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PREFACE TO THE THIRD IMPRESSION

THIS book was prepared to meet a growing demand from the clergy and laity for a shortened and simplified version of the Book of Common Prayer, so arranged as to make it easy for people in church to find their places and take their part in the Services. It contains, therefore, only those parts of the Book of Common Prayer which are most often required. To these have been added some extracts from the Deposited Book of 1928 which are in frequent use. The only new material consists of an explanatory Preface on the Christian Year, the re-wording of some Rubrics and the giving of references and directions designed to make the Services easier to follow.

The book was prepared and edited by a group of Bishops with the encouragement of their fellow Bishops who were consulted from time to time about its contents and gave their general approval to its form and arrangement. It has no authority other than that which belongs to the sources from which it is derived. It seeks only to meet a pastoral need by making available in a simplified way those existing forms of public prayer which are most often required for congregational use.

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THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

ACCORDING TO THE USE OF
THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

THE CHURCH'S CALENDAR is planned to remind us of the great events of the gospel story, out of which Christian worship springs. Thus *Sunday* is the weekly memorial of the Resurrection of our Lord.

For every Sunday and the chief commemorations in the year a Collect, Epistle, and Gospel are provided. The Collect often sets the note of the day's worship. The Gospels and Epistles are respectively from the gospel story and usually from the pastoral messages of Apostles to their people.

The Psalms are read through in daily portions every month at Morning and Evening Prayer, but special Psalms are selected for congregational use on Sundays, and 'proper' Psalms are set for the chief festivals. The lectionary provides for the orderly reading of the Bible morning and evening throughout the year, with special lessons for Sundays.

The sequence of the Church's year is as follows:

Advent prepares us to celebrate Christ's first coming and warns us that he will come again to judge quick and dead.

Christmas, the anniversary of our Lord's birth, leads to *Epiphany* (January 6) which, with the following Sundays, speaks of the glory of God revealed in Christ.

Septuagesima, *Sexagesima*, and *Quinquagesima*, so-called because they precede Easter by approximately seventy, sixty, and fifty days, bridge the interval between the Epiphany season and

Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, and lasts, excluding Sundays, for forty days, recalling the forty days of our Lord's temptation. It is a season

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of penitence and fasting in preparation for *Easter*. The Fifth Sunday in Lent, called *Passion Sunday*, foreshadows

Holy Week which, opening on Palm Sunday, leads our thoughts through our Lord's Passion, from his entry into Jerusalem, through the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, to his Crucifixion on Good Friday, and his lying in the grave on Easter Eve.

Easter, the festival of the Resurrection, is kept for eight days, the 'octave'. Its date varies according to the date of the Passover full moon. The season of rejoicing extends through the forty days after *Easter* to

Ascension Day, when Christ is proclaimed the Lord of all life; and then to

Whitsunday, when the Holy Spirit came to dwell in the Church. The series ends with

Trinity Sunday, which declares the fullness of the Christian revelation of God. The following Sundays to Advent are named 'after Trinity'.

Holy Days and Saints' Days. Other events in our Lord's life are also commemorated during the year. Saints are remembered on special days; and on November 1, All Saints' Day, the list closes with the vision of the Church triumphant.

Rogation Days. On the Sunday before Ascension Day and the three following days we pray God to bless man's labour to produce the necessities of life.

Ember Days. At the turn of each season three days are fixed for prayer on behalf of the Christian ministry. Ordinations usually take place at these times.

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NOTE

The Services shall be said or sung throughout in a distinct and audible voice.

The People shall also say or sing their parts audibly and clearly.

Words or sentences enclosed in brackets [] are sometimes omitted.

If Morning or Evening Prayer is immediately followed by another service provided in this book, it may begin at the versicle 'O Lord, open thou our lips'.

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES FOR USE BEFORE MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER

(see pages 5 and 15)

Preparatory to Confession and Worship.

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.

S. 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 S. John 1. 8, 9

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

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

Psalms 143. 2

Of Worship. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

S. John 4. 24

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

Psalms 96. 9

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES

Advent. Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. *S. Matthew* 3. 2

The night is far spent, and the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. *Romans* 13. 12

Christmas. Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people: for unto you is born in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. *S. Luke* 2. 10, 11

Herein was the love of God manifested in us, that God hath sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. *1 S. John* 4. 9

Epiphany. From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name is great among the nations; and in every place incense is offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name is great among the nations, saith the Lord. *Malachi* 1. 11

The Lord declared his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen. *Psalms* 98. 2

Lent. 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

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. *Psalms* 51. 17

Passiontide. Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow. *Lamentations* 1. 12

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Good Friday. God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. *Romans* 5. 8

Easter Even. Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for him; and he shall give thee thy heart's desire. *Psalms* 37. 7, 4

Easter. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy hath begotten us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. *1 S. Peter* 1. 3

Ascension Day. Seeing that we have a great high priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us 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

Whitsunday. The love of God hath been shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit which was given unto us. *Romans* 5. 5

Trinity. God is love; and he that abideth in love abideth in God and God in him. *1 S. John* 4. 16

All Saints' Day. Seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. *Hebrews* 12. 1, 2

Saints' Days. The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance; the memory of the just is blessed. *Psalms* 112. 6. *Proverbs* 10. 7

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The New Year or any Anniversary. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint.

Isaiah 40. 31

Harvest. The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof.

Psalms 24. 1

Time of Trouble. God is our hope and strength: a very present help in trouble.

Psalms 46. 1

National. O let the nations rejoice and be glad: for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Psalms 67. 4

MORNING PRAYER

OR MATTINS

¶ All standing.

The Minister reads one or more of the sentences from the Scriptures, and then, turning to the People, shall say,

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

Or this alternative form.

BELOVED, we are come together in the presence of Almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all men such things as their well-being doth require.

Wherefore let us kneel in silence, and remember God's presence with us now.

MORNING PRAYER

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:

¶ All kneeling.

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

Minister and People together.

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.

Or this.

(Except on Advent Sunday and the First Sunday in Lent:)

O GOD, our Father, we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed: we have not loved thee with all our heart; we have not loved our

Or this.

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

MORNING PRAYER

neighbours as ourselves. Have mercy upon us, we beseech thee; cleanse us from our sins; and help us to overcome our faults; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Pronounced by the Priest alone.

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.
People. Amen.

Or this.

MAY the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.
People. Amen.

Or if there is no Priest present, the Reader may say,

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.
People. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Minister and People together.

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.

Minister. O Lord, open thou our lips;

People. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Minister. O God, make speed to save us;

People. O Lord, make haste to help us.

¶ All stand.

Minister. 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.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord;

People. The Lord's Name be praised.

Then is said or sung Psalm 95, known as

VENITE

But for Easter Day see page 67

(The verses in brackets [] may be omitted.)

OCOME, 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 shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God : and a great King above all gods.

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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.

[To day 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 tempted 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.]

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 PSALMS

(See pages 144-312. The numbers will be announced.)

At the end of each Psalm is said or sung:

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.

¶ All sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

from the Old Testament or the Apocrypha.

MORNING PRAYER

¶ All stand.

One of the Canticles is said or sung, either *Te Deum*, as follows, or *Benedicite* (see page 313).

TE DEUM

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 Cherubin and Seraphin : 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 honourable, 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.

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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.

OLORD, 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 lighten upon us : as our trust is in thee.

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

¶ All sit.

THE SECOND LESSON

from the New Testament.

(If Holy Baptism, see page 99, follows Mattins, the Order of Mattins may end here.)

¶ All stand.

Another of the Canticles is said or sung, either *Benedictus*, as follows, or *Jubilate Deo* (Psalm 100), see page 254.

BENEDICTUS

S. Luke 1. 68

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 ;

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That we should be saved from our enemies : and from the hands 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 hands 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.

(If the Holy Communion, see page 31, follows Mattins, the Order of Mattins may end here.)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Minister and People together.

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

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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.

Minister The Lord be with you;

People. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

¶ All kneel.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Minister and People together.

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.

Minister. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;

People. And grant us thy salvation.

Minister. O Lord, save the ~~Queen~~ President

People. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Minister. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

People. And make thy chosen people joyful.

Minister. O Lord, save thy people;

People. And bless thine inheritance.

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Minister. Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People. Because there is none other that fighteth for us,¹ but only thou, O God.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us;

People. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

(see pages 51-90).

The Second Collect, for Peace.

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 defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *People.* Amen.

The Third Collect, for Grace.

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 may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *People.* Amen.

The fixed Order ends here.

After this, as in Evening Prayer, the order is variable. See pages 22-23.

¹⁻² rule in the world,

EVENING PRAYER

OR EVENSONG

† All standing.

The Minister reads one or more of the sentences from the Scriptures, and then, turning to the People, shall say,

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

Or this alternative form.

BELOVED, we are come together in the presence of Almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all men such things as their well-being doth require.

Wherefore let us kneel in silence, and remember God's presence with us now.

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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:

¶ All kneeling.

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

Minister and People together.

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.

Or this.

(Except on Advent Sunday and the First Sunday in Lent:)

O GOD, our Father, we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed: we have not loved thee with all our heart; we have not loved our

Or this.

Let us humbly confess
ourselves unto Almighty God.

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neighbours as ourselves. Have mercy upon us, we beseech thee; cleanse us from our sins; and help us to overcome our faults; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Pronounced by the Priest alone.

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.
People. Amen.

Or this.

MAY the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.
People. Amen.

Or if there is no Priest present, the Reader may say,

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.
People. Amen.

EVENING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Minister and People together.

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.

Minister. O Lord, open thou our lips;

People. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Minister. O God, make speed to save us;

People. O Lord, make haste to help us.

¶ All stand.

Minister. 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.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord;

People. The Lord's Name be praised.

THE PSALMS

(See pages 144-312. The numbers will be announced.)

At the end of each Psalm is said or sung:

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.

EVENING PRAYER

¶ All sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

from the Old Testament or the Apocrypha.

¶ All stand.

One of the Canticles is said or sung, either Magnificat, as follows, or Cantate Domino (Psalm 98), see page 253.

MAGNIFICAT

S. Luke 1. 46

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

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 shewed 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.

EVENING PRAYER

¶ All sit.

THE SECOND LESSON from the New Testament.

¶ Holy Baptism, see page 99, follows Evensong, the Order of Evensong may end here.)

¶ All stand.

Another of the Canticles is said or sung, either *Nunc Dimittis*, as follows, or *Deus Misereatur* (Psalm 67), see page 213.

NUNC DIMITTIS

S. Luke 2. 29

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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Minister and People together.

IBELIEVE 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

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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.

Minister. The Lord be with you ;

People. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

¶ All kneel.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Minister and People together.

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.

Minister. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us ;

People. And grant us thy salvation.

Minister. O Lord, save the Queen ;

People. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Minister. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness ;

People. And make thy chosen people joyful.

Minister. O Lord, save thy people ;

People. And bless thine inheritance.

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Minister. Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People. Because there is none other that fighteth for us,¹ but only thou, O God.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us;

People. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

(see pages 51-90).

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. *People.* 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. *People.* Amen.

The fixed Order ends here.

After this, following a Hymn or Anthem, the order is variable.

- (1) The Litany (pages 24-30) may be said or sung;
- (2) The State and other Prayers according to the Prayer Book of 1662 (pages 91-98) may be said;

¹-1 ruleth the world,

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- (3) Special Prayers (pages 91-98) may be substituted for any or all of these, or prayers from other sources approved by Authority;
- (4) A time of silent prayer with biddings, i.e. mention of subjects for prayer.

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. *People.* Amen.

THE GRACE

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. *People.* Amen.

The Sermon may be preached or an Address given during or after the Service.

THE LITANY .

¶ All kneeling.

The Minister says or sings the petitions, and the People join in the responses. Some of the petitions in each section may be omitted. The Litany may also be sung in procession.

O GOD the Father of heaven : have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Father of heaven : have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world : have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world : have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son : have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son : have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God : have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God : have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

REMEMBER not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins: spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and mischief; from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

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From all blindness of heart; from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From fornication, and all other deadly sin; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle and murder, and from sudden death,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and Commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and Circumcision; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our wealth; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgement,

Good Lord, deliver us.

WE sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God: and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church universal in the right way,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to keep and strengthen in the true worshipping of thee, in righteousness and

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holiness of life, thy servant *ELIZABETH*, our most gracious Queen and Governor,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to rule her heart in thy faith, fear, and love, and that she may evermore have affiance in thee, and ever seek thy honour and glory,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to be her defender and keeper, giving her the victory over all her enemies,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and preserve *Elizabeth* the Queen Mother, *Philip Duke of Edinburgh*, *Charles Prince of Wales*, and all the Royal Family.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth and shew it accordingly,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

[That it may please thee to bless thy servants at this time [to be] admitted to the Order of Deacons or of Priests, and to pour thy grace upon them; that they may duly execute their office to the edifying of thy Church, and to the glory of thy holy Name,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.]

That it may please thee to further the work of thy Church in all the world, and to send forth labourers into the harvest,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to endure the High Court of Parliament, and all the Ministers of the Crown, with grace, wisdom, and understanding,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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That it may please thee to bless and keep the Magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and prosper the forces of the Queen by sea, land, and air, and to shield them in all dangers and adversities,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us an heart to love and dread thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all thy people increase of grace, to hear meekly thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; and to comfort and help the weak-hearted; and to raise up them that fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to succour, help, and comfort all that are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all that travel by land, or air, or water, all women labouring of

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child, all sick persons, and young children; and to shew thy pity upon all prisoners and captives,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to defend, and provide for, the fatherless children, and widows, and all that are desolate and oppressed,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all men,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so as in due time we may enjoy them,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God : we beseech thee to hear us.

Son of God : we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God : that takest away the sins of the world;

Grant us thy peace.

O Lamb of God : that takest away the sins of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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When the Order for Holy Communion is to follow immediately, all that here follows may be omitted.

At other times the Minister and the People say together the Lord's Prayer.

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 may be said the Supplication which follows, or one or more of the Special Prayers (see pages 91-98), ending with the Prayer of Saint Chrysostom and The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c. See page 23.

A SUPPLICATION

Minister. O Lord, deal not with us after our sins.

People. Neither reward us after our iniquities.

Minister. Let us pray.

O GOD, merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful: Mercifully assist our prayers that we make before thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils, which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against us, be brought to nought, and by the providence of thy goodness they may be dispersed; that we thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *People.* Amen.

Minister and People. O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

Minister. O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works

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that thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

Minister and People. O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thine honour.

Minister. 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.

Minister and People. O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

Minister. From our enemies defend us, O Christ.

People. Graciously look upon our afflictions.

Minister. Pitifully behold the sorrows of our hearts.

People. Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.

Minister. Favourably with mercy hear our prayers.

People. O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

Minister. Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ.

People. Graciously hear us, O Christ ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

Minister. O Lord, let thy mercy be shewed upon us ;

People. As we do put our trust in thee.

Let us pray.

We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities ; and for the glory of thy Name turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved ; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honour and glory ; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *People.* Amen.

The Litany ends with the Prayer of Saint Chrysostom and The Grace. See page 23.

THE ORDER OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

OR

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THE INTRODUCTION

¶ *The People kneeling,*

the Priest says the Lord's Prayer with the Collect for Purity.

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.

ALmighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid : Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name ; through Christ our Lord.

People. Amen.

THE COMMANDMENTS

(The words in brackets [] may be omitted.)

Priest.

GOD spake these words, and said ; I am the Lord thy God : Thou shalt have none other gods but me. *People.* Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Priest. Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven

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above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them. [For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and shew mercy unto thousands in them that love me and keep my commandments.]

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Priest. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain: [for the Lord will not hold him guiltless, that taketh his Name in vain].

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Priest. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. [In it thou shalt do no manner of work, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy manservant, and thy maid-servant, thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.]

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Priest. Honour thy father and thy mother; [that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee].

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Priest. Thou shalt do no murder.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Priest. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

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Priest. Thou shalt not steal.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Priest. Thou shalt not bear false witness [against thy neighbour].

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Priest. Thou shalt not covet [thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is his].

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Instead of the Ten Commandments, the Priest may say

Our Lord's Summary of the Law.

Priest. Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear, O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Or this.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

One of the Collects for the Queen (see page 91) may be said.

The Collect of the Day (see pages 51-90).

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¶ All sit.

The Epistle of the Day.

Reader. Here endeth the Epistle.

¶ All stand.

A Hymn is sometimes sung here.

Priest. The Holy Gospel is written in the — chapter of the Gospel according to Saint —, beginning at the — verse.

People. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Day.

The Gospel ended, there may be said or sung,

People. Praise be to thee, O Christ.¹

The Creed.

Priest and People together.

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

¹ Or, as in many churches, Thanks be to thee, O Lord.

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And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Catholick and Apostolick Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Sermon (if there be one).

THE OFFERTORY AND INTERCESSION

¶ All stand.

The Priest begins the Offertory by saying one or more of the Sentences, of which the following are most commonly used.

LET your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. *S. Matthew 5*

Lay not up for yourselves treasure upon the earth; where the rust and moth doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven; where neither rust nor moth doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal. *S. Matthew 6*

Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do unto them; for this is the Law and the Prophets. *S. Matthew 7*

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. *S. Matthew 7*

While we have time, let us do good unto all men; and specially unto them that are of the household of faith. *Galatians 6*

To do good and to distribute forget not; for with such sacrifices God is pleased. *Hebrews 13*

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Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? 1 *S. John* 3

A Hymn is sometimes sung during the collection of the Alms.

The Alms of the People having been collected and offered, the Priest also offers bread and wine as part of the People's offering and places upon the Holy Table sufficient for the Communion.

¶ All kneel.

Here the Priest on occasion may request thanksgiving or intercession for a special purpose.

Priest. Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church [militant here in earth].

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ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully [to accept our alms and oblations, and] to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant, that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word,

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ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully [to accept our alms and oblations, and] to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant, that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word,

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and live in unity, and godly love. We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian Kings, Princes, and Governors; and specially thy servant *ELIZABETH* our Queen; that under her we may be godly and quietly governed: And grant unto her whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and Curates, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the

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and live in unity, and godly love.

We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness and peace; and so to direct all kings and rulers, that under them thy people may be godly and quietly governed. And grant unto thy servant *ELIZABETH* our Queen, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and impartially minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, especially to thy servant *N.* our bishop, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word and rightly and duly administer thy Holy Sacraments.

Guide and prosper, we pray thee, those who are labouring for the spread of thy Gospel among the nations, and enlighten with thy Spirit all places of

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days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom: Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

People. Amen.

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education and learning; that the whole world may be filled with the knowledge of thy truth.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we commend to thy gracious keeping, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them everlasting light and peace.

And here we give thee most high praise and hearty thanks for all thy Saints, who have been the chosen vessels of thy grace, and lights of the world in

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their several generations; and we pray, that rejoicing in their fellowship, and following their good examples, we may be partakers with them of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

People. Amen.

THE PREPARATION

The Priest then turns to the People and says,

YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

The Confession.

Priest and People together.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and

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deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution.

Priest

(or the Bishop if present).

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People. Amen.

The Priest then says

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. *S. 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.

S. John 3. 16

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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 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 S. John 2. 1*

THE CONSECRATION

Sursum corda.

Priest. Lift up your hearts;

People. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

People. It is meet and right so to do.

Priest

(turning to the Lord's Table).

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.

(For the Proper Preface, which may follow here, see pages 46-50.)

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

The Sanctus.

Priest and People together.

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

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Here is sometimes sung

Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest.

The Priest, kneeling at the Lord's Table,
says in the name of all,

The Prayer of Humble Access.

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.

People. Amen.

The Priest, standing at the Lord's Table, says

The Prayer of Consecration.

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

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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.

^a Here the Priest is to take the Paten into his hands:

^b And here to break the Bread:

^c And here to lay his hand upon all the Bread.

^d Here he is to take the Cup into his hand:

^e And here to lay his hand upon every vessel (be it Chalice or Flagon) in which there is any Wine to be consecrated.

People. AMEN.

The Communion of Priest and People.

The Priest first receives the Communion in both kinds himself, and then proceeds to deliver the same to the Bishops, Priests, and Deacons (present in the sanctuary). After that, the People, in order, go up to the Communion rails and kneel down, and the Priest delivers the Communion into their hands, saying all or part of the words of administration to every Communicant.

At the administration of the Bread.

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

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving.

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At the administration of the Cup.

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

Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

The following or a Hymn is sometimes sung after the Prayer of Consecration.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us thy peace.

When the Priest has returned to the Lord's Table, and the People to their places, the Lord's Prayer is said or sung by the Priest and People together.

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.

The Priest says

The Prayer of Oblation or *The Prayer of Thanksgiving.*

OLORD and heavenly Father, with thy humble servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious

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(Prayer of Oblation.)

grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, our reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this Holy Communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People. Amen.

(Prayer of Thanksgiving.)

Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

People. Amen.

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Priest and People together.

When the following is sung all stand.

GLORY be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

† All kneeling.

THE 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.

People. Amen.

