praise him, and magnifie him for euer.

☉ let Israel blesse the Lorde : praise him, and magnifie him for euer.

☉ yee Priests of the Lord, blesse yee the Lord : praise hym, and magnifie him for euer.

☉ ye seruants of the Lord, blesse yee the Lord : praise him, and magnifie him for euer.

☉ yee sprits and soules of the righteous, blesse yee the Lord: praise him, and magnifie him for euer.

☉ ye holy and humble men of heart, blesse yee the Lord : praise him, and magnifie him for euer.

☉ Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, blesse yee the lord : praise him, and magnifie him for euer.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Sonne : and to the holy Gholte.

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

¶ And after the second Lesson shall be vsed and said *Benedictus*, in English, as followeth,



Blessed be the Lord God of Israel:  
for he hath visited and redeemed  
his people;

And hath raised up a mighty  
saluation for vs : in the house of  
his seruaunt Dauid;

As he spake by the mouth of his  
holy Prophets : which haue been  
since the world began;

That wee should be saued from  
our enemyes : and from the hands

of all that hate vs;

To performe the mercie promised to our forefathers : and to  
remember his holy Couenant;

To performe the oath which hee sware to our forefather  
Abraham : that he would giue vs;

That we being deliured out of the hands of our enemies:  
might serue him without feare

In holinesse and righteounesse before him all the dayes of  
our life.

And thou Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the highest :  
for thou shalt goe before the face of the Lord to prepare his  
wayes;

To giue knowledge of saluation vnto hys people : for the  
remission of their synnes,

Through the tender mercie of our God : whereby the day  
spring from on high, hath visited vs;

To giue light to them that sit in darckenesse, and in the sha-  
dow of death : and to guide our feete into the way of peace.

Glory be to the father, and to the Sonne, and to the holy  
Ghost.

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

Or this C. Psalme. *Jubilare Deo.*



Be ioyfull in the Lord, all yee lands : serue the Lord with gladnesse, and come before his presence with a song.

Bee yee sure that the Lord hee is God : it is hee that hath made vs, and not we ourselues; we are his people, and the sheepe of his pasture.

Go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his Courts with praise : bee thankfull vnto him, and speake good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercie is euermore lasting : and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Sonne, &c.

As it was in the beginning, is now, &c. Amen.

Then shall be said the Creed, by the Minister and  
the people, standing.



I beleue in God the Father Almighty, maker of heauen and earth : and in Iesus Christ his onely Sonne our Lord, which was conceived by the holy Ghost, borne of the Virgine Mary, suffered vnder Ponce Pylate, was crucified dead and buried, he descended into hell. The third day he rose againe from the dead. He ascended into heauen, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to iudge the quicke and the dead. I beleue in the holy Ghost, the holy Catholique Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sinnes, the resurrection of the body, and the life euermore lasting. Amen.

And after that, these prayers following, as well at Euenyng praier as at Morning prayer: all deuoutly kneeling, the Minister first pronouncing with a loud voyce.

The Lord be with you.

Answer.

And with thy spirit.

The Minister.  
¶ Let vs pray.

Lord haue mercie vpon vs.

Christ haue mercie vpon vs.

Lord haue mercie vpon vs.

¶ Then the Minister, Clerkes, and people; shall say the Lords prayer in English, with a loud voice.

Our Father which art in heauen, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kyngdome come. Thy will bee done in earth as it is in heauen. Giue vs this day our dayly bread. And forgiue vs our trespalles, as we forgiue them that trespalle against vs. And lead vs not into temptation : but deliuer vs from euill. Amen.

Then the Priest standing vp, shall say.

○ Lord, shew thy mercie vpon vs.

Answer.

And grant vs thy saluation.

Prieste.

○ Lord saue the King.

Answer.

And mercifully heare vs when we call vpon thee.

Priest.

Indue thy Ministers with righteousnesse.

Answer.

And make thy cholen people ioyfull.

Priest.

○ Lord saue thy people.

Answer.

And blesse thine inheritance.

Priest.

Giue peace in our time, ○ Lord.

Answer.

Because there is none other that fighteth for vs, but onely thou, ○ God.

Priest.

○ God make cleane our hearts within vs.

Answer.

And take not thy holy Spirit from vs.

Then shall follow three Collects. The first of the day, which shall be the same that is appointed at the Communion, The second for peace. The third for Grace to liue well. And the two last Collects shall neuer alter, but dayly be said at Morning prayer, throughout all the yeere, as followeth.

¶ The fecond Collect for peace.



God, which art Authour of peace, and louer of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternall life, whole seruice is perfect freedome: defend vs thy humble seruants in all assaults of our enemies, that we surely trusting in thy defence, may not feare the power of any aduerlaries : through the might of Iesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

The third Collect for grace.



Lord our heauenly Father, Almighty and euerlastyng God, which halt safely brought vs to the beginning of this day, defend vs in the same with thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sinne, neither runne into any kinde of danger : but that all our doings may be ordered by thy gouernance, to doe alwayes that is righteous in thy light, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.