† PROPER PREFACES

Upon Christmas Day and until the Epiphany.

BECAUSE thou didst give Jesus Christ thine only Son to be born as at this time for us: Who, by the operation of the Holy Ghost, was made very man of

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the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother: And that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin. Therefore with Angels, &c.

Upon the Epiphany and seven days after.

THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord: Who in substance of our mortal flesh manifested forth his glory: That he might bring all men out of darkness into his own marvellous light. Therefore with Angels, &c.

Upon the Thursday before Easter.

THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord: Who having loved his own that were in the world loved them unto the end: And on the night before he suffered, sitting at meat with his disciples, did institute these holy mysteries: That we, redeemed by his death and quickened by his resurrection, might be partakers of his divine nature. Therefore with Angels, &c.

Upon Easter Day and until Ascension Day.

BUT chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: For he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; Who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels, &c.

Upon Ascension Day and until Whitsunday.

THROUGH thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord: Who after his most glorious Resurrection manifestly appeared to all his Apostles: And in their sight ascended up into heaven to prepare a place for us; That where he is, thither we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory. Therefore with Angels, &c.

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Upon Whitsunday and six days after.

(1662)

THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose most true promise, the Holy Ghost came down as at this time from heaven with a sudden great sound, as it had been a mighty wind, in the likeness of fiery tongues, lighting upon the Apostles, to teach them, and to lead them to all truth; giving them both the gift of divers languages, and also boldness with fervent zeal constantly to preach the Gospel unto all nations; whereby we have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of thee, and of thy Son Jesus Christ. Therefore with Angels, &c.

Upon the Feast of Trinity only.

(1662)

WHO art one God, one Lord; not one only Person, but three Persons in one Substance. For that which we believe of the glory of the Father,

(1928)

THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord: Who after that he had ascended up far above all the heavens, and was set down at the right hand of thy Majesty: Did as at this time pour forth upon the Universal Church thy Holy and Life-giving Spirit: That through his glorious power the joy of the everlasting gospel might go forth into all the world: Whereby we have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of thee, and of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Therefore with Angels, &c.

(1928)

WHO with thine only-begotten Son and the Holy Ghost art one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance: For that

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(Upon the Feast of Trinity only.)

(1662)

the same we believe of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, without any difference or inequality. Therefore with Angels, &c.

(1928)

which we believe of thy glory, O Father, the same we believe of thy Son and of the Holy Ghost, without any difference or inequality. Therefore with Angels, &c.

Upon the Feasts of the Purification and the Annunciation.

BECAUSE thou didst give Jesus Christ thine only Son to be born for our salvation: Who by the operation of the Holy Ghost, was made very man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother: And that without spot of sin to make us clean from all sin. Therefore with Angels, &c.

Upon the Feast of the Transfiguration.

BECAUSE the divine glory of the Incarnate Word shone forth upon the Holy Mount before the chosen witnesses of his majesty: And thine own voice from heaven proclaimed thy beloved Son. Therefore with Angels, &c.

Upon All Saints' Day and the Feasts of Apostles, Evangelists, and S. John Baptist's Nativity, except when the Proper Preface of any Principal Feast is appointed.

WHO in the righteousness of thy Saints hast given us an ensample of godly living, and in their blessedness a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling: That, being compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, we may run with patience the race that is set before us: And with them receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away. Therefore with Angels, &c.

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Upon the Feast of the Dedication of a Church.

WHO, though the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee and thy glory is in all the world: Dost deign to hallow places for thy worship, and in them dost pour forth gifts of grace upon thy faithful people. Therefore with Angels, &c.

Upon any Sunday for which no other Proper Preface is appointed.

THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true High Priest, who hath washed us from our sins, and hath made us to be a kingdom and priests unto thee our God and Father. Therefore with Angels, &c.

EXHORTATIONS

to those who come to receive the Holy Sacrament
(based on those in the Book of Common Prayer).

Because it is requisite that no man should come to the Holy Communion but with a full trust in God's mercy and with a quiet conscience, let him first examine his life by the rule of God's commandments and where he has offended, either by will, word, or deed, confess himself to God, with full purpose to amend.

If he sees that he has offended not only against God but also against his neighbours, then ought he to reconcile himself to them to the utmost of his powers, being ready also to forgive others that have offended him as he would have forgiveness at God's hand.

If any man cannot by this means quiet his own conscience but requires further assurance and counsel, let him go to his Parish Priest or some other discreet and understanding minister of God's Word, and open his heart and mind, that by the ministry of God's holy Word he may receive the benefit of absolution, together with spiritual counsel and advice.

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TO BE USED THROUGHOUT
THE YEAR

The Sunday Collect is said on the week-days following
except where other Collects are appointed.

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

The Collect.

ALmighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

This Collect is repeated after the other Collects every
day in Advent, until Christmas Eve.

The Epistle.

Romans 13. 8-14

The Gospel.

S. Matthew 21. 1-13

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

The Collect.

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and

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Inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Epistle.

Romans 15. 4-13

The Gospel.

S. Luke 21. 25-33

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

The Collect.

OLORD Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee: Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

1 Corinthians 4. 1-5

The Gospel.

S. Matthew 11. 2-10

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

The Collect.

OLORD, raise up (we pray thee) thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may

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speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Epistle.

Philippians 4. 4-7

The Gospel.

S. John 1. 19-28

CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25.

The Collect.

ALmighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

Hebrews 1. 1-12

The Gospel.

S. John 1. 1-14

This Collect is said after the other appointed Collects until New Year's Eve.

SAINT STEPHEN'S DAY

December 26.

The Collect.

GRANT, O Lord, that in all our sufferings here upon earth, for the testimony of thy truth, we may stedfastly look up to heaven, and by faith behold the glory that shall be revealed; and, being filled with the Holy Ghost, may learn to love and bless our

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persecutors, by the example of thy first Martyr Saint Stephen, who prayed for his murderers to thee, O blessed Jesus, who standest at the right hand of God to succour all those that suffer for thee, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

For the Epistle.
Acts 7. 55-60

The Gospel.
S. Matthew 23. 34-39

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S DAY

December 27.

The Collect.

MERCIFUL Lord, we beseech thee to cast thy bright beams of light upon thy Church, that it being enlightened by the doctrine of thy blessed Apostle and Evangelist Saint John may so walk in the light of thy truth, that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.
1 S. John 1. 1-10

The Gospel.
S. John 21. 19-25

THE INNOCENTS' DAY

December 28.

The Collect.

O ALMIGHTY God, who out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast ordained strength, and madest infants to glorify thee by their deaths: Mortify and kill all vices in us, and so strengthen us by thy grace, that by the innocency of our lives, and constancy of our faith, even unto death, we may

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glorify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Epistle.

Revelation 14. 1-5

The Gospel.

S. Matthew 2. 13-18

THE SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

The Collect.

AL MIGHTY God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

Galatians 4. 1-7

The Gospel.

S. Matthew 1. 18-25

NEW YEAR'S DAY

AND

THE CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST

The Collects.

AL MIGHTY God, who madest thy blessed Son to be circumcised, and obedient to the law for man: Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit; that, our hearts, and all our members, being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, we may in all things obey thy blessed will; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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OETERNAL Lord God, who hast brought thy servants to the beginning of another year: Pardon, we humbly beseech thee, our transgressions in the past, and graciously abide with us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

Romans 4. 8-14

or

Ephesians 2. 11-18

The Gospel.

S. Luke 2. 15-21

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

This Collect, Epistle, and Gospel may be used on any day after the Circumcision until the Epiphany.

The Collect.

ALmighty God, who didst wonderfully create man in thine own image, and didst yet more wonderfully restore him: Grant, we beseech thee, that as thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ was made in the likeness of men, so we may be made partakers of the divine nature; through the same thy Son, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

2 Corinthians 8. 9

The Gospel.

S. John 1. 14-18

THE EPIPHANY

OR THE MANIFESTATION OF CHRIST TO THE GENTILES

January 6.

The Collect.

O GOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: Mercifully grant, that we, which know thee now by faith,

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may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

Ephesians 3. 1-12

The Gospel.

S. Matthew 2. 1-12

This Collect, Epistle, and Gospel may be said on the seven days following except on the Sunday

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

The Collect.

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which call upon thee: and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

Romans 12. 1-5

The Gospel.

S. Luke 2. 41-52

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

The Collect.

ALmighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

Romans 12. 6-16

The Gospel.

S. John 2. 1-11

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THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER
THE EPIPHANY

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

Romans 12. 16-21

The Gospel.

S. Matthew 8. 1-13

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER
THE EPIPHANY

The Collect.

O GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

Romans 13. 1-7

The Gospel.

S. Matthew 8. 23-34

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER
THE EPIPHANY

The Collect.

O LORD, we beseech thee to keep thy Church and household continually in thy true religion; that they who do lean only upon the hope of thy heavenly

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grace may evermore be defended by thy mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

Colossians 3. 12-17

The Gospel.

S. Matthew 13. 24-30

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER
THE EPIPHANY

The Collect.

O GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

1 S. John 3. 1-8

The Gospel.

S. Matthew 24. 23-31

SEPTUAGESIMA

OR THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

The Collect.

O LORD, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and

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reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

1 Corinthians 9. 24-27

The Gospel.

S. Matthew 20. 1-16

SEXAGESIMA

OR THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

The Collect.

OLORD God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do: Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

2 Corinthians 11. 19-31

The Gospel.

S. Luke 8. 4-15

QUINQUAGESIMA

OR THE NEXT SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

The Collect.

OLORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee: Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

1 Corinthians 13. 1-13

The Gospel.

S. Luke 18. 31-43

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THE FIRST DAY OF LENT

COMMONLY CALLED

ASH WEDNESDAY

The Collect.

ALmighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

This Collect is said every day in Lent, until the Thursday before Easter inclusive, after the Collect appointed for the Day.

For the Epistle.

Joel 2. 12-17

The Gospel.

S. Matthew 6. 16-21

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

The Collect.

OLORD, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights: Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

2 Corinthians 6. 1-10

The Gospel.

S. Matthew 4. 1-11

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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT.

The Collect.

ALmighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

1 Thessalonians 4. 1-8

The Gospel.

S. Matthew 15. 21-28

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

The Collect.

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

Ephesians 5. 1-14

The Gospel.

S. Luke 11. 14-28

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

The Collect.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully

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be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

Galatians 4. 21-31

or

Hebrews 12. 22-24

The Gospel.

S. John 6. 1-14

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

COMMONLY CALLED
PASSION SUNDAY

The Collect.

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

Hebrews 9. 11-15

The Gospel.

S. John 8. 46-59

THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE
EASTER

COMMONLY CALLED
PALM SUNDAY

The Collect.

ALmighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility:

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Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

Philippians 2. 5-11

The Gospel.

S. Matthew 27. 1-54

Or, when there is more than one celebration,

The Gospel.

S. Matthew 21. 1-13

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

For the Epistle.

Isaiah 63. 1-19

The Gospel.

S. Mark 14. 1-72

TUESDAY

For the Epistle.

Isaiah 50. 5-11

The Gospel.

S. Mark 15. 1-39

WEDNESDAY

The Epistle.

Hebrews 9. 16-28

The Gospel.

S. Luke 22. 1-71

MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Epistle.

1 Corinthians 11. 17-24

The Gospel.

S. Luke 23. 1-49

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GOOD FRIDAY

The Collects.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross, who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

OMERCIFUL God, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made, nor wouldest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live: Have mercy upon thine ancient people the Jews, and upon all who have not known thee, or who deny the faith of Christ crucified; take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy fold, that they may be made one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

Hebrews 10. 1-25

The Gospel.

S. John 19. 1-37

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EASTER EVEN

The Collect.

GRANT, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with him; and that, through the grave, and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for his merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

This Collect alone is used at Evening Prayer on Easter Even.

The Epistle.

1 S. Peter 3. 17-22

The Gospel.

S. Matthew 27. 57-66

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EASTER DAY

At Morning Prayer, on Easter Day and seven days after, instead of the Venite these Anthems are said or sung.

CHRISt our passover is sacrificed for us : therefore let us keep the feast :

Not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness : but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. 1 *Corinthians* 5. 7

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. *Romans* 6. 9

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. 1 *Corinthians* 15. 20

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 Collect.

ALMIghty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: We humbly beseech thee, that as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

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who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The following Collect may be used as an additional Collect on Easter Day and seven days after.

O GOD, who for our redemption didst give thine only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily unto sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

Colossians 3. 1-7

The Gospel.

S. John 20. 1-10

MONDAY IN EASTER WEEK

For the Epistle.

Acts 10. 34-43

The Gospel.

S. Luke 24. 13-35

TUESDAY IN EASTER WEEK

For the Epistle.

Acts 13. 26-41

The Gospel.

S. Luke 24. 36-48

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

COMMONLY CALLED

LOW SUNDAY

The Collect.

ALmighty Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification: Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee

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in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

1 S. John 5. 4-12

The Gospel.

S. John 20. 19-23

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

The Collect.

ALmighty God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

1 S. Peter 2. 19-25

The Gospel.

S. John 10. 11-16

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

The Collect.

ALmighty God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

1 S. Peter 2. 11-17

The Gospel.

S. John 16. 16-22

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

The Collect.

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

S. James 1. 17-21

The Gospel.

S. John 16. 5-15

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

COMMONLY CALLED
ROGATION SUNDAY

The Collect.

O LORD, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

S. James 1. 22-27

The Gospel.

S. John 16. 23-33

ASCENSION DAY

The Collect.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so

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we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

For the Epistle.

Acts 1. 1-11

The Gospel.

S. Mark 16. 14-20

or

S. Luke 24. 44-53

The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel of Ascension Day are used on the seven days following, except when other provision is made in this Book, or sanctioned by the Bishop.

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

The Collect.

O GOD the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

1 S. Peter 4. 7-11

The Gospel.

S. John 15. 26-16. 4

WHITSUNDAY

The Collect.

GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore

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to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

For the Epistle.

Acts 2. 1-11

The Gospel.

S. John 14. 15-31

MONDAY IN WHITSUN WEEK

For the Epistle.

Acts 10. 34-48

The Gospel.

S. John 3. 16-21

TUESDAY IN WHITSUN WEEK

For the Epistle.

Acts 8. 14-17

The Gospel.

S. John 10. 1-10

TRINITY SUNDAY

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We beseech thee, that thou wouldest keep us stedfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

For the Epistle.

Revelation 4. 1-11

The Gospel.

S. John 3. 1-15

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THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Collect.

O GOD, the strength of all them that put their trust in thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping of thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

1 S. John 4. 7-21

The Gospel.

S. Luke 16. 19-31

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Collect.

O LORD, who never failest to help and govern them whom thou dost bring up in thy stedfast fear and love: Keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

1 S. John 3. 13-24

The Gospel.

S. Luke 14. 16-24

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Collect.

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may by thy mighty aid be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

1 S. Peter 5. 5-11

The Gospel.

S. Luke 15. 1-10

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Collect.

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

Romans 8. 18-23

The Gospel.

S. Luke 6. 36-42

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Collect.

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

1 S. Peter 3. 8-15

The Gospel.

S. Luke 5. 1-11

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Collect.

O GOD, who hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

Romans 6. 3-11

The Gospel.

S. Matthew 5. 20-26

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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Collect.

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

Romans 6. 19-23

The Gospel.

S. Mark 8. 1-9

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Collect.

O GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth: We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

Romans 8. 12-17

The Gospel.

S. Matthew 7. 15-21

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Collect.

GRANT to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

1 Corinthians 10. 1-13

The Gospel.

S. Luke 16. 1-9

or

S. Luke 15. 11-32

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THE TENTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY

The Collect.

LET thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

1 Corinthians 12. 1-11

The Gospel.

S. Luke 19. 41-47

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY

The Collect.

O GOD, who declarest thy almighty power most chiefly in shewing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

1 Corinthians 15. 1-11

The Gospel.

S. Luke 18. 9-14

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY

The Collect.

ALmighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and

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giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

2 Corinthians 3. 4-9

The Gospel.

S. Mark 7. 31-37

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY

The Collect.

ALmighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service: Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

Galatians 3. 16-22

or

Hebrews 13. 1-6

The Gospel.

S. Luke 10. 23-37

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY

The Collect.

ALmighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

Galatians 5. 16-24

The Gospel.

S. Luke 17. 11-19

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THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY

The Collect.

KEEP, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

Galatians 6. 11-18

The Gospel.

S. Matthew 6. 24-34

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY

The Collect.

O LORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

Ephesians 3. 13-21

The Gospel.

S. Luke 7. 11-17

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY

The Collect.

LORD, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

Ephesians 4. 1-6

The Gospel.

S. Luke 14. 1-11

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THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY

The Collect.

LORD, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

1 Corinthians 1. 4-8

The Gospel.

S. Matthew 22. 34-46

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY

The Collect.

O GOD, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; Mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

Ephesians 4. 17-32

The Gospel.

S. Matthew 9. 1-8

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY

The Collect.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that thou wouldest have done; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

Ephesians 5. 15-21

The Gospel.

S. Matthew 22. 1-14

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THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY

The Collect.

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 Epistle.

Ephesians 6. 10-20

The Gospel.

S. John 4. 46-54

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY

The Collect.

LORD, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

Philippians 1. 3-11

The Gospel.

S. Matthew 18. 21-35

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY

The Collect.

O GOD, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness: Be ready, we beseech thee, to hear the devout prayers of thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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The Epistle.

Philippians 3. 17-21

The Gospel.

S. Matthew 22. 15-22

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY

The Collect.

O LORD, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

Colossians 1. 3-12

The Gospel.

S. Matthew 9. 18-26

THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

The Collect.

STR up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Epistle.

Jeremiah 23. 5-8

The Gospel.

S. John 6. 5-14

SAINT ANDREW'S DAY

November 30.

The Collect.

ALmighty God, who didst give such grace unto thy holy Apostle Saint Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and

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followed him without delay: Grant unto us all, that we, being called by thy holy word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil thy holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

Romans 10. 9-21

The Gospel.

S. Matthew 4. 18-22

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

December 21.

The Collect.

ALmighty and everliving God, who for the more confirmation of the faith didst suffer thy holy Apostle Thomas to be doubtful in thy Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly, and without all doubt, to believe in thy Son Jesus Christ, that our faith in thy sight may never be reprov'd. Hear us, O Lord, through the same Jesus Christ, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

Ephesians 2. 19-22

The Gospel.

S. John 20. 24-31

THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL

January 25.

The Collect.

O God, who, through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Saint Paul, hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we beseech thee, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may shew forth our thank-

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fulness unto thee for the same, by following the holy doctrine which he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Epistle.

Acts 9. 1-22

The Gospel.

S. Matthew 19. 27-30

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

COMMONLY CALLED

THE PURIFICATION OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN

February 2.

The Collect.

ALmighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Epistle.

Malachi 3. 1-5

The Gospel.

S. Luke 2. 22-40

SAINT MATTHIAS'S DAY

February 24.

The Collect.

O ALMIGHTY God, who into the place of the traitor Judas didst choose thy faithful servant Matthias to be of the number of the twelve Apostles: Grant that thy Church, being alway preserved from false Apostles, may be ordered and guided by faithful

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and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

For the Epistle.

Acts 1. 15-26

The Gospel.

S. Matthew 11. 25-30

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

March 25.

The Collect.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Epistle.

Isaiah 7. 10-15

The Gospel.

S. Luke 1. 26-38

SAINT MARK'S DAY

April 25.

The Collect.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast instructed thy holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of thy Evangelist Saint Mark: Give us grace, that, being not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth of thy holy Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

Ephesians 4. 7-16

The Gospel.

S. John 15. 1-11

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SAINT PHILIP AND SAINT JAMES'S DAY

May 1.

The Collect.

O ALMIGHTY God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life; that, following the steps of thy holy Apostles, Saint Philip and Saint James, we may steadfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

S. James 1. 1-12

The Gospel.

S. John 14. 1-14

SAINT BARNABAS THE APOSTLE

June 11.

The Collect.

O LORD God Almighty, who didst endue thy holy Apostle Barnabas with singular gifts of the Holy Ghost: Leave us not, we beseech thee, destitute of thy manifold gifts, nor yet of grace to use them always to thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Epistle.

Acts 11. 22-30

The Gospel.

S. John 15. 12-16

SAINT JOHN BAPTIST'S DAY

June 24.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, by whose providence thy servant John Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of thy Son our Saviour, by preaching

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of repentance: Make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching, and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Epistle.
Isaiah 40. 1-11

The Gospel.
S. Luke 1. 57-80

SAINT PETER'S DAY

June 29.

The Collect.

O ALMIGHTY God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to thy Apostle Saint Peter many excellent gifts, and commandedst him earnestly to feed thy flock: Make, we beseech thee, all Bishops and Pastors diligently to preach thy holy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Epistle.
Acts 12. 1-11

The Gospel.
S. Matthew 16. 13-19

SAINT MARY MAGDALEN

July 22.

The Collect.

O ALMIGHTY God, whose blessed Son did call and sanctify Mary Magdalen to be a witness to his resurrection: Mercifully grant that by thy grace we may be healed of all our infirmities, and always serve thee in the power of his endless life, who with thee

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and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

2 Corinthians 5. 14-17

The Gospel.

S. John 20. 11-18

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

July 25.

The Collect.

GRANT, O merciful God, that as thine holy Apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, without delay was obedient unto the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him; so we, forsaking all worldly and carnal affections, may be evermore ready to follow thy holy commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Epistle.
Acts 11. 27-12. 3

The Gospel.
S. Matthew 20. 20-28

THE TRANSFIGURATION

August 6.

The Collect.

O GOD, who before the passion of thine only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto us thy servants, that in faith beholding the light of his countenance, we may be strengthened to bear the cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.
1 S. John 3. 1-3

The Gospel.
S. Mark 9. 2-7

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SAINT BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE

August 24.

The Collect.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who didst give to thine Apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach thy Word: Grant, we beseech thee, unto thy Church, to love that Word which he believed, and both to preach and receive the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Epistle.

Acts 5. 12-16

The Gospel.

S. Luke 22. 24-30

SAINT MATTHEW THE APOSTLE

September 21.

The Collect.

O ALMIGHTY God, who by thy blessed Son didst call Matthew from the receipt of custom to be an Apostle and Evangelist: Grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires and inordinate love of riches, and to follow the same thy Son Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

2 Corinthians 4. 1-6

The Gospel.

S. Matthew 9. 9-13

SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

September 29.

The Collect.

O EVERLASTING God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order: Mercifully grant that, as thy holy

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Angels always do thee service in heaven, so by thy appointment they may succour and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Epistle.

Revelation 12. 7-12

The Gospel.

S. Matthew 18. 1-10

SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST

October 18.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, who calledst Luke the Physician, whose praise is in the Gospel, to be an Evangelist, and Physician of the soul: May it please thee that, by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by him, all the diseases of our souls may be healed; through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

2 Timothy 4. 5-15

The Gospel.

S. Luke 10. 1-9

or

S. Luke 7. 36-50

SAINT SIMON AND
SAINT JUDE, APOSTLES

October 28.

The Collect.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner-stone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple

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acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Epistle.

S. Jude 1-8

or

For the Epistle.

Revelation 21. 9-14

The Gospel.

S. John 15. 17-27

ALL SAINTS' DAY

November 1.

The Collect.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Epistle.

Revelation 7. 2-12

The Gospel.

S. Matthew 5. 1-12

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS AT MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

The State Prayers, together with others
sometimes used with them.

1. *The Queen's Majesty.*

O LORD our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth: Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen *ELIZABETH*; and so replenish her with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that she may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way: Endue her plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant her in health and wealth long to live; strengthen her that she may vanquish and overcome all her enemies; and finally, after this life, she may attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

2. *The Royal Family.*

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless *Elizabeth* the Queen Mother, *Philip* Duke of *Edinburgh*, *Charles* Prince of *Wales*, and all the Royal Family: Endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

3. *The Clergy and People.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels: Send down upon our Bishops and Curates, and all Congregations committed to their

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charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

4. *The High Court of Parliament, to be read during their Session.*

MOST gracious God, we humbly beseech thee, as for this kingdom in general, so especially for the High Court of Parliament, under our Sovereign Lady the Queen at this time assembled: That thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of thy glory, the good of thy Church, the safety, honour, and welfare of our Sovereign and her Dominions; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessaries, for them, for us, and thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the Name and Mediation of Jesus Christ our most blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

5. *For all Conditions of men.*

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially, we pray for the good estate of the Catholick Church; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of

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life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those, who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ his sake. *Amen.*

6. *A General Thanksgiving to be said by the Minister alone, or by the Minister and People together.*

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 shew forth thy praise, Not only with our lips, but in our lives; By giving up ourselves 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 honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

7. *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

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knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

8. 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.*

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9.

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

10.

OALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

11.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words, which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may through thy grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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12.

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

13.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking: We beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

14.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in thy Son's Name: We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ears to us that have made now our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things, which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OCCASIONAL PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

For the Queen, at the Holy Communion.

15.

ALMIGHTY God, whose kingdom is everlasting, and power infinite: Have mercy upon the whole Church; and so rule the heart of thy chosen servant

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ELIZABETH, our Queen and Governor, that she (knowing whose minister she is) may above all things seek thy honour and glory: and that we, and all her subjects (duly considering whose authority she hath) may faithfully serve, honour, and humbly obey her, in thee, and for thee, according to thy blessed Word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Or

16.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we are taught by thy holy Word, that the hearts of kings are in thy rule and governance, and that thou dost dispose and turn them as it seemeth best to thy godly wisdom: We humbly beseech thee so to dispose and govern the heart of *ELIZABETH* thy servant, our Queen and Governor, that, in all her thoughts, words, and works, she may ever seek thy honour and glory, and study to preserve thy people committed to her charge, in wealth, peace, and godliness: Grant this, O merciful Father, for thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

17. *For the Queen and People.*

O GOD, who providest for thy people by thy power, and rulest over them in love: Vouchsafe so to bless thy Servant our Queen, that under her this nation [Commonwealth] may be wisely governed, and thy Church may serve thee in all godly quietness; and grant that she being devoted to thee with her whole heart, and persevering in good works unto the end, may, by thy guidance, come to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

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18. *For the Queen and her Parliaments.*

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen *ELIZABETH*, the Parliaments in all her dominions, and all who are set in authority under her; that they may order all things in wisdom, righteousness, and peace, to the honour of thy holy Name, and the good of thy Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

19. *For the Peace of the World.*

ALMIGHTY God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: Kindle, we pray thee, in the hearts of all men the true love of peace; and guide with thy pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity thy kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

20. *A Prayer for Unity.*

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as there is but one Body, and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all; so we may henceforth be all of one heart, and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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21. *For the Ministry and those about to be ordained.*

ALMIGHTY God, the giver of all good gifts, who of thy divine providence hast appointed divers Orders in thy Church: Give thy grace, we humbly beseech thee, to all those who are to be called to any office and administration in the same; and so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great Name, and the benefit of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

22. *For the Church Overseas.*

O GOD, who hast made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the earth, and didst send thy blessed Son Jesus Christ to preach peace to them that are afar off, and to them that are nigh: Grant that all the peoples of the world may feel after thee and find thee; and hasten, O Lord, the fulfilment of thy promise, to pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

23. *A Commendation.*

GO forth upon thy journey from this world, O Christian soul, In the Name of God the Father Almighty who created thee. *Amen.*

In the Name of Jesus Christ who suffered for thee. *Amen.*

In the Name of the Holy Ghost who strengtheneth thee. *Amen.*

In communion with the blessed Saints, and aided by Angels and Archangels, and all the armies of the heavenly host. *Amen.*

May thy portion this day be in peace, and thy dwelling in the heavenly Jerusalem. *Amen.*

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(1928)

ORDER OF SERVICE

¶ All stand throughout unless otherwise directed.

When the People are gathered at the Font (which is to be filled with pure water), the Priest asks the Godparents and Parents,

HATH this child been already baptized or
DO?

If they answer,

No;

the Priest speaks to them of the meaning
and purpose of Baptism, saying,

BELOVED in Christ Jesus, seeing that all men are from their birth prone to sin, but that God willeth all men to be saved, for God is love: and that our Saviour Christ saith, None can enter into the kingdom of God, except he be born anew of water and of the Holy Ghost; I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his bounteous mercy he will grant to *this child*, that thing which by nature *he* cannot have, that *he* may be baptized with water and the Holy Ghost, and received into Christ's holy Church, and be made a *living member* of the same.

The Priest says one of these Prayers.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who by the Baptism of thy well-beloved Son Jesus Christ, **A**LMIGHTY and immortal God, the aid of all that need, the helper of all that flee to thee for

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in the river Jordan, didst sanctify water to the mystical washing away of sin: Mercifully look upon *this child*; wash *him* and sanctify *him* with the Holy Spirit, that *he* may be received into the ark of Christ's Church; and being stedfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in charity, may so pass the waves of this troublesome world, that finally *he* may come to the land of everlasting life, there to reign with thee world without end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *People. Amen.*

succour, the life of them that believe, and the resurrection of the dead: We call upon thee for *this infant*, that *he*, coming to thy Holy Baptism, may receive remission of sin by spiritual regeneration. Receive *him*, O Lord, as thou hast promised by thy well-beloved Son, saying, Ask, and ye shall have; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: So give now unto us that ask; let us that seek, find; open the gate unto us that knock; that *this infant*, being washed from sin, may enjoy thy heavenly benediction, and may come to the eternal kingdom, which thou hast promised by Christ our Lord.

People. Amen.

Priest

Hear the words of the Gospel, written by Saint Mark, in the tenth chapter, at the thirteenth verse.

People. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THEY brought young children to Christ, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the

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little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

People. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Priest.

YOU hear in this Gospel the words of our Saviour Christ, when he commanded the children to be brought unto him. You perceive how he took them in his arms, and blessed them. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever. Doubt not therefore, but earnestly believe, that he loveth *this child*, that he approveth this work of ours in bringing *him* to Holy Baptism, that he is ready to receive *him*, to embrace *him* with the arms of his mercy, and to give *him* the blessing of eternal life. Wherefore, we being thus persuaded of the good will of our heavenly Father towards *this infant*, declared by his Son Jesus Christ, let us faithfully and devoutly give thanks unto him, and say,

Priest and People together.

ALmighty and everlasting God, heavenly Father, We give thee humble thanks, For that thou hast called us to the knowledge of thy grace, and to faith in thee: Increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore. Give thy Holy Spirit to *this infant*, That *he* may be born again, and be made an heir of everlasting salvation; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

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THE PROMISES

Here the Parents and Godparents stand forth before the Congregation, and the Priest speaks to them in these words,

DEARLY beloved, you have brought *this child* here to be baptized, you have prayed that our Lord Jesus Christ would be pleased to receive *him*, to cleanse *him*, and to sanctify *him*. Our Lord hath promised in his Gospel to grant all these things that you have prayed for; which promise he, for his part, will most surely keep and perform.

You, on your part, must undertake on behalf of *this infant* three things: first, that *he* will renounce the devil and all his works; secondly, that *he* will constantly believe God's holy Word; and thirdly, that *he* will obediently keep his commandments.

I demand therefore,

DOST thou, in the name of this child, renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the sinful desires of the flesh, so that thou wilt not follow nor be led by them?

Answer. I do.

Priest. Dost thou in the name of this child profess the Christian Faith?

Answer. I do.

The Godparents and Parents say with the Priest

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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,

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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.

Priest. Dost thou in the name of this child promise obedience to God's holy will and commandments?

Answer. I do.

Priest. Dost thou in the name of this child ask for baptism?

Answer. I do.

Priest.

O MERCIFUL God, grant that the old Adam in *this child* may be so buried, that the new man may be raised up in *him*. *People.* Amen.

Grant that all evil desires of the flesh may die in *him*, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in *him*. *People.* Amen.

Grant that *he* may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph, against the devil, the world, and the flesh. *People.* Amen.

Grant that whosoever is here dedicated to thee by our office and ministry may also be endued with heavenly virtues, and everlastingly rewarded, through thy mercy, O blessed Lord God, who dost live, and govern all things, world without end.

People. Amen.

THE BLESSING OF THE WATER

Priest. The Lord be with you;

People. And with thy spirit.

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Priest. Lift up your hearts;

People. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

People. It is meet and right so to do.

Priest. It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, for that thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins, did shed out of his most precious side both water and blood; and gave commandment to his disciples, that they should go teach all nations, and baptize them In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Hear, we beseech thee, the prayer of thy people; sanctify this water to the mystical washing away of sin; and grant, that *this child*, now to be baptized therein, may receive the fulness of thy grace, and ever remain in the number of thy faithful and elect children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and evermore. *People.* Amen.

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The Priest takes the child into his arms, or by the hand, and says to the Godparents,

Name this child.

And then naming it after them, he dips it in the water, or pours water upon it, saying,

N. I baptize thee In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

WE receive this child into the congregation of Christ's flock,* and do * Here the Priest makes a Cross upon the child's forehead. sign *him* with the sign of the Cross, in token that hereafter he shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ

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crucified, and manfully to fight under his banner, against sin, the world, and the devil; and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto *his* life's end. Amen.

THE THANKSGIVING

Priest.

SEEING now, dearly beloved brethren, that *this child* is born again, and received into the family of Christ's Church, let us give thanks unto Almighty God for these benefits; and with one accord make our prayers unto him, that *this child* may lead the rest of *his* life according to this beginning.

The Lord's Prayer.

Priest and People together.

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.

Priest.

WE yield thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it hath pleased thee to regenerate *this infant* with thy Holy Spirit, to receive *him* for thine own *child* by adoption, and to make *him* a member of thy holy Church. *People.* Amen.

GRANT, O Lord, that, being buried with Christ by baptism into his death, *he* may also be made *partaker* of his resurrection; so that, serving thee here in newness of life, *he* may finally, with the rest

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of thy holy Church, be *an inheritor* of thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
People. Amen.

Then may follow this Prayer for the Home.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, whose blessed Son did share at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: Bless, we beseech thee, the home of *this child*, and grant wisdom and understanding to all who have the care of *him*: that *he* may grow up in thy constant fear and love; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *People.* Amen.

THE DUTIES OF THE GODFATHERS AND GODMOTHERS

Then the Priest addresses the Godparents and Parents.

YOU who have brought *this child* to be baptized into the family of Christ's Church, must see that *he* be taught the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, as set forth in the Church Catechism, and all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health.

See also that *he* be virtuously brought up to lead a godly and Christian life.

See also that *he* be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him; so that, strengthened with the gift of the Holy Spirit, *he* may come with due preparation to receive the Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of Christ, and go forth into the world to serve God faithfully in the fellowship of his Church.

Will you help *him* to learn and to do all these things?

Answer. I will, the Lord being my helper.

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Priest.

Remember always that Baptism doth represent unto us our Christian profession, which is to follow the example of our Saviour Christ, and to be made like unto him; that as he died and rose again for us, so should we, who are baptized, die unto sin and rise again unto righteousness, continually mortifying all evil desires, and daily advancing in all virtue and godliness of living.

THE BLESSING

THE Lord bless you, and keep you: the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you: the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you, and give you peace, now and for evermore.
People. Amen.

When Baptism is administered at Morning or Evening Prayer the Blessing is not said at this point but at the end of the Service.

GENERAL DIRECTIONS

Notice of Baptism should be given in writing to the Minister a week before the proposed day. It is proper that a child be brought for Baptism either to the church of the Parish in which the parents dwell or to the church where they habitually worship.

And note, that there shall be for every male-child to be baptized two Godfathers and one Godmother; and for every female, one Godfather and two Godmothers. Nevertheless, when three sponsors cannot conveniently be had, one Godfather and one Godmother shall suffice. Parents, if need so require, may be sponsors for their own child provided that the child have one other sponsor. No person shall be admitted to be a sponsor who hath not been baptized.

The Priest should direct those at the Font, and the Congregation at Morning and Evening Prayer, whether they are to stand or kneel for the prayers.

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THAT IS TO SAY

AN INSTRUCTION TO BE LEARNED
OF EVERY PERSON BEFORE HE BE
BROUGHT TO BE CONFIRMED BY
THE BISHOP

Question.

WHAT is your name?

Answer. N. or M.

Question. Who gave you this name?

Answer. My Godfathers and Godmothers in my Baptism; wherein I was made a member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven.

Question. What did your Godfathers and Godmothers then for you?

Answer. They did promise and vow three things in my name. First, that I should renounce the devil and all his works, the pomps and vanity of this wicked world, and all the sinful lusts of the flesh. Secondly, that I should believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith. And thirdly, that I should keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of my life.

Question. Dost thou not think that thou art bound to believe, and to do, as they have promised for thee?

Answer. Yes verily; and by God's help so I will. And I heartily thank our heavenly Father, that he hath called me to this state of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. And I pray unto God to

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give me his grace, that I may continue in the same unto my life's end.

Catechist.

Rehearse the Articles of thy Belief.

Answer.

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 at 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.

Question.

What dost thou chiefly learn in these Articles of thy Belief?

Answer. First, I learn to believe in God the Father, who hath made me, and all the world.

Secondly, in God the Son, who hath redeemed me, and all mankind.

Thirdly, in God the Holy Ghost, who sanctifieth me, and all the elect people of God.

Question.

You said, that your Godfathers and Godmothers did promise for you, that you should keep God's Commandments. Tell me how many there be?

Answer. Ten.

Question. Which be they?

Answer.

THE same which God spake in the twentieth chapter of Exodus, saying, I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

- I. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.
- II. Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them. For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and shew mercy unto thousands in them that love me and keep my commandments.
- III. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his Name in vain.
- IV. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of work, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy manservant, and thy maid-servant, thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.
- V. Honour thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.
- VI. Thou shalt do no murder.
- VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- VIII. Thou shalt not steal.

IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is his.

Question.

What dost thou chiefly learn by these Commandments?

Answer. I learn two things: my duty towards God, and my duty towards my neighbour.

Question. What is thy duty towards God?

Answer. My duty towards God, is to believe in him, to fear him, and to love him with all my heart, with all my mind, with all my soul, and with all my strength; to worship him, to give him thanks, to put my whole trust in him, to call upon him, to honour his holy Name and his Word, and to serve him truly all the days of my life.

Question. What is thy duty towards thy neighbour?

Answer. My duty towards my neighbour, is to love him as myself, and to do to all men, as I would they should do unto me: To love, honour, and succour my father and mother: To honour and obey the Queen, and all that are put in authority under her: To submit myself to all my governors, teachers, spiritual pastors and masters: To order myself lowly and reverently to all my betters: To hurt no body by word nor deed: To be true and just in all my dealing: To bear no malice nor hatred in my heart: To keep my hands from picking and stealing, and my tongue from evil-speaking, lying, and slandering: To keep my body in temperance, soberness, and chastity: Not to covet nor desire other men's goods; but to learn and labour truly to get mine own living, and to do my

duty in that state of life, unto which it shall please God to call me.

Catechist.

My good child, know this, that thou art not able to do these things of thyself, nor to walk in the Commandments of God, and to serve him, without his special grace; which thou must learn at all times to call for by diligent prayer. Let me hear therefore, if thou canst say the Lord's Prayer.

Answer.

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.

Question. What desirest thou of God in this prayer?

Answer. I desire my Lord God our heavenly Father, who is the giver of all goodness, to send his grace unto me, and to all people; that we may worship him, serve him, and obey him, as we ought to do. And I pray unto God, that he will send us all things that be needful both for our souls and bodies; and that he will be merciful unto us, and forgive us our sins; and that it will please him to save and defend us in all dangers ghostly and bodily; and that he will keep us from all sin and wickedness, and from our ghostly enemy, and from everlasting death. And this I trust he will do of his mercy and goodness, through our Lord Jesus Christ. And therefore I say, Amen, So be it.

Question.

How many Sacraments hath Christ ordained in his Church?

Answer. Two only, as generally necessary to salva-

tion, that is to say, Baptism, and the Supper of the Lord.

Question. What meanest thou by this word Sacrament?

Answer. I mean an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace given unto us, ordained by Christ himself, as a means whereby we receive the same, and a pledge to assure us thereof.

Question. How many parts are there in a Sacrament?

Answer. Two; the outward visible sign, and the inward spiritual grace.

Question. What is the outward visible sign or form in Baptism?

Answer. Water; wherein the person is baptized *In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.*

Question. What is the inward and spiritual grace?

Answer. A death unto sin, and a new birth unto righteousness: for being by nature born in sin, and the children of wrath, we are hereby made the children of grace.

Question. What is required of persons to be baptized?

Answer. Repentance, whereby they forsake sin; and Faith, whereby they stedfastly believe the promises of God made to them in that Sacrament.

Question. Why then are Infants baptized, when by reason of their tender age they cannot perform them?

Answer. Because they promise them both by their sureties; which promise, when they come to age, themselves are bound to perform.

Question. Why was the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper ordained?

Answer. For the continual remembrance of the sacrifice of the death of Christ, and of the benefits which we receive thereby.

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Question. What is the outward part or sign of the Lord's Supper?

Answer. Bread and Wine, which the Lord hath commanded to be received.

Question. What is the inward part, or thing signified?

Answer. The Body and Blood of Christ, which are verily and indeed taken and received by the faithful in the Lord's Supper.

Question. What are the benefits whereof we are partakers thereby?

Answer. The strengthening and refreshing of our souls by the Body and Blood of Christ, as our bodies are by the Bread and Wine.

Question. What is required of them who come to the Lord's Supper?

Answer. To examine themselves, whether they repent them truly of their former sins, stedfastly purposing to lead a new life; have a lively faith in God's mercy through Christ, with a thankful remembrance of his death; and be in charity with all men.

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Hymns and one or more addresses are usually included in the Service. The People stand, sit or kneel as the Bishop directs.

One of these Prefaces is read.

(1662)

To the end that Confirmation may be ministered to the more edifying of such as shall receive it, the Church hath thought good to order, That none hereafter shall be confirmed, but such as can say the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments; and can also answer to such other questions, as in the short Catechism are contained: which order is very convenient to be observed; to the end that children being now come to the years of discretion, and having learned what their Godfathers and Godmothers promised for them in Baptism, they may themselves, with their own mouth and consent, openly before the Church, ratify and confirm the same; and also promise, that by the grace of God they will evermore endeavour themselves faithfully to observe such things, as they by their own confession have assented unto.

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DEARLY beloved in the Lord, in ministering Confirmation the Church doth follow the example of the Apostles of Christ. For in the eighth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles we thus read:—

They therefore that were scattered abroad went about preaching the word. And Philip went down to

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the city of Samaria, and proclaimed unto them the Christ. When they believed Philip preaching good tidings concerning the kingdom of God and the Name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Now when the Apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: for as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they had been baptized into the Name of the Lord Jesus. Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

The Scripture here teacheth us that a special gift of the Holy Spirit is bestowed through laying on of hands with prayer. And forasmuch as this gift cometh from God alone, let us who are here present pray to Almighty God, that he will strengthen with his Holy Spirit in Confirmation those who in Baptism were made his children.

You, then, who are to be confirmed must now declare before this congregation that you are stedfastly purposed, with the help of this gift, to lead your life in the faith of Christ and in obedience to God's will and commandments; and must openly acknowledge yourselves bound to fulfil the Christian duties to which your Baptism hath pledged you.

Then the Bishop says to the Candidates standing before him,

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Do ye here, in the presence of God, and of this congregation, renew the solemn promise and vow that was made at

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Do ye here, in the presence of God, and of this congregation, renounce the devil and all his works, the pomps and

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your Baptism; ratifying and confirming¹ the same in your own persons, and acknowledging yourselves bound to believe, and to do, all those things, which your Godfathers and Godmothers then undertook for you?

And every one audibly answers,

I do.

vanity of this wicked world, and all the sinful lusts of the flesh, so that ye will not follow nor be led by them?

And every one audibly answers,

I do.

Do ye believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith as contained in the Apostles' Creed?

Answer. I do.

WILL ye endeavour to keep God's holy will and commandments, and to walk in the same all the days of your life?

Answer. I will.

The Bishop. Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
Answer. Who hath made heaven and earth.

The Bishop. Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

Answer. Henceforth, world without end.

The Bishop. Lord, hear our prayers;

Answer. And let our cry come unto thee.

The Bishop. Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who hast vouchsafed to regenerate these thy servants by water and the Holy Ghost, and hast given unto them forgiveness of all their sins: Strengthen them, we

¹ 1928: altered to 'confessing'.

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beseech thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost the Comforter, and daily increase in them thy manifold gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength; the spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and fill them, O Lord, with the spirit of thy holy fear, now and for ever.

People. Amen.

Then the Candidates coming up in order to the Bishop's seat, he lays his hand upon each one, saying,

DEFEND, O Lord, this thy child [*or this thy servant*] with thy heavenly grace, that *he* may continue thine for ever; and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until *he* come unto thy everlasting kingdom. Amen.

When all have been confirmed the Bishop says,

The Lord be with you;
Answer. And with thy spirit.

The Bishop. Let us pray.

The Bishop and People together.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

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.

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The Bishop.

ALmighty and everliving God, who makest us both to will and to do those things that be good and acceptable unto thy Divine Majesty: We make our humble supplications unto thee for these thy servants, upon whom (after the example of thy holy Apostles) we have now laid our hands, to certify them (by this sign) of thy favour and gracious goodness towards them. Let thy fatherly hand, we beseech thee, ever be over them; let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy Word, that in the end they may obtain everlasting life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end.

People. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that, through thy most mighty protection both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

People. Amen.

Then the Bishop blesses the newly-confirmed.

THE BLESSING

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no man evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all men;

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love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. *People.* Amen.

DIRECTIONS

There shall be none admitted to the Holy Communion, until such time as he be confirmed, or be ready and desirous to be confirmed.

Every confirmed member of the Church shall communicate at least three times in the year, of which Easter shall be one.

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(1928)

THE INTRODUCTION

¶ All stand.

The man and woman to be married having come to the entry to the chancel of the church, together with their company, the Priest declares the meaning and purpose of Marriage in these words.

DEARLY beloved, we are gathered here in the sight of God and in the face of this congregation, to join together this man and this woman in Holy Matrimony; which is an honourable estate, instituted of God himself, signifying unto us the mystical union that is betwixt Christ and his Church; which holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with his presence, and first miracle that he wrought, in Cana of Galilee, and is commended in Holy Writ to be honourable among all men; and therefore is not by any to be enterprised, nor taken in hand, unadvisedly, lightly, or wantonly; but reverently, discreetly, soberly, and in the fear of God, duly considering the causes for which Matrimony was ordained.

First, It was ordained for the increase of mankind according to the will of God, and that children might be brought up in the fear and nurture of the Lord, and to the praise of his holy Name.

Secondly, It was ordained in order that the natural instincts and affections, implanted by God, should be

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hallowed and directed aright; that those who are called of God to this holy estate, should continue therein in pureness of living.

Thirdly, It was ordained for the mutual society, help, and comfort, that the one ought to have of the other, both in prosperity and adversity.

Into which holy estate these two persons present come now to be joined.

Therefore if any man can shew any just cause, why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter for ever hold his peace.

I REQUIRE and charge you both, as ye will answer at the dreadful day of judgement when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, that if either of you know any impediment, why ye may not be lawfully joined together in Matrimony, ye do now confess it. For be ye well assured, that so many as are coupled together otherwise than God's word doth allow are not joined together by God; neither is their Matrimony lawful.

If any impediment is properly alleged and declared, the marriage must be deferred until such time as the truth be tried.

THE MARRIAGE

If no impediment is alleged, the Priest then says to the man,

N. WILT thou have this woman to thy wedded wife, to live together according to God's law in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honour and keep her, in sickness and in health? and, forsaking all other, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

The man answers,

I will.

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Then the Priest says to the woman,

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N. WILT thou have this man to thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou obey him, and serve him, love, honour, and keep him, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all other, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

The woman answers,

I will.

Then the Priest says,

Who giveth this woman to be married to this man?

The Priest, receiving the woman at her father's or friend's hands, causes the man with his right hand to take the woman by her right hand; then the man and woman give their pledge to each other, saying after him,

I N. take thee N. to my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse; for richer, for poorer; in sickness and in health; to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy law¹; and thereto I give¹ thee my troth.

¹ 1662 'ordinance' and 'plight'.

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Then they loose their hands, and the Priest causes the woman with her right hand to take the man by his right hand, and to say after him,

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I *N.* take thee *N.* to my wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, cherish, and to obey, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I give thee my troth.

They again loose their hands. Then the man lays the wedding ring upon the Priest's book. The Priest, taking the ring, gives it to the man to put it upon the fourth finger of the woman's left hand. And the man, holding the ring there, and taught by the Priest, says,

WITH this ring I thee wed; with my body I thee honour; and all my worldly goods with thee I share: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

¶ The man leaving the ring on the woman's finger, they both kneel.

Priest.

O ETERNAL God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, giver of all spiritual grace, the author of everlasting life: Send thy blessing upon these thy servants, this man and this woman, whom we bless in thy Name; that, living faithfully together, they may

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surely perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, whereof this ring given and received is a token and pledge; and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to thy laws; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People. Amen.

Then the Priest joining their right hands together, says,

Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.

The Priest, speaking to those present, says,

FORASMUCH as *N.* and *N.* have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and thereto have given and pledged their troth either to other, and have declared the same by giving and receiving of a ring, and by joining of hands; I pronounce that they be man and wife together, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then the Priest blesses the man and the woman.

GOD the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favour look upon you; and so fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace, that ye may so live together in this life, that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting.
And they say, Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

¶ One of these Psalms, 128, 67, or 37. 3-7 (see pages 144-312), is then said or sung; and the Priest, followed by the man and the woman, goes to the Lord's Table.

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¶ All kneel.

¶ The man and the woman kneel before the Lord's Table.
The Priest, turning to them, says,

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All say together The Lord's Prayer.

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.

Priest. O Lord, save thy servant, and thy handmaid;

People. Who put their trust in thee.

Priest. O Lord, send them help from thy holy place;

People. And evermore defend them.

Priest. Be unto them a tower of strength;

People. From the face of their enemy.

Priest. O Lord, hear our prayer;

People. And let our cry come unto thee.

Priest.

O GOD of our fathers, bless these thy servants, and sow the seed of eternal life in their hearts; that whatsoever in thy holy Word they shall profitably learn, they may in deed fulfil the same; that so, obeying thy will, and alway being in safety under thy protection, they may abide in thy love unto their lives' end; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People. Amen.

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This Prayer next following is omitted,
when the woman is past child-bearing.

OMERCIFUL Lord and heavenly Father, by whose gracious gift mankind is increased; bestow, we beseech thee, upon these two persons the heritage and gift of children; and grant that they may live together so long in godly love and honesty, that they may see their children christianly and virtuously brought up, to thy praise and honour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *People.* Amen.

If there is to be no Communion the Order continues,

Priest.

O GOD, who hast taught us that it should never be lawful to put asunder those whom thou by Matrimony hadst made one, and hast consecrated the state of Matrimony to such an excellent mystery, that in it is signified and represented the spiritual marriage and unity betwixt Christ and his Church: Look mercifully upon these thy servants, that both this man may love his wife, according to thy Word, (as Christ did love his spouse the Church, who gave himself for it, loving and cherishing it even as his own flesh,) and also that this woman may be loving and amiable, and faithful to her husband, and in all quietness, sobriety, and peace, be a follower of holy and godly matrons. O Lord, bless them both, and grant them to inherit thy everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *People.* Amen.

The Priest then blesses the husband and wife.

ALmighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, pour upon you the riches of his grace, sanctify and bless you, that ye may please him both

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in body and soul, and live together in holy love unto your lives' end.

And they say, Amen.

An Address may be given here and a Hymn sung. After that, the Priest says this Prayer.

¶ All kneel.

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

People. Amen.

THE BLESSING

If there is a Communion, the following Collect, Epistle, and Gospel may be used, immediately after the Prayer for child-bearing, or after the Collect preceding it, if that be not said.

The Collect

O GOD our Father, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us that love is the fulfilling of the law: Grant to these thy servants that, loving one another, they may continue in thy love unto their lives' end; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God world without end. *People. Amen.*

The Epistle

Ephesians 3. 14-19.

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The Gospel

S. John 15. 9-12.

The Priest then continues the Order of Holy Communion, the newly-married persons remaining before the Lord's Table until the end of the Service. The last Prayer and Blessing, from THE BENEDICTION, is said over them immediately before The peace of God, &c.

GENERAL DIRECTIONS

First the banns of all that are to be married together must be published in the church during divine worship, on three several Sundays, the Minister saying after the accustomed manner,

I publish the banns of marriage between N. of — and N. of —. If any of you know cause or just impediment, why these two persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, ye are to declare it. This is the first [second or third] time of asking.

And if the persons that are to be married dwell in different Parishes, the banns must be asked in both Parishes; and the Priest of the one Parish shall not solemnize Matrimony between them, without a certificate of the banns being thrice published in the other Parish.

Nor shall any be married without banns first asked, save in pursuance of a licence granted by ecclesiastical authority, or a certificate issued by a Superintendent Registrar.

Banns may be published in the church which is the place of worship and enrolment of the persons to be married or of either of them although neither of such persons dwells in the Parish to which such church belongs, and

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the marriage may be solemnized in such Parish church. Publication of banns in such cases shall be in addition to and not in substitution for any other publication of banns required by law, and the Minister shall not solemnize the marriage without a certificate or certificates from every Minister who has published the same.

It is lawful in certain cases for banns to be published by lay persons.

It is convenient that the newly-married persons should receive the Holy Communion at the time of their marriage, or at the first opportunity after their marriage.

THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

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THE INTRODUCTION

† All stand.

The Minister and Choir, meeting the body at the entrance of the church-yard, and going before it either into the church or towards the grave, say or sing one or more of the following Sentences; together with one or more of the Penitential Psalms (6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143) if need so require.

I AM the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

S. John 11. 25, 26

I KNOW that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand up at the last upon the earth: [and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.] Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

Job 19. 25-27

WE brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

1 Timothy 6. 7. Job 1. 21

REMEMBER not the sins and offences of my youth: but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

Psalms 25. 6

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THE eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. *Deuteronomy* 33. 27

NEITHER death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8. 38, 39

WHETHER we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.

Romans 14. 8, 9

BLESSED are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. *S. Matthew* 5. 4

LET not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, I believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions. *S. John* 14. 1

THE SERVICE IN CHURCH

¶ All stand.

After they are come into the church, one or more of these Psalms is said or sung: 39, 90, 23, 130 (see pages 144-312).

At the end of all the Psalms appointed for the Burial of the Dead the Gloria Patri may be left unsaid, and instead may be said or sung by the Minister and People,

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon them.

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[Before the Psalm, or group of Psalms and after the last Gloria Patri or Rest eternal, may be said or sung the following:

Minister.

O SAVIOUR of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us.

Minister and People together.

SAVE us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.]

¶ All sit.

The Lesson.

1 *Corinthians* 15. 20-58 (verses 27-34 may be omitted); or 2 *Corinthians* 4. 16-5. 10; or *Revelation* 7. 9-17; or *Revelation* 21. 1-7.

The Prayers.

¶ All kneel.

Minister.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Minister and People together.

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.

[*Minister.* Enter not into judgement with thy servant, O Lord;

People. For in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

Minister. Grant unto *him* eternal rest;

People. And let perpetual light shine upon *him*.

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Minister. We believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord;

People. In the land of the living.

Minister. O Lord, hear our prayer;

People. And let our cry come unto thee.]

Then is said one or more of the following Prayers.

Minister. Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity: We give thee hearty thanks, for that it hath pleased thee to deliver this our *brother* out of the miseries of this sinful world; beseeching thee, that it may please thee, of thy gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of thine elect, and to hasten thy kingdom; that we, with all those that are departed in the true faith of thy holy name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *People.* Amen.

The Collect.

OMERCIFUL God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth, and believeth in him, shall not die eternally; who also hath taught us, by his holy Apostle Saint Paul, not to be sorry, as men without hope, for them that sleep in him: We meekly beseech thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in him, as our hope is this our *brother* doth; and that, at the general resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in thy

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sight; and receive that blessing, which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear thee, saying, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Grant this, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. *People.* Amen.

OFATHER of all, we pray to thee for those whom we love, but see no longer. Grant them thy peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and in thy loving wisdom and almighty power work in them the good purpose of thy perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *People.* Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort: Deal graciously, we pray thee, with those who mourn, that casting every care on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *People.* Amen.

O HEAVENLY Father, who in thy Son Jesus Christ, hast given us a true faith, and a sure hope: Help us, we pray thee, to live as those who believe and trust in the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting, and strengthen this faith and hope in us all the days of our life: through the love of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour. *People.* Amen.

Here may follow the Collect of All Saints' Day (page 90), or that of the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity (page 76), or others from the Occasional Prayers (pages 91-98).

Minister.

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. *People.* Amen.

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THE BURIAL

When they come to the grave, and the mourners are gathered about it, the Minister says,

MAN that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down, like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay.

IN the midst of life we are in death: of whom may we seek for succour, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears to our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee.

Or this.

Psalm 103. 13-17

LIKE as a father pitieth his own children: even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.

For he knoweth whereof we are made: he remembereth that we are but dust.

The days of man are but as grass: for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.

For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone: and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him: and his righteousness upon children's children.

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Then, while earth is cast upon the body by some standing by, the Minister says,

Or this.

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God of his great mercy to take unto himself the soul of our dear *brother* here departed, we therefore commit *his* body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change the body of our low estate that it may be like unto his glorious body, according to the mighty working, whereby he is able to subdue all things to himself.

People. Amen.

WE commend unto thy hands of mercy, most merciful Father, the soul of this our *brother* departed, and we commit *his* body to the ground, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. And we beseech thine infinite goodness to give us grace to live in thy fear and love, and to die in thy favour, that when the judgement shall come which thou hast committed to thy well-beloved Son, both this our *brother* and we may be found acceptable in thy sight. Grant this, O merciful Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, Mediator, and Advocate.

People. Amen.

Then is said or sung,

I HEARD a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours.

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Minister.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever.

People. Amen.

GENERAL DIRECTIONS

The whole of this Office, with the exception of the Words of Committal, may be said, if occasion require, in the church.

THE BURIAL may precede **THE SERVICE IN CHURCH**.

THE SERVICE IN CHURCH may be used as a Memorial Service for the Departed, apart from the funeral.

When there is a special celebration of the Holy Communion on the day of the Burial, the Collect is that appointed in this Office or the Collect of Easter Even; the Epistle, 1 Thessalonians 4. 13-18 or 2 Corinthians 4. 16-5. 4; the Gospel, S. John 6. 37-41 or S. John 5. 24-29.

If the ground is not consecrated, the Priest on coming to the grave may say this Prayer:

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to bless this grave to be the peaceful resting-place of the body of thy servant; through the same thy blessed Son, who is the resurrection and the life, and who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

AN ORDER WHICH MAY BE USED FOR THE BURIAL OF A CHILD

† The Minister and Choir meeting the body at the entrance of the church-yard, and going before it either into the church or towards the grave, say or sing,

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I AM the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.
S. John 11. 25, 26

I KNOW that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand up at the last upon the earth. Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.
Job 19. 25, 27

WE brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.
1 Timothy 6. 7. Job 1. 21

HE shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom.
Isaiah 40. 11

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THE SERVICE IN CHURCH

¶ All stand.

After they have come into the church Psalm 23
is said or sung.

THE Lord is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture : and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for thou art with me ; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me : thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord 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.

¶ All sit.

The Lesson.

S. Mark 10. 13

THEY brought young children to him, that he should touch them : and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not ; for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto

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you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

¶ All kneel.

The Prayers.

Minister.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Minister and People together.

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.

[Minister. Grant unto him eternal rest ;

People. And let perpetual light shine upon him.

Minister. We believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord ;

People. In the land of the living.

Minister. O Lord, hear our prayer ;

People. And let our cry come unto thee.]

Then is said one or both of the following Prayers.

Minister. Let us pray.

O LORD Jesu Christ, who didst take little children into thine arms and bless them : Open thou our eyes, we beseech thee, to perceive that it is of thy goodness that thou hast taken this thy child into the everlasting arms of thine infinite love ; who livest and

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reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

People. Amen.

O GOD, whose ways are hidden and thy works most wonderful, who makest nothing in vain and lovest all that thou hast made: Comfort thou thy servants, whose hearts are sore smitten and oppressed; and grant that they may so love and serve thee in this life, that together with this thy child, they may obtain the fullness of thy promises in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People. Amen.

Minister.

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. *People.* Amen.

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When they come to the grave, and the mourners are gathered about it, the Minister says,

MAN that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live. He cometh up, and is cut down, like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay.

Then, while earth is cast upon the body by some standing by, the Minister says,

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God of his great mercy to take unto himself the soul of this child here departed, we therefore commit *his* body to the

Or this,

WE commend unto thy hands of mercy, most merciful Father, the soul of this thy child; and we commit *his* body to the ground, earth to

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ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change the body of our low estate that it may be like unto his glorious body, according to the mighty working, whereby he is able to subdue all things to himself.

People. Amen.

earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. And we beseech thine infinite goodness to give us grace to live in thy fear and love, and to die in thy favour, that when the judgement shall come which thou hast committed to thy well-beloved Son, both this child and we may be found acceptable in thy sight. Grant this, O merciful Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, Mediator, and Advocate.

People. Amen.

¶ Then is said or sung,

THEY shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of water: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Minister.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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(The verses in brackets [] may be omitted.)

PSALM 1 DAY 1. MORN.

BLESSED is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners : and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.
2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord : and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.
3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side : that will bring forth his fruit in due season.
4 His leaf also shall not wither : and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.
5 As for the ungodly, it is not so with them : but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.
6 Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement : neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
7 But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous : and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

PSALM 2

WHY do the heathen so furiously rage together : and why do the people imagine a vain thing?
2 The kings of the earth stand up, and the rulers take counsel together : against the Lord, and against his Anointed.
3 Let us break their bonds asunder : and cast away their cords from us.
4 He that dwelleth in heaven shall laugh them to scorn : the Lord shall have them in derision.
5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath : and vex them in his sore displeasure.
6 Yet have I set my King : upon my holy hill of Sion.
7 I will preach the law, whereof the Lord hath said unto me : Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

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8 Desire of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance : and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession.
9 Thou shalt bruise them with a rod of iron : and break them in pieces like a potter's vessel.
10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings : be learned, ye that are judges of the earth.
11 Serve the Lord in fear : and rejoice unto him with reverence.
12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and so ye perish from the right way : if his wrath be kindled, (yea, but a little,) blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

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LORD, how are they increased that trouble me : many are they that rise against me.
2 Many one there be that say of my soul : There is no help for him in his God.
3 But thou, O Lord, art my defender : thou art my worship, and the lifter up of my head.
4 I did call upon the Lord with my voice : and he heard me out of his holy hill.
5 I laid me down and slept, and rose up again : for the Lord sustained me.
6 I will not be afraid for ten thousands of the people : that have set themselves against me round about.
7 Up, Lord, and help me, O my God : for thou smitest all mine enemies upon the cheek-bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.
8 Salvation belongeth unto the Lord : and thy blessing is upon thy people.

PSALM 4

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.

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2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour : and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after leasing?

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 shew us any good?

7 Lord, lift thou up : the light of thy countenance upon us.

8 Thou hast put gladness in my heart : since the time that their corn and wine and oil increased.

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 5

PONDER my words, O Lord : consider my meditation.

2 O hearken thou unto the voice of my calling, my King, and my God : for unto thee will I make my prayer.

3 My voice shalt thou hear betimes, O Lord : early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

4 For thou art the God that hast no pleasure in wickedness : neither shall any evil dwell with thee.

5 Such as be foolish shall not stand in thy sight : for thou hatest all them that work vanity.

6 Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing : the Lord will abhor both the blood-thirsty and deceitful man.

7 But as for me, I will come into thine house, even

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upon the multitude of thy mercy : and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

8 Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness, because of mine enemies : make thy way plain before my face.

9 For there is no faithfulness in his mouth : their inward parts are very wickedness.

10 Their throat is an open sepulchre : they flatter with their tongue.

11 Destroy thou them, O God ; let them perish through their own imaginations : cast them out in the multitude of their ungodliness ; for they have rebelled against thee.

12 And let all them that put their trust in thee rejoice : they shall ever be giving of thanks, because thou defendest them ; they that love thy Name shall be joyful in thee ;

13 For thou, Lord, wilt give thy blessing unto the righteous : and with thy favourable kindness wilt thou defend him as with a shield.

PSALM 6

DAY 1. EVEN.

OLORD, rebuke me not in thine indignation : neither chasten me in thy displeasure.

2 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak : O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed.

3 My soul also is sore troubled : but, Lord, how long wilt thou punish me?

4 Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul : O save me for thy mercy's sake.

5 For in death no man remembereth thee : and who will give thee thanks in the pit?

6 I am weary of my groaning ; every night wash I my bed : and water my couch with my tears.

7 My beauty is gone for very trouble : and worn away because of all mine enemies.

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- 8 Away from me, all ye that work vanity : for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.
 9 The Lord hath heard my petition : the Lord will receive my prayer.
 10 All mine enemies shall be confounded, and sore vexed : they shall be turned back, and put to shame suddenly.

PSALM 7

- O** LORD my God, in thee have I put my trust : save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me ;
 2 Lest he devour my soul, like a lion, and tear it in pieces : while there is none to help.
 3 O Lord my God, if I have done any such thing : or if there be any wickedness in my hands ;
 4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that dealt friendly with me : yea, I have delivered him that without any cause is mine enemy ;
 5 Then let mine enemy persecute my soul, and take me : yea, let him tread my life down upon the earth, and lay mine honour in the dust.
 6 Stand up, O Lord, in thy wrath, and lift up thyself, because of the indignation of mine enemies : arise up for me in the judgement that thou hast commanded.
 7 And so shall the congregation of the people come about thee : for their sakes therefore lift up thyself again.
 8 The Lord shall judge the people ; give sentence with me, O Lord : according to my righteousness, and according to the innocency that is in me.
 9 O let the wickedness of the ungodly come to an end : but guide thou the just.
 10 For the righteous God : trieth the very hearts and reins.
 11 My help cometh of God : who preserveth them that are true of heart.

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- 12 God is a righteous Judge, strong and patient : and God is provoked every day.
 13 If a man will not turn, he will whet his sword : he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.
 14 He hath prepared for him the instruments of death : he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.
 15 Behold, he travaileth with mischief : he hath conceived sorrow, and brought forth ungodliness.
 16 He hath graven and digged up a pit : and is fallen himself into the destruction that he made for other.
 17 For his travail shall come upon his own head : and his wickedness shall fall on his own pate.
 18 I will give thanks unto the Lord, according to his righteousness : and I will praise the Name of the Lord most High.

PSALM 8

- O** LORD our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world : thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens !
 2 Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies : that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.
 3 For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers : the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained.
 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him : and the son of man, that thou visitest him ?
 5 Thou madest him lower than the angels : to crown him with glory and worship.
 6 Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands : and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet ;
 7 All sheep and oxen : yea, and the beasts of the field ;
 8 The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea : and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.

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9 O Lord our Governor : how excellent is thy Name in all the world!

PSALM 9 DAY 2. MORN.

I WILL give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart : I will speak of all thy marvellous works.
2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee : yea, my songs will I make of thy Name, O thou most Highest.

3 While mine enemies are driven back : they shall fall and perish at thy presence.

4 For thou hast maintained my right and my cause : thou art set in the throne that judgest right.

5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, and destroyed the ungodly : thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.

6 O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end : even as the cities which thou hast destroyed, their memorial is perished with them.

7 But the Lord shall endure for ever : he hath also prepared his seat for judgement.

8 For he shall judge the world in righteousness : and minister true judgement unto the people.

9 The Lord also will be a defence for the oppressed : even a refuge in due time of trouble.

10 And they that know thy Name will put their trust in thee : for thou, Lord, hast never failed them that seek thee.

11 O praise the Lord which dwelleth in Sion : shew the people of his doings.

12 For when he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them : and forgetteth not the complaint of the poor.

13 Have mercy upon me, O Lord ; consider the trouble which I suffer of them that hate me : thou that liftest me up from the gates of death.

14 That I may shew all thy praises within the ports of the daughter of Sion : I will rejoice in thy salvation.

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15 The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made : in the same net which they hid privily, is their foot taken.

16 The Lord is known to execute judgement : the ungodly is trapped in the work of his own hands.

17 The wicked shall be turned into hell : and all the people that forget God.

18 For the poor shall not always be forgotten : the patient abiding of the meek shall not perish for ever.

19 Up, Lord, and let not man have the upper hand : let the heathen be judged in thy sight.

20 Put them in fear, O Lord : that the heathen may know themselves to be but men.

PSALM 10

WHY standest thou so far off, O Lord : and hidest thy face in the needful time of trouble?

2 The ungodly for his own lust doth persecute the poor : let them be taken in the crafty wiliness that they have imagined.

3 For the ungodly hath made boast of his own heart's desire : and speaketh good of the covetous, whom God abhorreth.

4 The ungodly is so proud, that he careth not for God : neither is God in all his thoughts.

5 His ways are always grievous : thy judgements are far above out of his sight, and therefore defieth he all his enemies.

6 For he hath said in his heart, Tush, I shall never be cast down : there shall no harm happen unto me.

7 His mouth is full of cursing, deceit, and fraud : under his tongue is ungodliness and vanity.

8 He sitteth lurking in the thievish corners of the streets : and privily in his lurking dens doth he murder the innocent ; his eyes are set against the poor.

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9 For he lieth waiting secretly, even as a lion lurketh he in his den : that he may ravish the poor.

10 He doth ravish the poor : when he getteth him into his net.

11 He falleth down, and humbleth himself : that the congregation of the poor may fall into the hands of his captains.

12 He hath said in his heart, Tush, God hath forgotten : he hideth away his face, and he will never see it.

13 Arise, O Lord God, and lift up thine hand : forget not the poor.

14 Wherefore should the wicked blaspheme God : while he doth say in his heart, Tush, thou God carest not for it.

15 Surely thou hast seen it : for thou beholdest ungodliness and wrong.

16 That thou mayest take the matter into thy hand : the poor committeth himself unto thee; for thou art the helper of the friendless.

17 Break thou the power of the ungodly and malicious : take away his ungodliness, and thou shalt find none.

18 The Lord is King for ever and ever : and the heathen are perished out of the land.

19 Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the poor : thou preapest their heart, and thine ear hearkeneth thereto;

20 To help the fatherless and poor unto their right : that the man of the earth be no more exalted against them.

PSALM 11

IN the Lord put I my trust : how say ye then to my soul, that she should flee as a bird unto the hill?

2 For lo, the ungodly bend their bow, and make ready

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their arrows within the quiver : that they may privily shoot at them which are true of heart.

3 For the foundations will be cast down : and what hath the righteous done?

4 The Lord is in his holy temple : the Lord's seat is in heaven.

5 His eyes consider the poor : and his eye-lids try the children of men.

6 The Lord alloweth the righteous : but the ungodly, and him that delighteth in wickedness, doth his soul abhor.

7 Upon the ungodly he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, storm and tempest : this shall be their portion to drink.

8 For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness : his countenance will behold the thing that is just.

PSALM 12

DAY 2. EVEN.

HELP me, Lord, for there is not one godly man left : for the faithful are minished from among the children of men.

2 They talk of vanity every one with his neighbour : they do but flatter with their lips, and dissemble in their double heart.

3 The Lord shall root out all deceitful lips : and the tongue that speaketh proud things;

4 Which have said, With our tongue will we prevail : we are they that ought to speak, who is lord over us?

5 Now for the comfortless troubles' sake of the needy : and because of the deep sighing of the poor,

6 I will up, saith the Lord : and will help every one from him that swelleth against him, and will set him at rest.

7 The words of the Lord are pure words : even as the silver, which from the earth is tried, and purified seven times in the fire.

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8 Thou shalt keep them, O Lord : thou shalt preserve him from this generation for ever.

9 The ungodly walk on every side : when they are exalted, the children of men are put to rebuke.

PSALM 13

How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord, for ever : how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

2 How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so vexed in my heart : how long shall mine enemies triumph over me?

3 Consider, and hear me, O Lord my God : lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death.

4 Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him : for if I be cast down, they that trouble me will rejoice at it.

5 But my trust is in thy mercy : and my heart is joyful in thy salvation.

6 I will sing of the Lord, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me : yea, I will praise the Name of the Lord most Highest.

PSALM 14

The fool hath said in his heart : There is no God.

2 They are corrupt, and become abominable in their doings : there is none that doeth good, no not one.

3 The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men : to see if there were any that would understand, and seek after God.

4 But they are all gone out of the way, they are altogether become abominable : there is none that doeth good, no not one.

5 Their throat is an open sepulchre, with their tongues have they deceived : the poison of asps is under their lips.

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6 Their mouth is full of cursing and bitterness : their feet are swift to shed blood.

7 Destruction and unhappiness is in their ways, and the way of peace have they not known : there is no fear of God before their eyes.]

8 Have they no knowledge, that they are all such workers of mischief : eating up my people as it were bread, and call not upon the Lord?

9 There were they brought in great fear, even where no fear was : for God is in the generation of the righteous.

10 As for you, ye have made a mock at the counsel of the poor : because he putteth his trust in the Lord.

11 Who shall give salvation unto Israel out of Sion? When the Lord turneth the captivity of his people : then shall Jacob rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

PSALM 15

DAY 3. MORN.

Lord, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle : or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?

2 Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life : and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart.

3 He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour : and hath not slandered his neighbour.

4 He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes : and maketh much of them that fear the Lord.

5 He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not : though it were to his own hindrance.

6 He that hath not given his money upon usury : nor taken reward against the innocent.

7 Whoso doeth these things : shall never fall.

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PSALM 16

PRESERVE me, O God : for in thee have I put my trust.

2 O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord : Thou art my God, my goods are nothing unto thee.

3 All my delight is upon the saints, that are in the earth : and upon such as excel in virtue.

4 But they that run after another god : shall have great trouble.

5 Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer : neither make mention of their names within my lips.

6 The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup : thou shalt maintain my lot.

7 The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground : yea, I have a goodly heritage.

8 I will thank the Lord for giving me warning : my reins also chasten me in the night-season.

9 I have set God always before me : for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

10 Wherefore my heart was glad, and my glory rejoiced : my flesh also shall rest in hope.

11 For why? thou shalt not leave my soul in hell : neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.

12 Thou shalt shew me the path of life; in thy presence is the fulness of joy : and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

PSALM 17

HEAR the right, O Lord, consider my complaint : and hearken unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.

2 Let my sentence come forth from thy presence : and let thine eyes look upon the thing that is equal.

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3 Thou hast proved and visited mine heart in the night-season; thou hast tried me, and shalt find no wickedness in me : for I am utterly purposed that my mouth shall not offend.

4 Because of men's works, that are done against the words of thy lips : I have kept me from the ways of the destroyer.

5 O hold thou up my goings in thy paths : that my footsteps slip not.

6 I have called upon thee, O God, for thou shalt hear me : incline thine ear to me, and hearken unto my words.

7 Shew thy marvellous loving-kindness, thou that art the Saviour of them which put their trust in thee : from such as resist thy right hand.

8 Keep me as the apple of an eye : hide me under the shadow of thy wings,

9 From the ungodly that trouble me : mine enemies compass me round about to take away my soul.

10 They are inclosed in their own fat : and their mouth speaketh proud things.

11 They lie waiting in our way on every side : turning their eyes down to the ground;

12 Like as a lion that is greedy of his prey : and as it were a lion's whelp, lurking in secret places.

13 Up, Lord, disappoint him, and cast him down : deliver my soul from the ungodly, which is a sword of thine;

14 From the men of thy hand, O Lord, from the men, I say, and from the evil world : which have their portion in this life, whose bellies thou fillest with thy hid treasure.

15 They have children at their desire : and leave the rest of their substance for their babes.

16 But as for me, I will behold thy presence in righteousness : and when I awake up after thy likeness, I shall be satisfied with it.

PSALM 18

DAY 3. EVEN.

I WILL love thee, O Lord, my strength; the Lord is my stony rock, and my defence : my Saviour, my God, and my might, in whom I will trust, my buckler, the horn also of my salvation, and my refuge.

2 I will call upon the Lord, which is worthy to be praised : so shall I be safe from mine enemies.

3 The sorrows of death compassed me : and the overflowings of ungodliness made me afraid.

4 The pains of hell came about me : the snares of death overtook me.

5 In my trouble I will call upon the Lord : and complain unto my God.

6 So shall he hear my voice out of his holy temple : and my complaint shall come before him, it shall enter even into his ears.

7 The earth trembled and quaked : the very foundations also of the hills shook, and were removed, because he was wroth.

8 There went a smoke out in his presence : and a consuming fire out of his mouth, so that coals were kindled at it.

9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down : and it was dark under his feet.

10 He rode upon the cherubins, and did fly : he came flying upon the wings of the wind.

11 He made darkness his secret place : his pavilion round about him, with dark water and thick clouds to cover him.

12 At the brightness of his presence his clouds removed : hail-stones, and coals of fire.

13 The Lord also thundered out of heaven, and the Highest gave his thunder : hail-stones, and coals of fire.

14 He sent out his arrows, and scattered them : he cast forth lightnings, and destroyed them.

15 The springs of waters were seen, and the foundations of the round world were discovered, at thy chiding, O Lord : at the blasting of the breath of thy displeasure.

16 He shall send down from on high to fetch me : and shall take me out of many waters.

17 He shall deliver me from my strongest enemy, and from them which hate me : for they are too mighty for me.

18 They prevented me in the day of my trouble : but the Lord was my upholder.

19 He brought me forth also into a place of liberty : he brought me forth, even because he had a favour unto me.

20 The Lord shall reward me after my righteous dealing : according to the cleanness of my hands shall he recompense me.

21 Because I have kept the ways of the Lord : and have not forsaken my God, as the wicked doth.

22 For I have an eye unto all his laws : and will not cast out his commandments from me.

23 I was also uncorrupt before him : and eschewed mine own wickedness.

24 Therefore shall the Lord reward me after my righteous dealing : and according unto the cleanness of my hands in his eye-sight.

25 With the holy thou shalt be holy : and with a perfect man thou shalt be perfect.

26 With the clean thou shalt be clean : and with the froward thou shalt learn frowardness.

27 For thou shalt save the people that are in adversity : and shalt bring down the high looks of the proud.

28 Thou also shalt light my candle : the Lord my God shall make my darkness to be light.

29 For in thee I shall discomfit an host of men : and with the help of my God I shall leap over the wall.

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30 **The way of God is an undefiled way : the word of the Lord also is tried in the fire ; he is the defender of all them that put their trust in him.**

31 **For who is God, but the Lord : or who hath any strength, except our God?**

32 **It is God, that girdeth me with strength of war : and maketh my way perfect.**

33 **He maketh my feet like harts' feet : and setteth me up on high.**

34 **He teacheth mine hands to fight : and mine arms shall break even a bow of steel.**

35 **Thou hast given me the defence of thy salvation : thy right hand also shall hold me up, and thy loving correction shall make me great.**

36 **Thou shalt make room enough under me for to go : that my footsteps shall not slide.**

37 **I will follow upon mine enemies, and overtake them : neither will I turn again till I have destroyed them.**

38 **I will smite them, that they shall not be able to stand : but fall under my feet.**

39 **Thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle : thou shalt throw down mine enemies under me.**

40 **Thou hast made mine enemies also to turn their backs upon me : and I shall destroy them that hate me.**

41 **They shall cry, but there shall be none to help them : yea, even unto the Lord shall they cry, but he shall not hear them.**

42 **I will beat them as small as the dust before the wind : I will cast them out as the clay in the streets.**

43 **Thou shalt deliver me from the strivings of the people : and thou shalt make me the head of the heathen.**

44 **A people whom I have not known : shall serve me.**

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45 **As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me : but the strange children shall dissemble with me.**

46 **The strange children shall fail : and be afraid out of their prisons.**

47 **The Lord liveth, and blessed be my strong helper : and praised be the God of my salvation ;**

48 **Even the God that seeth that I be avenged : and subdueth the people unto me.**

49 **It is he that delivereth me from my cruel enemies, and setteth me up above mine adversaries : thou shalt rid me from the wicked man.**

50 **For this cause will I give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the Gentiles : and sing praises unto thy Name.**

51 **Great prosperity giveth he unto his King : and sheweth loving-kindness unto David his Anointed, and unto his seed for evermore.**

PSALM 19

DAY 4. MORN.

THE heavens declare the glory of God : and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

2 **One day telleth another : and one night certifieth another.**

3 **There is neither speech nor language : but their voices are heard among them.**

4 **Their sound is gone out into all lands : and their words into the ends of the world.**

5 **In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun : which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.**

6 **It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again : and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.**

7 **The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul : the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.**

8 **The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the**

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heart : the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever : the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold : sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.

11 Moreover, by them is thy servant taught : and in keeping of them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how oft he offendeth : O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.

13 Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me : so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.

14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart : be always acceptable in thy sight,

15 O Lord : my strength, and my redeemer.

PSALM 20

THE Lord hear thee in the day of trouble : the Name of the God of Jacob defend thee;

2 Send thee help from the sanctuary : and strengthen thee out of Zion;

3 Remember all thy offerings : and accept thy burnt-sacrifice;

4 Grant thee thy heart's desire : and fulfil all thy mind.

5 We will rejoice in thy salvation, and triumph in the Name of the Lord our God : the Lord perform all thy petitions.

6 Now know I that the Lord helpeth his Anointed, and will hear him from his holy heaven : even with the wholesome strength of his right hand.

7 Some put their trust in chariots, and some in horses : but we will remember the Name of the Lord our God.

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8 They are brought down, and fallen : but we are risen, and stand upright.

9 Save, Lord, and hear us, O King of heaven : when we call upon thee.

PSALM 21

THE King shall rejoice in thy strength, O Lord : exceeding glad shall he be of thy salvation.

2 Thou hast given him his heart's desire : and hast not denied him the request of his lips.

3 For thou shalt prevent him with the blessings of goodness : and shalt set a crown of pure gold upon his head.

4 He asked life of thee, and thou gavest him a long life : even for ever and ever.

5 His honour is great in thy salvation : glory and great worship shalt thou lay upon him.

6 For thou shalt give him everlasting felicity : and make him glad with the joy of thy countenance.

7 And why? because the King putteth his trust in the Lord : and in the mercy of the most Highest he shall not miscarry.

8 All thine enemies shall feel thine hand : thy right hand shall find out them that hate thee.

9 Thou shalt make them like a fiery oven in time of thy wrath : the Lord shall destroy them in his displeasure, and the fire shall consume them.

10 Their fruit shalt thou root out of the earth : and their seed from among the children of men.

11 For they intended mischief against thee : and imagined such a device as they are not able to perform.

12 Therefore shalt thou put them to flight : and the strings of thy bow shalt thou make ready against the face of them.

13 Be thou exalted, Lord, in thine own strength : so will we sing, and praise thy power.

My God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me : and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?

2 O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not : and in the night-season also I take no rest.

3 And thou continuest holy : O thou worship of Israel.

4 Our fathers hoped in thee : they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.

5 They called upon thee, and were holpen : they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.

6 But as for me, I am a worm, and no man : a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the people.

7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn : they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying,

8 He trusted in God, that he would deliver him : let him deliver him, if he will have him.

9 But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb : thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.

10 I have been left unto thee ever since I was born : thou art my God, even from my mother's womb.

11 O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand : and there is none to help me.

12 Many oxen are come about me : fat bulls of Basan close me in on every side.

13 They gape upon me with their mouths : as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint : my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.

15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums : and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death.

16 For many dogs are come about me : and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.

17 They pierced my hands and my feet; I may tell all my bones : they stand staring and looking upon me.

18 They part my garments among them : and cast lots upon my vesture.

19 But be not thou far from me, O Lord : thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.

20 Deliver my soul from the sword : my darling from the power of the dog.

21 Save me from the lion's mouth : thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.

22 I will declare thy Name unto my brethren : in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

23 O praise the Lord, ye that fear him : magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear him, all ye seed of Israel;

24 For he hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate of the poor : he hath not hid his face from him, but when he called unto him he heard him.

25 My praise is of thee in the great congregation : my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.

26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied : they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; your heart shall live for ever.

27 All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord : and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.

28 For the kingdom is the Lord's : and he is the Governor among the people.

29 All such as be fat upon earth : have eaten and worshipped.

30 All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him : and no man hath quickened his own soul.

31 My seed shall serve him : they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation

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32 They shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness : unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.

PSALM 23

THE Lord is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He shall feed me in a green pasture : and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

3 He shall convert my soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for thou art with me ; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me : thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

6 But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

PSALM 24 DAY 5. MORN.

THE earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is : the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

2 For he hath founded it upon the seas : and prepared it upon the floods.

3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord : or who shall rise up in his holy place ?

4 Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart : and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

5 He shall receive the blessing from the Lord : and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6 This is the generation of them that seek him : even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

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7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors : and the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who is the King of glory : it is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors : and the King of glory shall come in.

10 Who is the King of glory : even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

PSALM 25

UNTO thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul ; my God, I have put my trust in thee : O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

2 For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed : but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.

3 Shew me thy ways, O Lord : and teach me thy paths.

4 Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me : for thou art the God of my salvation ; in thee hath been my hope all the day long.

5 Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies : and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.

6 O remember not the sins and offences of my youth : but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

7 Gracious and righteous is the Lord : therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

8 Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement : and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.

9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth : unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

10 For thy Name's sake, O Lord : be merciful unto my sin, for it is great.

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- 11 **What man is he that feareth the Lord : him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.**
 12 His soul shall dwell at ease : and his seed shall inherit the land.
 13 The secret of the Lord is among them that fear him : and he will shew them his covenant.
 14 Mine eyes are ever looking unto the Lord : for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.
 15 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me : for I am desolate and in misery.
 16 The sorrows of my heart are enlarged : O bring thou me out of my troubles.
 17 Look upon my adversity and misery ; and forgive me all my sin.
 18 Consider mine enemies, how many they are : and they bear a tyrannous hate against me.
 19 O keep my soul, and deliver me : let me not be confounded, for I have put my trust in thee.
 20 Let perfectness and righteous dealing wait upon me : for my hope hath been in thee.
 21 Deliver Israel, O God : out of all his troubles.

PSALM 26

- B**E thou my Judge, O Lord, for I have walked innocently : my trust hath been also in the Lord, therefore shall I not fall.
 2 Examine me, O Lord, and prove me : try out my reins and my heart.
 3 For thy loving-kindness is ever before mine eyes : and I will walk in thy truth.
 4 I have not dwelt with vain persons : neither will I have fellowship with the deceitful.
 5 I have hated the congregation of the wicked : and will not sit among the ungodly.
 6 I will wash my hands in innocency, O Lord : and so will I go to thine altar ;

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- 7 That I may shew the voice of thanksgiving : and tell of all thy wondrous works.
 8 Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house : and the place where thine honour dwelleth.
 9 O shut not up my soul with the sinners : nor my life with the blood-thirsty ;
 10 In whose hands is wickedness : and their right hand is full of gifts.
 11 But as for me, I will walk innocently : O deliver me, and be merciful unto me.
 12 My foot standeth right : I will praise the Lord in the congregations.

PSALM 27

DAY 5. EVEN.

- T**HE Lord is my light and my salvation ; whom then shall I fear : the Lord is the strength of my life ; of whom then shall I be afraid ?
 2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh : they stumbled and fell.
 3 Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid : and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.
 4 One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require : even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.
 5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle ; yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.
 6 And now shall he lift up mine head : above mine enemies round about me.
 7 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness : I will sing, and speak praises unto the Lord.
 8 Harken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee : have mercy upon me, and hear me.

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9 My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face : Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

10 O hide not thou thy face from me : nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.

11 Thou hast been my succour : leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

12 When my father and my mother forsake me : the Lord taketh me up.

13 Teach me thy way, O Lord : and lead me in the right way, because of mine enemies.

14 Deliver me not over into the will of mine adversaries : for there are false witnesses risen up against me, and such as speak wrong.

15 I should utterly have fainted : but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

16 O tarry thou the Lord's leisure : be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

PSALM 28

UNTO thee will I cry, O Lord my strength : think no scorn of me; lest, if thou make as though thou hearest not, I become like them that go down into the pit.

2 Hear the voice of my humble petitions, when I cry unto thee : when I hold up my hands towards the mercy-seat of thy holy temple.

3 O pluck me not away, neither destroy me, with the ungodly and wicked doers : which speak friendly to their neighbours, but imagine mischief in their hearts.

4 Reward them according to their deeds : and according to the wickedness of their own inventions.

5 Recompense them after the work of their hands : pay them that they have deserved.

6 For they regard not in their mind the works of the

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Lord, nor the operation of his hands : therefore shall he break them down, and not build them up.

7 Praised be the Lord : for he hath heard the voice of my humble petitions.

8 The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart hath trusted in him, and I am helped : therefore my heart danceth for joy, and in my song will I praise him.

9 The Lord is my strength : and he is the wholesome defence of his Anointed.

10 O save thy people, and give thy blessing unto thine inheritance : feed them, and set them up for ever.

PSALM 29

BRING unto the Lord, O ye mighty, bring young rams unto the Lord : ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.

2 Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name : worship the Lord with holy worship.

3 It is the Lord that commandeth the waters : it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder.

4 It is the Lord that ruleth the sea; the voice of the Lord is mighty in operation : the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

5 The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedar-trees : yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Libanus.

6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf : Libanus also, and Sirion, like a young unicorn.

7 The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness : yea, the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Cades.

8 The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and discovereth the thick bushes : in his temple doth every man speak of his honour.

9 The Lord sitteth above the water-flood : and the Lord remaineth a King for ever.

10 The Lord shall give strength unto his people : the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. .

PSALM 30 DAY 6. MORN.

I WILL magnify thee, O Lord, for thou hast set me up : and not made my foes to triumph over me.

2 O Lord my God, I cried unto thee : and thou hast healed me.

3 Thou, Lord, hast brought my soul out of hell : thou hast kept my life from them that go down to the pit.

4 Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of his ; and give thanks unto him for a remembrance of his holiness.

5 For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life : heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed : thou, Lord, of thy goodness hast made my hill so strong.

7 Thou didst turn thy face from me : and I was troubled.

8 Then cried I unto thee, O Lord : and gat me to my Lord right humbly.

9 What profit is there in my blood : when I go down to the pit ?

10 Shall the dust give thanks unto thee : or shall it declare thy truth ?

11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me : Lord, be thou my helper.

12 Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy : thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness.

13 Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing : O my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

PSALM 31

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 defence : 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.

7 I have hated them that hold of superstitious vanities : and my trust hath been in the Lord.

8 I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy : for thou hast considered my trouble, and hast known my soul in adversities.

9 Thou hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy : but hast set my feet in a large room.

10 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble : and mine eye is consumed for very heaviness ; yea, my soul and my body.

11 For my life is waxen old with heaviness : and my years with mourning.

12 My strength faileth me, because of mine iniquity : and my bones are consumed.

13 I became a reproof among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours : and they of mine acquaintance were afraid of me ; and they that did see me without conveyed themselves from me.

14 I am clean forgotten, as a dead man out of mind : I am become like a broken vessel.

15 For I have heard the blasphemy of the multitude : and fear is on every side, while they conspire together against me, and take their counsel to take away my life.

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- 16 But my hope hath been in thee, O Lord : I have said, Thou art my God.
 17 My time is in thy hand; deliver me from the hand of mine enemies : and from them that persecute me.
 18 Shew thy servant the light of thy countenance : and save me for thy mercy's sake.
 19 Let me not be confounded, O Lord, for I have called upon thee : let the ungodly be put to confusion, and be put to silence in the grave.
 20 Let the lying lips be put to silence : which cruelly, disdainfully, and despitefully, speak against the righteous.
 21 O how plentiful is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee : and that thou hast prepared for them that put their trust in thee, even before the sons of men!
 22 Thou shalt hide them privily by thine own presence from the provoking of all men : thou shalt keep them secretly in thy tabernacle from the strife of tongues.
 23 Thanks be to the Lord : for he hath shewed me marvellous great kindness in a strong city.
 24 And when I made haste, I said : I am cast out of the sight of thine eyes.
 25 Nevertheless, thou heardest the voice of my prayer : when I cried unto thee.
 26 O love the Lord, all ye his saints : for the Lord preserveth them that are faithful, and plenteously rewardeth the proud doer.
 27 Be strong, and he shall establish your heart : all ye that put your trust in the Lord.

PSALM 32

DAY 6. EVEN.

BLESSED is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven : and whose sin is covered.

2 Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin : and in whose spirit there is no guile.

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- 3 For while I held my tongue : my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.
 4 For thy hand is heavy upon me day and night : and my moisture is like the drought in summer.
 5 I will acknowledge my sin unto thee : and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.
 6 I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord : and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.
 7 For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee, in a time when thou mayest be found : but in the great water-floods they shall not come nigh him.
 8 Thou art a place to hide me in, thou shalt preserve me from trouble : thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.
 9 I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go : and I will guide thee with mine eye.
 10 Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding : whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, lest they fall upon thee.
 11 Great plagues remain for the ungodly : but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side.
 12 Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord : and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

PSALM 33

REJOICE in the Lord, O ye righteous : for it becometh well the just to be thankful.

2 Praise the Lord with harp : sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.

3 Sing unto the Lord a new song : sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.

4 For the word of the Lord is true : and all his works are faithful.

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- 5 He loveth righteousness and judgement : the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.
- 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made : and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.
- 7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an heap : and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the Lord : stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.
- 9 For he spake, and it was done : he commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought : and maketh the devices of the people to be of none effect, and casteth out the counsels of princes.
- 11 The counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever : and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.
- 12 Blessed are the people, whose God is the Lord Jehovah : and blessed are the folk, that he hath chosen to him to be his inheritance.
- 13 The Lord looked down from heaven, and beheld all the children of men : from the habitation of his dwelling he considereth all them that dwell on the earth.
- 14 He fashioneth all the hearts of them : and understandeth all their works.
- 15 There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host : neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength.
- 16 A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man : neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength.
- 17 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him : and upon them that put their trust in his mercy ;
- 18 To deliver their soul from death : and to feed them in the time of dearth.
- 19 Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord : for he is our help and our shield.

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- 20 For our heart shall rejoice in him : because we have hoped in his holy Name.
- 21 Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us : like as we do put our trust in thee.

PSALM 34

- I** WILL always give thanks unto the Lord : his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul shall make her boast in the Lord : the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.
- 3 O praise the Lord with me : and let us magnify his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he heard me : yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.
- 5 They had an eye unto him, and were lightened : and their faces were not ashamed.
- 6 Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him : yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him : and delivereth them.
- 8 O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is : blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
- 9 O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints : for they that fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The lions do lack, and suffer hunger : but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.
- 11 Come, ye children, and hearken unto me : I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- 12 What man is he that lusteth to live : and would fain see good days ?
- 13 Keep thy tongue from evil : and thy lips, that they speak no guile.
- 14 Eschew evil, and do good : seek peace, and ensue it.
- 15 The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous : and his ears are open unto their prayers.

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16 The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil : to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them : and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart : and will save such as be of an humble spirit.

19 Great are the troubles of the righteous : but the Lord delivereth him out of all.

20 He keepeth all his bones : so that not one of them is broken.

21 But misfortune shall slay the ungodly : and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

22 The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants : and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

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DAY 7. MORN.

PLEAD thou my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me : and fight thou against them that fight against me.

2 Lay hand upon the shield and buckler : and stand up to help me.

3 Bring forth the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me : say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

4 Let them be confounded and put to shame, that seek after my soul : let them be turned back and brought to confusion, that imagine mischief for me.

5 Let them be as the dust before the wind : and the angel of the Lord scattering them.

6 Let their way be dark and slippery : and let the angel of the Lord persecute them.

7 For they have privily laid their net to destroy me without a cause : yea, even without a cause have they made a pit for my soul.

8 Let a sudden destruction come upon him unawares,

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and his net, that he hath laid privily, catch himself : that he may fall into his own mischief.

9 And, my soul, be joyful in the Lord : it shall rejoice in his salvation.

10 All my bones shall say, Lord, who is like unto thee, who deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him : yea, the poor, and him that is in misery, from him that spoileth him?

11 False witnesses did rise up : they laid to my charge things that I knew not.

12 They rewarded me evil for good : to the great discomfort of my soul.

13 Nevertheless, when they were sick, I put on sackcloth, and humbled my soul with fasting : and my prayer shall turn into mine own bosom.

14 I behaved myself as though it had been my friend or my brother : I went heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother.

15 But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together : yea, the very abjects came together against me unawares, making mouths at me, and ceased not.

16 With the flatterers were busy mockers : who gnashed upon me with their teeth.

17 Lord, how long wilt thou look upon this : O deliver my soul from the calamities which they bring on me, and my darling from the lions.

18 So will I give thee thanks in the great congregation : I will praise thee among much people.

19 O let not them that are mine enemies triumph over me ungodly : neither let them wink with their eyes that hate me without a cause.

20 And why? their communing is not for peace : but they imagine deceitful words against them that are quiet in the land.

21 They gaped upon me with their mouths, and said : Fie on thee, fie on thee, we saw it with our eyes.

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22 This thou hast seen, O Lord : hold not thy tongue then, go not far from me, O Lord.

23 Awake, and stand up to judge my quarrel : avenge thou my cause, my God, and my Lord.

24 Judge me, O Lord my God, according to thy righteousness : and let them not triumph over me.

25 Let them not say in their hearts, There, there, so would we have it : neither let them say, We have devoured him.

26 Let them be put to confusion and shame together, that rejoice at my trouble : let them be clothed with rebuke and dishonour, that boast themselves against me.

27 Let them be glad and rejoice, that favour my righteous dealing : yea, let them say alway, Blessed be the Lord, who hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

28 And as for my tongue, it shall be talking of thy righteousness : and of thy praise all the day long.

PSALM 36

MY heart sheweth me the wickedness of the ungodly : that there is no fear of God before his eyes.

2 For he flattereth himself in his own sight : until his abominable sin be found out.

3 The words of his mouth are unrighteous, and full of deceit : he hath left off to behave himself wisely, and to do good.

4 He imagineth mischief upon his bed, and hath set himself in no good way : neither doth he abhor any thing that is evil.

5 Thy mercy, O Lord, reacheth unto the heavens : and thy faithfulness unto the clouds.

6 Thy righteousness standeth like the strong mountains : thy judgements are like the great deep.

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7 Thou, Lord, shalt save both man and beast ; How excellent is thy mercy, O God : and the children of men shall put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

8 They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness of thy house : and thou shalt give them drink of thy pleasures, as out of the river.

9 For with thee is the well of life : and in thy light shall we see light.

10 O continue forth thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee : and thy righteousness unto them that are true of heart.

11 O let not the foot of pride come against me : and let not the hand of the ungodly cast me down.

12 There are they fallen, all that work wickedness : they are cast down, and shall not be able to stand.

PSALM 37

DAY 7, EVEN.

FRET not thyself because of the ungodly : neither be thou envious against the evil-doers.

2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass : and be withered even as the green herb.

3 Put thou thy trust in the Lord, and be doing good : dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

4 Delight thou in the Lord : and he shall give thee thy heart's desire.

5 Commit thy way unto the Lord, and put thy trust in him : and he shall bring it to pass.

6 He shall make thy righteousness as clear as the light : and thy just dealing as the noon-day.

7 Hold thee still in the Lord, and abide patiently upon him : but grieve not thyself at him whose way doth prosper, against the man that doeth after evil counsels.

8 Leave off from wrath, and let go displeasure : fret not thyself, else shalt thou be moved to do evil.

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- 9 Wicked doers shall be rooted out : and they that patiently abide the Lord, those shall inherit the land.
- 10 Yet a little while, and the ungodly shall be clean gone : thou shalt look after his place, and he shall be away.
- 11 But the meek-spirited shall possess the earth : and shall be refreshed in the multitude of peace.
- 12 The ungodly seeketh counsel against the just : and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.
- 13 The Lord shall laugh him to scorn : for he hath seen that his day is coming.
- 14 The ungodly have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow : to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as are of a right conversation.
- 15 Their sword shall go through their own heart : and their bow shall be broken.
- 16 A small thing that the righteous hath : is better than great riches of the ungodly.
- 17 For the arms of the ungodly shall be broken : and the Lord upholdeth the righteous.
- 18 The Lord knoweth the days of the godly : and their inheritance shall endure for ever.
- 19 They shall not be confounded in the perilous time : and in the days of dearth they shall have enough.
- 20 As for the ungodly, they shall perish ; and the enemies of the Lord shall consume as the fat of lambs : yea, even as the smoke shall they consume away.
- 21 The ungodly borroweth, and payeth not again : but the righteous is merciful and liberal.
- 22 Such as are blessed of God shall possess the land : and they that are cursed of him shall be rooted out.
- 23 The Lord ordereth a good man's going : and maketh his way acceptable to himself.
- 24 Though he fall, he shall not be cast away : for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.
- 25 I have been young, and now am old : and yet saw

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- I never the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging their bread.
- 26 The righteous is ever merciful, and lendeth : and his seed is blessed.
- 27 Flee from evil, and do the thing that is good : and dwell for evermore.
- 28 For the Lord loveth the thing that is right : he forsaketh not his that be godly, but they are preserved for ever.
- 29 The unrighteous shall be punished : as for the seed of the ungodly, it shall be rooted out.
- 30 The righteous shall inherit the land : and dwell therein for ever.
- 31 The mouth of the righteous is exercised in wisdom : and his tongue will be talking of judgement.
- 32 The law of his God is in his heart : and his goings shall not slide.
- 33 The ungodly seeth the righteous : and seeketh occasion to slay him.
- 34 The Lord will not leave him in his hand : nor condemn him when he is judged.
- 35 Hope thou in the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall promote thee, that thou shalt possess the land : when the ungodly shall perish, thou shalt see it.
- 36 I myself have seen the ungodly in great power : and flourishing like a green bay-tree.
- 37 I went by, and lo, he was gone : I sought him, but his place could no where be found.
- 38 Keep innocency, and take heed unto the thing that is right : for that shall bring a man peace at the last.
- 39 As for the transgressors, they shall perish together : and the end of the ungodly is, they shall be rooted out at the last.
- 40 But the salvation of the righteous cometh of the Lord : who is also their strength in the time of trouble.

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41 **And the Lord shall stand by them, and save them : he shall deliver them from the ungodly, and shall save them, because they put their trust in him.**

PSALM 38

DAY 8. MORN.

PUT me not to rebuke, O Lord, in thine anger : neither chasten me in thy heavy displeasure.

2 For thine arrows stick fast in me : and thy hand presseth me sore.

3 There is no health in my flesh, because of thy displeasure : neither is there any rest in my bones, by reason of my sin.

4 For my wickednesses are gone over my head : and are like a sore burden, too heavy for me to bear.

5 My wounds stink, and are corrupt : through my foolishness.

6 I am brought into so great trouble and misery : that I go mourning all the day long.

7 For my loins are filled with a sore disease : and there is no whole part in my body.

8 I am feeble, and sore smitten : I have roared for the very disquietness of my heart.

9 Lord, thou knowest all my desire : and my groaning is not hid from thee.

10 My heart panteth, my strength hath failed me : and the sight of mine eyes is gone from me.

11 My lovers and my neighbours did stand looking upon my trouble : and my kinsmen stood afar off.

12 They also that sought after my life laid snares for me : and they that went about to do me evil talked of wickedness, and imagined deceit all the day long.

13 As for me, I was like a deaf man, and heard not : and as one that is dumb, who doth not open his mouth.

14 I became even as a man that heareth not : and in whose mouth are no reproofs.

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15 For in thee, O Lord, have I put my trust : thou shalt answer for me, O Lord my God.

16 I have required that they, even mine enemies, should not triumph over me : for when my foot slipped, they rejoiced greatly against me.

17 And I, truly, am set in the plague : and my heaviness is ever in my sight.

18 For I will confess my wickedness : and be sorry for my sin.

19 But mine enemies live, and are mighty : and they that hate me wrongfully are many in number.

20 They also that reward evil for good are against me : because I follow the thing that good is.

21 Forsake me not, O Lord my God : be not thou far from me.

22 Hasten thee to help me : O Lord God of my salvation.

PSALM 39

I SAID, I will take heed to my ways : that I offend not in my tongue.

2 I will keep my mouth as it were with a bridle : while the ungodly is in my sight.

3 I held my tongue, and spake nothing : I kept silence, yea, even from good words ; but it was pain and grief to me.

4 My heart was hot within me, and while I was thus musing the fire kindled : and at the last I spake with my tongue ;

5 Lord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days : that I may be certified how long I have to live.

6 Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long : and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee ; and verily every man living is altogether vanity.

7 For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain : he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

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8 And now, Lord, what is my hope : truly my hope is even in thee.

9 Deliver me from all mine offences : and make me not a rebuke unto the foolish.

10 I became dumb, and opened not my mouth : for it was thy doing.

11 Take thy plague away from me : I am even consumed by the means of thy heavy hand.

12 When thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, thou makest his beauty to consume away, like as it were a moth fretting a garment : every man therefore is but vanity.

13 Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears consider my calling : hold not thy peace at my tears.

14 For I am a stranger with thee : and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

15 O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength : before I go hence, and be no more seen.

PSALM 40

I WAITED patiently for the Lord : and he inclined unto me, and heard my calling.

2 He brought me also out of the horrible pit, out of the mire and clay : and set my feet upon the rock, and ordered my goings.

3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth : even a thanksgiving unto our God.

4 Many shall see it, and fear : and shall put their trust in the Lord.

5 Blessed is the man that hath set his hope in the Lord : and turned not unto the proud, and to such as go about with lies.

6 O Lord my God, great are the wondrous works which thou hast done, like as be also thy thoughts which are to us-ward : and yet there is no man that ordereth them unto thee.

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7 If I should declare them, and speak of them : they should be more than I am able to express.

8 Sacrifice and meat-offering thou wouldest not : but mine ears hast thou opened.

9 Burnt-offerings, and sacrifice for sin, hast thou not required : then said I, Lo, I come,

10 In the volume of the book it is written of me, that I should fulfil thy will, O my God : I am content to do it ; yea, thy law is within my heart.

11 I have declared thy righteousness in the great congregation : lo, I will not refrain my lips, O Lord, and that thou knowest.

12 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart : my talk hath been of thy truth and of thy salvation.

13 I have not kept back thy loving mercy and truth : from the great congregation.

14 Withdraw not thou thy mercy from me, O Lord : let thy loving-kindness and thy truth always preserve me.

15 For innumerable troubles are come about me ; my sins have taken such hold upon me that I am not able to look up : yea, they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart hath failed me.

16 O Lord, let it be thy pleasure to deliver me : make haste, O Lord, to help me.

17 Let them be ashamed and confounded together, that seek after my soul to destroy it : let them be driven backward and put to rebuke, that wish me evil.

18 Let them be desolate, and rewarded with shame : that say unto me, Fie upon thee, fie upon thee.

19 Let all those that seek thee be joyful and glad in thee : and let such as love thy salvation say always, The Lord be praised.

20 As for me, I am poor and needy : but the Lord careth for me.

21 Thou art my helper and redeemer : make no long tarrying, O my God.

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PSALM 41

DAY 8. EVEN.

BLESSED is he that considereth the poor and needy :
 1 The Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble.
 2 The Lord preserve him, and keep him alive, that he
 may be blessed upon earth : and deliver not thou him
 into the will of his enemies.
 3 The Lord comfort him, when he lieth sick upon his
 bed : make thou all his bed in his sickness.
 4 I said, Lord, be merciful unto me : heal my soul,
 for I have sinned against thee.
 5 Mine enemies speak evil of me : When shall he die,
 and his name perish?
 6 And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity : and
 his heart conceiveth falsehood within himself, and
 when he cometh forth he telleth it.
 7 All mine enemies whisper together against me : even
 against me do they imagine this evil.
 8 Let the sentence of guiltiness proceed against him :
 and now that he lieth, let him rise up no more.
 9 Yea, even mine own familiar friend, whom I
 trusted : who did also eat of my bread, hath laid
 great wait for me.
 10 But be thou merciful unto me, O Lord : raise thou
 me up again, and I shall reward them.
 11 By this I know thou favourest me : that mine
 enemy doth not triumph against me.
 12 And when I am in my health, thou upholdest me :
 and shalt set me before thy face for ever.
 13 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel : world without
 end. Amen.

PSALM 42

LIKE as the hart desireth the water-brooks : so
 1 longeth my soul after thee, O God.
 2 My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living

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God : when shall I come to appear before the
 presence of God?
 3 My tears have been my meat day and night :
 while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy
 God?
 4 Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart
 by myself : for I went with the multitude, and brought
 them forth into the house of God;
 5 In the voice of praise and thanksgiving : among
 such as keep holy-day.
 6 Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul : and
 why art thou so disquieted within me?
 7 Put thy trust in God : for I will yet give him thanks
 for the help of his countenance.
 8 My God, my soul is vexed within me : therefore will
 I remember thee concerning the land of Jordan, and
 the little hill of Hermon.
 9 One deep calleth another, because of the noise of
 the water-pipes : all thy waves and storms are gone
 over me.
 10 The Lord hath granted his loving-kindness in
 the day-time : and in the night-season did I sing
 of him, and made my prayer unto the God of my
 life.
 11 I will say unto the God of my strength, Why hast
 thou forgotten me : why go I thus heavily, while the
 enemy oppresseth me?
 12 My bones are smitten asunder as with a sword :
 while mine enemies that trouble me cast me in the
 teeth;
 13 Namely, while they say daily unto me : Where is
 now thy God?
 14 Why art thou so vexed, O my soul : and why art
 thou so disquieted within me?
 15 O put thy trust in God : for I will yet thank
 him, which is the help of my countenance, and my
 God.

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GIVE sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people : O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.

2 For thou art the God of my strength, why hast thou put me from thee : and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?

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

4 And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness : and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God, my God.

5 Why art thou so heavy, O my soul : and why art thou so disquieted within me?

6 O put thy trust in God : for I will yet give him thanks, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

PSALM 44 DAY 9. MORN.

WE have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us : what thou hast done in their time of old;

2 How thou hast driven out the heathen with thy hand, and planted them in : how thou hast destroyed the nations and cast them out.

3 For they gat not the land in possession through their own sword : neither was it their own arm that helped them;

4 But thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance : because thou hadst a favour unto them.

5 Thou art my King, O God : send help unto Jacob.

6 Through thee will we overthrow our enemies : and in thy Name will we tread them under, that rise up against us.

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7 For I will not trust in my bow : it is not my sword that shall help me;

8 But it is thou that savest us from our enemies : and putteth them to confusion that hate us.

9 We make our boast of God all day long : and will praise thy Name for ever.

10 But now thou art far off, and putteth us to confusion : and goest not forth with our armies.

11 Thou makest us to turn our backs upon our enemies : so that they which hate us spoil our goods.

12 Thou lettest us be eaten up like sheep : and hast scattered us among the heathen.

13 Thou sellest thy people for nought : and takest no money for them.

14 Thou makest us to be rebuked of our neighbours : to be laughed to scorn, and had in derision of them that are round about us.

15 Thou makest us to be a by-word among the heathen : and that the people shake their heads at us.

16 My confusion is daily before me : and the shame of my face hath covered me;

17 For the voice of the slanderer and blasphemer : for the enemy and avenger.

18 And though all this be come upon us, yet do we not forget thee : nor behave ourselves frowardly in thy covenant.

19 Our heart is not turned back : neither our steps gone out of thy way;

20 No, not when thou hast smitten us into the place of dragons : and covered us with the shadow of death.

21 If we have forgotten the Name of our God, and holden up our hands to any strange god : shall not God search it out? for he knoweth the very secrets of the heart.

22 For thy sake also are we killed all the day long : and are counted as sheep appointed to be slain.

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23 Up, Lord, why sleepest thou : awake, and be not absent from us for ever.

24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face : and forgettest our misery and trouble?

25 For our soul is brought low, even unto the dust : our belly cleaveth unto the ground.

26 Arise, and help us : and deliver us for thy mercy's sake.

PSALM 45

MY heart is inditing of a good matter : I speak of the things which I have made unto the King.

2 My tongue is the pen : of a ready writer.

3 Thou art fairer than the children of men : full of grace are thy lips, because God hath blessed thee for ever.

4 Gird thee with thy sword upon thy thigh, O thou most Mighty : according to thy worship and renown.

5 Good luck have thou with thine honour : ride on, because of the word of truth, of meekness, and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

6 Thy arrows are very sharp, and the people shall be subdued unto thee : even in the midst among the King's enemies.

7 Thy seat, O God, endureth for ever : the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

8 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity : wherefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

9 All thy garments smell of myrrh, aloes, and cassia : out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

10 Kings' daughters were among thy honourable women : upon thy right hand did stand the queen in a vesture of gold, wrought about with divers colours.

11 Hearken, O daughter, and consider, incline thine

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ear : forget also thine own people, and thy father's house.

12 So shall the King have pleasure in thy beauty : for he is thy Lord God, and worship thou him.

13 And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift : like as the rich also among the people shall make their supplication before thee.

14 The King's daughter is all glorious within : her clothing is of wrought gold.

15 She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needle-work : the virgins that be her fellows shall bear her company, and shall be brought unto thee.

16 With joy and gladness shall they be brought : and shall enter into the King's palace.

17 Instead of thy fathers thou shalt have children : whom thou mayest make princes in all lands.

18 I will remember thy Name from one generation to another : therefore shall the people give thanks unto thee, world without end.

PSALM 46

GOD is our hope and strength : a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved : and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;

3 Though the waters thereof rage and swell : and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

4 The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God : the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.

5 God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed : God shall help her, and that right early.

6 The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms

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are moved : but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.

7 The Lord of hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge.

8 O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord : what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.

9 He maketh wars to cease in all the world : he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

10 Be still then, and know that I am God : I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.

11 The Lord of hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge.

PSALM 47

DAY 9. EVEN.

O CLAP your hands together, all ye people : O sing unto God with the voice of melody.

2 For the Lord is high, and to be feared : he is the great King upon all the earth.

3 He shall subdue the people under us : and the nations under our feet.

4 He shall choose out an heritage for us : even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved.

5 God is gone up with a merry noise : and the Lord with the sound of the trump.

6 O sing praises, sing praises unto our God : O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.

7 For God is the King of all the earth : sing ye praises with understanding.

8 God reigneth over the heathen : God sitteth upon his holy seat.

9 The princes of the people are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham : for God, which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.

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PSALM 48

GREAT is the Lord, and highly to be praised : in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.

2 The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth : upon the north-side lieth the city of the great King ; God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.

3 For lo, the kings of the earth : are gathered, and gone by together.

4 They marvelled to see such things : they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.

5 Fear came there upon them, and sorrow : as upon a woman in her travail.

6 Thou shalt break the ships of the sea : through the east-wind.

7 Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God : God upholdeth the same for ever.

8 We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God : in the midst of thy temple.

9 O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end : thy right hand is full of righteousness.

10 Let the mount Sion rejoice, and the daughters of Judah be glad : because of thy judgements.

11 Walk about Sion, and go round about her : and tell the towers thereof.

12 Mark well her bulwarks, set up her houses : that ye may tell them that come after.

13 For this God is our God for ever and ever : he shall be our guide unto death.

PSALM 49

O HEAR ye this, all ye people : ponder it with your ears, all ye that dwell in the world ;

2 High and low, rich and poor : one with another.

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- 3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom : and my heart shall muse of understanding.
- 4 I will incline mine ear to the parable : and shew my dark speech upon the harp.
- 5 Wherefore should I fear in the days of wickedness : and when the wickedness of my heels compasseth me round about?
- 6 There be some that put their trust in their goods : and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches.
- 7 But no man may deliver his brother : nor make agreement unto God for him;
- 8 For it cost more to redeem their souls : so that he must let that alone for ever;
- 9 Yea, though he live long : and see not the grave.
- 10 For he seeth that wise men also die, and perish together : as well as the ignorant and foolish, and leave their riches for other.
- 11 And yet they think that their houses shall continue for ever : and that their dwelling-places shall endure from one generation to another; and call the lands after their own names.
- 12 Nevertheless, man will not abide in honour : seeing he may be compared unto the beasts that perish; this is the way of them.
- 13 This is their foolishness : and their posterity praise their saying.
- 14 They lie in the hell like sheep, death gnaweth upon them, and the righteous shall have domination over them in the morning : their beauty shall consume in the sepulchre out of their dwelling.
- 15 But God hath delivered my soul from the place of hell : for he shall receive me.
- 16 Be not thou afraid, though one be made rich : or if the glory of his house be increased;
- 17 For he shall carry nothing away with him when he dieth : neither shall his pomp follow him.

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- 18 For while he lived, he counted himself an happy man : and so long as thou doest well unto thyself, men will speak good of thee.
- 19 He shall follow the generation of his fathers : and shall never see light.
- 20 Man being in honour hath no understanding : but is compared unto the beasts that perish.

PSALM 50 DAY 10. MORN.

- T**HE Lord, even the most mighty God, hath spoken : and called the world, from the rising up of the sun unto the going down thereof.
- 2 Out of Sion hath God appeared : in perfect beauty.
- 3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence : there shall go before him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about him.
- 4 He shall call the heaven from above : and the earth, that he may judge his people.
- 5 Gather my saints together unto me : those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.
- 6 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness : for God is Judge himself.
- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak : I myself will testify against thee, O Israel; for I am God, even thy God.
- 8 I will not reprove thee because of thy sacrifices, or for thy burnt-offerings : because they were not always before me.
- 9 I will take no bullock out of thine house : nor he-goat out of thy folds.
- 10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine : and so are the cattle upon a thousand hills.
- 11 I know all the fowls upon the mountains : and the wild beasts of the field are in my sight.
- 12 If I be hungry, I will not tell thee : for the whole world is mine, and all that is therein.

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- 13 **Thinkest thou that I will eat bulls' flesh : and drink the blood of goats?**
14 **Offer unto God thanksgiving : and pay thy vows unto the most Highest.**
15 **And call upon me in the time of trouble : so will I hear thee, and thou shalt praise me.**
16 **But unto the ungodly said God : Why dost thou preach my laws, and takest my covenant in thy mouth;**
17 **Whereas thou hatest to be reformed : and hast cast my words behind thee?**
18 **When thou sawest a thief, thou consentedst unto him : and hast been partaker with the adulterers,**
19 **Thou hast let thy mouth speak wickedness : and with thy tongue thou hast set forth deceit.**
20 **Thou satest, and spakest against thy brother : yea, and hast slandered thine own mother's son.**
21 **These things hast thou done, and I held my tongue, and thou thoughtest wickedly, that I am even such a one as thyself : but I will reprove thee, and set before thee the things that thou hast done.**
22 **O consider this, ye that forget God : lest I pluck you away, and there be none to deliver you.**
23 **Whoso offereth me thanks and praise, he honoureth me : and to him that ordereth his conversation right will I shew the salvation of God.**

PSALM 51

- H**AVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness : according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.
2 **Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness : and cleanse me from my sin.**
3 **For I acknowledge my faults : and my sin is ever before me.**
4 **Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil**

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- in thy sight : that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.**
5 **Behold, I was shapen in wickedness : and in sin hath my mother conceived me.**
6 **But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts : and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.**
7 **Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean : thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**
8 **Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness : that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.**
9 **Turn thy face from my sins : and put out all my misdeeds.**
10 **Make me a clean heart, O God : and renew a right spirit within me.**
11 **Cast me not away from thy presence : and take not thy holy Spirit from me.**
12 **O give me the comfort of thy help again : and stablish me with thy free Spirit.**
13 **Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked : and sinners shall be converted unto thee.**
14 **Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health : and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.**
15 **Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord : and my mouth shall shew thy praise.**
16 **For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee : but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.**
17 **The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit : a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.**
18 **O be favourable and gracious unto Sion : build thou the walls of Jerusalem.**
19 **Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations : then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.**

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WHY boastest thou thyself, thou tyrant : that thou canst do mischief;
2 Whereas the goodness of God : endureth yet daily?
3 Thy tongue imagineth wickedness : and with lies thou cuttest like a sharp razor.
4 Thou hast loved unrighteousness more than goodness : and to talk of lies more than righteousness.
5 Thou hast loved to speak all words that may do hurt : O thou false tongue.
6 Therefore shall God destroy thee for ever : he shall take thee, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling, and root thee out of the land of the living.
7 The righteous also shall see this, and fear : and shall laugh him to scorn;
8 Lo, this is the man that took not God for his strength : but trusted unto the multitude of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.
9 As for me, I am like a green olive-tree in the house of God : my trust is in the tender mercy of God for ever and ever.
10 I will always give thanks unto thee for that thou hast done : and I will hope in thy Name, for thy saints like it well.

PSALM 53 DAY 10. EVEN.

THE foolish body hath said in his heart : There is no God.
2 Corrupt are they, and become abominable in their wickedness : there is none that doeth good.
3 God looked down from heaven upon the children of men : to see if there were any that would understand, and seek after God.
4 But they are all gone out of the way, they are altogether become abominable : there is also none that doeth good, no not one.

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5 Are not they without understanding, that work wickedness : eating up my people as if they would eat bread? they have not called upon God.
6 They were afraid where no fear was : for God hath broken the bones of him that besieged thee; thou hast put them to confusion, because God hath despised them.
7 O that the salvation were given unto Israel out of Sion : O that the Lord would deliver his people out of captivity!
8 Then should Jacob rejoice : and Israel should be right glad.

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SAVE me, O God, for thy Name's sake : and avenge me in thy strength.
2 Hear my prayer, O God : and hearken unto the words of my mouth.
3 For strangers are risen up against me : and tyrants, which have not God before their eyes, seek after my soul.
4 Behold, God is my helper : the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.
5 He shall reward evil unto mine enemies : destroy thou them in thy truth.
6 An offering of a free heart will I give thee, and praise thy Name, O Lord : because it is so comfortable.
7 For he hath delivered me out of all my trouble : and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

PSALM 55

HEAR my prayer, O God : and hide not thyself from my petition.
2 Take heed unto me, and hear me : how I mourn in my prayer, and am vexed.

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3 The enemy crieth so, and the ungodly cometh on so fast : for they are minded to do me some mischief ; so maliciously are they set against me.

4 My heart is disquieted within me : and the fear of death is fallen upon me.

5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me : and an horrible dread hath overwhelmed me.

6 And I said, O that I had wings like a dove : for then would I flee away, and be at rest.

7 Lo, then would I get me away far off : and remain in the wilderness.

8 I would make haste to escape : because of the stormy wind and tempest.

9 Destroy their tongues, O Lord, and divide them : for I have spied unrighteousness and strife in the city.

10 Day and night they go about within the walls thereof : mischief also and sorrow are in the midst of it.

11 Wickedness is therein : deceit and guile go not out of their streets.

12 For it is not an open enemy, that hath done me this dishonour : for then I could have borne it.

13 Neither was it mine adversary, that did magnify himself against me : for then peradventure I would have hid myself from him.

14 But it was even thou, my companion : my guide, and mine own familiar friend.

15 We took sweet counsel together : and walked in the house of God as friends.

[16 Let death come hastily upon them, and let them go down quick into hell : for wickedness is in their dwellings and among them.]

17 As for me, I will call upon God : and the Lord shall save me.

18 In the evening, and morning, and at noon-day will I pray, and that instantly : and he shall hear my voice.

19 It is he that hath delivered my soul in peace from

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the battle that was against me : for there were many with me.

20 Yea, even God, that endureth for ever, shall hear me, and bring them down : for they will not turn, nor fear God.

21 He laid his hands upon such as be at peace with him : and he brake his covenant.

22 The words of his mouth were softer than butter, having war in his heart : his words were smoother than oil, and yet be they very swords.

23 O cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall nourish thee : and shall not suffer the righteous to fall for ever.

24 And as for them : thou, O God, shalt bring them into the pit of destruction.

25 The blood-thirsty and deceitful men shall not live out half their days : nevertheless, my trust shall be in thee, O Lord.

PSALM 56

DAY 11. MORN.

B merciful unto me, O God, for man goeth about to devour me : he is daily fighting, and troubling me.

2 Mine enemies are daily in hand to swallow me up : for they be many that fight against me, O thou most Highest.

3 Nevertheless, though I am sometime afraid : yet put I my trust in thee.

4 I will praise God, because of his word : I have put my trust in God, and will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

5 They daily mistake my words : all that they imagine is to do me evil.

6 They hold all together, and keep themselves close : and mark my steps, when they lay wait for my soul.

7 Shall they escape for their wickedness : thou, O God, in thy displeasure shalt cast them down.

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8 Thou tellest my flittings; put my tears into thy bottle : are not these things noted in thy book? .

9 Whensoever I call upon thee, then shall mine enemies be put to flight : this I know; for God is on my side.

10 In God's word will I rejoice : in the Lord's word will I comfort me.

11 Yea, in God have I put my trust : I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

12 Unto thee, O God, will I pay my vows : unto thee will I give thanks.

13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death, and my feet from falling : that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

PSALM 57

BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me, for my soul trusteth in thee : and under the shadow of thy wings shall be my refuge, until this tyranny be over-past.

2 I will call unto the most high God : even unto the God that shall perform the cause which I have in hand.

3 He shall send from heaven : and save me from the reproof of him that would eat me up.

4 God shall send forth his mercy and truth : my soul is among lions.

5 And I lie even among the children of men, that are set on fire : whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.

6 Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens : and thy glory above all the earth.

7 They have laid a net for my feet, and pressed down my soul : they have digged a pit before me, and are fallen into the midst of it themselves.

8 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed : I will sing, and give praise.

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9 Awake up, my glory; awake, lute and harp : I myself will awake right early.

10 I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people : and I will sing unto thee among the nations.

11 For the greatness of thy mercy reacheth unto the heavens : and thy truth unto the clouds.

12 Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens : and thy glory above all the earth.

[PSALM 58

ARE your minds set upon righteousness, O ye congregation : and do ye judge the thing that is right, O ye sons of men?

2 Yea, ye imagine mischief in your heart upon the earth : and your hands deal with wickedness.

3 The ungodly are froward, even from their mother's womb : as soon as they are born, they go astray, and speak lies.

4 They are as venomous as the poison of a serpent : even like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ears;

5 Which refuseth to hear the voice of the charmer : charm he never so wisely.

6 Break their teeth, O God, in their mouths; smite the jaw-bones of the lions, O Lord : let them fall away like water that runneth apace; and when they shoot their arrows let them be rooted out.

7 Let them consume away like a snail, and be like the untimely fruit of a woman : and let them not see the sun.

8 Or ever your pots be made hot with thorns : so let indignation vex him, even as a thing that is raw.

9 The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance : he shall wash his footsteps in the blood of the ungodly.

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10 So that a man shall say, Verily there is a reward for the righteous : doubtless there is a God that judgeth the earth.]

PSALM 59 DAY 11. EVEN.

DELIVER me from mine enemies, O God : defend me from them that rise up against me.
 2 O deliver me from the wicked doers : and save me from the blood-thirsty men.
 3 For lo, they lie waiting for my soul : the mighty men are gathered against me, without any offence or fault of me, O Lord.
 4 They run and prepare themselves without my fault : arise thou therefore to help me, and behold.
 5 Stand up, O Lord God of hosts, thou God of Israel, to visit all the heathen : and be not merciful unto them that offend of malicious wickedness.
 6 They go to and fro in the evening : they grin like a dog, and run about through the city.
 7 Behold, they speak with their mouth, and swords are in their lips : for who doth hear?
 8 But thou, O Lord, shalt have them in derision : and thou shalt laugh all the heathen to scorn.
 9 My strength will I ascribe unto thee : for thou art the God of my refuge.
 10 God sheweth me his goodness plenteously : and God shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies.
 11 Slay them not, lest my people forget it : but scatter them abroad among the people, and put them down, O Lord, our defence.
 12 For the sin of their mouth, and for the words of their lips, they shall be taken in their pride : and why? their preaching is of cursing and lies.
 13 Consume them in thy wrath, consume them, that they may perish : and know that it is God that ruleth in Jacob, and unto the ends of the world.

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14 And in the evening they will return : grin like a dog, and will go about the city.
 15 They will run here and there for meat : and grudge if they be not satisfied.
 16 As for me, I will sing of thy power, and will praise thy mercy betimes in the morning : for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.
 17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing : for thou, O God, art my refuge, and my merciful God.

PSALM 60

O GOD, thou hast cast us out, and scattered us abroad : thou hast also been displeased ; O turn thee unto us again.
 2 Thou hast moved the land, and divided it : heal the sores thereof, for it shaketh.
 3 Thou hast shewed thy people heavy things : thou hast given us a drink of deadly wine.
 4 Thou hast given a token for such as fear thee : that they may triumph because of the truth.
 5 Therefore were thy beloved delivered : help me with thy right hand, and hear me.
 6 God hath spoken in his holiness, I will rejoice, and divide Sichem : and mete out the valley of Succoth.
 7 Gilead is mine, and Manasses is mine : Ephraim also is the strength of my head ; Judah is my law-giver ;
 8 Moab is my wash-pot ; over Edom will I cast out my shoe : Philistia, be thou glad of me.
 9 Who will lead me into the strong city : who will bring me into Edom?
 10 Hast not thou cast us out, O God : wilt not thou, O God, go out with our hosts?
 11 O be thou our help in trouble : for vain is the help of man.
 12 Through God will we do great acts : for it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

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PSALM 61

HEAR my crying, O God : give ear unto my prayer.
2 From the ends of the earth will I call upon thee : when my heart is in heaviness.

3 O set me up upon the rock that is higher than I : for thou hast been my hope, and a strong tower for me against the enemy.

4 I will dwell in thy tabernacle for ever : and my trust shall be under the covering of thy wings.

5 For thou, O Lord, hast heard my desires : and hast given an heritage unto those that fear thy Name.

6 Thou shalt grant the King a long life : that his years may endure throughout all generations.

7 He shall dwell before God for ever : O prepare thy loving mercy and faithfulness, that they may preserve him.

8 So will I always sing praise unto thy Name : that I may daily perform my vows.

PSALM 62 DAY 12. MORN.

MY soul truly waiteth still upon God : for of him cometh my salvation.

2 He verily is my strength and my salvation : he is my defence, so that I shall not greatly fall.

3 How long will ye imagine mischief against every man : ye shall be slain all the sort of you; yea, as a tottering wall shall ye be, and like a broken hedge.

4 Their device is only how to put him out whom God will exalt : their delight is in lies; they give good words with their mouth, but curse with their heart.

5 Nevertheless, my soul, wait thou still upon God : for my hope is in him.

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6 He truly is my strength and my salvation : he is my defence, so that I shall not fall.

7 In God is my health, and my glory : the rock of my might, and in God is my trust.

8 O put your trust in him always, ye people : pour out your hearts before him, for God is our hope.

9 As for the children of men, they are but vanity : the children of men are deceitful upon the weights, they are altogether lighter than vanity itself.

10 O trust not in wrong and robbery, give not yourselves unto vanity : if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

11 God spake once, and twice I have also heard the same : that power belongeth unto God;

12 And that thou, Lord, art merciful : for thou rewardest every man according to his work.

PSALM 63

O GOD, thou art my God : early will I seek thee.

2 My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee : in a barren and dry land where no water is.

3 Thus have I looked for thee in holiness : that I might behold thy power and glory.

4 For thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself : my lips shall praise thee.

5 As long as I live will I magnify thee on this manner : and lift up my hands in thy Name.

6 My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with marrow and fatness : when my mouth praiseth thee with joyful lips.

7 Have I not remembered thee in my bed : and thought upon thee when I was waking?

8 Because thou hast been my helper : therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

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9 My soul hangeth upon thee : thy right hand hath upholden me.

10 These also that seek the hurt of my soul : they shall go under the earth.

11 Let them fall upon the edge of the sword : that they may be a portion for foxes.

12 But the King shall rejoice in God ; all they also that swear by him shall be commended : for the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

PSALM 64

HEAR my voice, O God, in my prayer : preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the gathering together of the froward : and from the insurrection of wicked doers ;

3 Who have whet their tongue like a sword : and shoot out their arrows, even bitter words ;

4 That they may privily shoot at him that is perfect : suddenly do they hit him, and fear not.

5 They encourage themselves in mischief : and commune among themselves how they may lay snares, and say that no man shall see them.

6 They imagine wickedness, and practise it : that they keep secret among themselves, every man in the deep of his heart.

7 But God shall suddenly shoot at them with a swift arrow : that they shall be wounded.

8 Yea, their own tongues shall make them fall : inasmuch that whoso seeth them shall laugh them to scorn.

9 And all men that see it shall say, This hath God done : for they shall perceive that it is his work.

10 The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, and put his trust in him : and all they that are true of heart shall be glad.

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PSALM 65

DAY 12, EVEN.

THOU, O God, art praised in Sion : and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

2 Thou that hearest the prayer : unto thee shall all flesh come.

3 My misdeeds prevail against me : O be thou merciful unto our sins.

4 Blessed is the man whom thou chooseth, and receivest unto thee : he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

5 Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation : thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.

6 Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains : and is girded about with power.

7 Who stilleth the raging of the sea : and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.

8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens : thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.

9 Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it : thou makest it very plenteous.

10 The river of God is full of water : thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.

11 Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof : thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.

12 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness : and thy clouds drop fatness.

13 They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness : and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.

14 The folds shall be full of sheep : the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

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PSALM 66

O BE joyful in God, all ye lands : sing praises unto the honour of his Name, make his praise to be glorious.

2 Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in thy works : through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies be found liars unto thee.

3 For all the world shall worship thee : sing of thee, and praise thy Name.

4 O come hither, and behold the works of God : how wonderful he is in his doing toward the children of men.

5 He turned the sea into dry land : so that they went through the water on foot; there did we rejoice thereof.

6 He ruleth with his power for ever; his eyes behold the people : and such as will not believe shall not be able to exalt themselves.

7 O praise our God, ye people : and make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holdeth our soul in life : and suffereth not our feet to slip.

9 For thou, O God, hast proved us : thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.

10 Thou broughtest us into the snare : and laidest trouble upon our loins.

11 Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads : we went through fire and water, and thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

12 I will go into thine house with burnt-offerings : and will pay thee my vows, which I promised with my lips, and spake with my mouth, when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer unto thee fat burnt-sacrifices, with the incense of rams : I will offer bullocks and goats.

14 O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God : and I will tell you what he hath done for my soul.

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15 I called unto him with my mouth : and gave him praises with my tongue.

16 If I incline unto wickedness with mine heart : the Lord will not hear me.

17 But God hath heard me : and considered the voice of my prayer.

18 Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer : nor turned his mercy from me.

PSALM 67

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us : and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us :

2 That thy way may be known upon earth : thy saving health among all nations.

3 Let the people praise thee, O God : yea, let all the people praise thee.

4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad : for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

5 Let the people praise thee, O God : let all the people praise thee.

6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase : and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

7 God shall bless us : and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

PSALM 68

DAY 13. MORN.

LET God arise, and let his enemies be scattered : let them also that hate him flee before him.

2 Like as the smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou drive them away : and like as wax melteth at the fire, so let the ungodly perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God : let them also be merry and joyful.

4 O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his Name :

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magnify him that rideth upon the heavens, as it were upon an horse; praise him in his Name JAH, and rejoice before him.

5 He is a father of the fatherless, and defendeth the cause of the widows : even God in his holy habitation.

6 He is the God that maketh men to be of one mind in an house, and bringeth the prisoners out of captivity : but letteth the runagates continue in scarceness.

7 O God, when thou wentest forth before the people : when thou wentest through the wilderness;

8 The earth shook, and the heavens dropped at the presence of God : even as Sinai also was moved at the presence of God, who is the God of Israel.

9 Thou, O God, sentest a gracious rain upon thine inheritance : and refreshedst it when it was weary.

10 Thy congregation shall dwell therein : for thou, O God, hast of thy goodness prepared for the poor.

11 The Lord gave the word : great was the company of the preachers.

12 Kings with their armies did flee, and were discomfited : and they of the household divided the spoil.

13 Though ye have lien among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove : that is covered with silver wings, and her feathers like gold.

14 When the Almighty scattered kings for their sake : then were they as white as snow in Salmon.

15 As the hill of Basan, so is God's hill : even an high hill, as the hill of Basan.

16 Why hop ye so, ye high hills? this is God's hill, in the which it pleaseth him to dwell : yea, the Lord will abide in it for ever.

17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels : and the Lord is among them, as in the holy place of Sinai.

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18 Thou art gone up on high, thou hast led captivity captive, and received gifts for men : yea, even for thine enemies, that the Lord God might dwell among them.

19 Praised be the Lord daily : even the God who helpeth us, and poureth his benefits upon us.

20 He is our God, even the God of whom cometh salvation : God is the Lord, by whom we escape death.

[21 God shall wound the head of his enemies : and the hairy scalp of such a one as goeth on still in his wickedness.

22 The Lord hath said, I will bring my people again, as I did from Basan : mine own will I bring again, as I did sometime from the deep of the sea.

23 That thy foot may be dipped in the blood of thine enemies : and that the tongue of thy dogs may be red through the same.]

24 It is well seen, O God, how thou goest : how thou, my God and King, goest in the sanctuary.

25 The singers go before, the minstrels follow after : in the midst are the damsels playing with the timbrels.

26 Give thanks, O Israel, unto God the Lord in the congregations : from the ground of the heart.

27 There is little Benjamin their ruler, and the princes of Judah their counsel : the princes of Zabulon, and the princes of Nephthali.

28 Thy God hath sent forth strength for thee : stablish the thing, O God, that thou hast wrought in us,

29 For thy temple's sake at Jerusalem : so shall kings bring presents unto thee.

30 When the company of the spear-men and multitude of the mighty are scattered abroad among the beasts of the people, so that they humbly bring pieces of silver : and when he hath scattered the people that delight in war;

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31 Then shall the princes come out of Egypt : the Morians' land shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.

32 Sing unto God, O ye kingdoms of the earth : O sing praises unto the Lord ;

33 Who sitteth in the heavens over all from the beginning : lo, he doth send out his voice, yea, and that a mighty voice.

34 Ascribe ye the power to God over Israel : his worship and strength is in the clouds.

35 O God, wonderful art thou in thy holy places : even the God of Israel, he will give strength and power unto his people; blessed be God.

PSALM 69 DAY 13. EVEN.

SAVE me, O God : for the waters are come in, even unto my soul.

2 I stick fast in the deep mire, where no ground is : I am come into deep waters, so that the floods run over me.

3 I am weary of crying; my throat is dry : my sight faileth me for waiting so long upon my God.

4 They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head : they that are mine enemies, and would destroy me guiltless, are mighty.

5 I paid them the things that I never took : God, thou knowest my simpleness, and my faults are not hid from thee.

6 Let not them that trust in thee, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed for my cause : let not those that seek thee be confounded through me, O Lord God of Israel.

7 And why? for thy sake have I suffered reproof : shame hath covered my face.

8 I am become a stranger unto my brethren : even an alien unto my mother's children.

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9 For the zeal of thine house hath even eaten me : and the rebukes of them that rebuked thee are fallen upon me.

10 I wept, and chastened myself with fasting : and that was turned to my reproof.

11 I put on sackcloth also : and they jested upon me.

12 They that sit in the gate speak against me : and the drunkards make songs upon me.

13 But, Lord, I make my prayer unto thee : in an acceptable time.

14 Hear me, O God, in the multitude of thy mercy : even in the truth of thy salvation.

15 Take me out of the mire, that I sink not : O let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.

16 Let not the water-flood drown me, neither let the deep swallow me up : and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.

17 Hear me, O Lord, for thy loving-kindness is comfortable : turn thee unto me according to the multitude of thy mercies.

18 And hide not thy face from thy servant, for I am in trouble : O haste thee, and hear me.

19 Draw nigh unto my soul, and save it : O deliver me, because of mine enemies.

20 Thou hast known my reproof, my shame, and my dishonour : mine adversaries are all in thy sight.

21 Thy rebuke hath broken my heart; I am full of heaviness : I looked for some to have pity on me, but there was no man, neither found I any to comfort me.

22 They gave me gall to eat : and when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.

[23 Let their table be made a snare to take themselves withal ; and let the things that should have been for their wealth be unto them an occasion of falling.

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- 24 Let their eyes be blinded, that they see not : and ever bow thou down their backs.
 25 Pour out thine indignation upon them : and let thy wrathful displeasure take hold of them.
 26 Let their habitation be void : and no man to dwell in their tents.
 27 For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten : and they talk how they may vex them whom thou hast wounded.
 28 Let them fall from one wickedness to another : and not come into thy righteousness.
 29 Let them be wiped out of the book of the living : and not be written among the righteous.]
 30 As for me, when I am poor and in heaviness : thy help, O God, shall lift me up.
 31 I will praise the Name of God with a song : and magnify it with thanksgiving.
 32 This also shall please the Lord : better than a bullock that hath horns and hoofs.
 33 The humble shall consider this, and be glad : seek ye after God, and your soul shall live.
 34 For the Lord heareth the poor : and despiseth not his prisoners.
 35 Let heaven and earth praise him : the sea, and all that moveth therein.
 36 For God will save Sion, and build the cities of Judah : that men may dwell there, and have it in possession.
 37 The posterity also of his servants shall inherit it : and they that love his Name shall dwell therein.

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- H**ASTE thee, O God, to deliver me : make haste to help me, O Lord.
 2 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul : let them be turned backward and put to confusion that wish me evil.

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- 3 Let them for their reward be soon brought to shame : that cry over me, There, there.
 4 But let all those that seek thee be joyful and glad in thee : and let all such as delight in thy salvation say always, The Lord be praised.
 5 As for me, I am poor and in misery : haste thee unto me, O God.
 6 Thou art my helper and my redeemer : O Lord, make no long tarrying.

PSALM 71

DAY 14. MORN.

- I**n thee, O Lord, have I put my trust, let me never be put to confusion : but rid me and deliver me in thy righteousness, incline thine ear unto me, and save me.
 2 Be thou my strong hold, whereunto I may always resort : thou hast promised to help me, for thou art my house of defence and my castle.
 3 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the ungodly : out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.
 4 For thou, O Lord God, art the thing that I long for : thou art my hope, even from my youth.
 5 Through thee have I been holden up ever since I was born : thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb ; my praise shall be always of thee.
 6 I am become as it were a monster unto many : but my sure trust is in thee.
 7 O let my mouth be filled with thy praise : that I may sing of thy glory and honour all the day long.
 8 Cast me not away in the time of age : forsake me not when my strength faileth me.
 9 For mine enemies speak against me, and they that lay wait for my soul take their counsel together, saying : God hath forsaken him ; persecute him, and take him, for there is none to deliver him.

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10 Go not far from me, O God : my God, haste thee to help me.

11 Let them be confounded and perish that are against my soul : let them be covered with shame and dishonour that seek to do me evil.

12 As for me, I will patiently abide alway : and will praise thee more and more.

13 My mouth shall daily speak of thy righteousness and salvation : for I know no end thereof.

14 I will go forth in the strength of the Lord God : and will make mention of thy righteousness only.

15 Thou, O God, hast taught me from my youth up until now : therefore will I tell of thy wondrous works.

16 Forsake me not, O God, in mine old age, when I am gray-headed : until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to all them that are yet for to come.

17 Thy righteousness, O God, is very high : and great things are they that thou hast done; O God, who is like unto thee?

18 O what great troubles and adversities hast thou shewed me, and yet didst thou turn and refresh me : yea, and broughtest me from the deep of the earth again.

19 Thou hast brought me to great honour : and comforted me on every side.

20 Therefore will I praise thee and thy faithfulness, O God, playing upon an instrument of musick : unto thee will I sing upon the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.

21 My lips will be fain when I sing unto thee : and so will my soul whom thou hast delivered.

22 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long : for they are confounded and brought unto shame that seek to do me evil.

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GIVE the King thy judgements, O God : and thy righteousness unto the King's son.

2 Then shall he judge thy people according unto right : and defend the poor.

3 The mountains also shall bring peace : and the little hills righteousness unto the people.

4 He shall keep the simple folk by their right : defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrongdoer.

5 They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth : from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool : even as the drops that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish : yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

8 His dominion shall be also from the one sea to the other : and from the flood unto the world's end.

9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall kneel before him : his enemies shall lick the dust.

10 The kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give presents : the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.

11 All kings shall fall down before him : all nations shall do him service.

12 For he shall deliver the poor when he crieth : the needy also, and him that hath no helper.

13 He shall be favourable to the simple and needy : and shall preserve the souls of the poor.

14 He shall deliver their souls from falsehood and wrong : and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

15 He shall live, and unto him shall be given of the gold of Arabia : prayer shall be made ever unto him, and daily shall he be praised.

16 There shall be an heap of corn in the earth, high

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upon the hills : his fruit shall shake like Libanus, and shall be green in the city like grass upon the earth.

17 His Name shall endure for ever; his Name shall remain under the sun among the posterities : which shall be blessed through him; and all the heathen shall praise him.

18 Blessed be the Lord God, even the God of Israel : which only doeth wondrous things;

19 And blessed be the Name of his majesty for ever : and all the earth shall be filled with his majesty. Amen, Amen.

PSALM 73

DAY 14. EVEN.

TRULY God is loving unto Israel : even unto such as are of a clean heart.

2 Nevertheless, my feet were almost gone : my treadings had well-nigh slipt.

3 And why? I was grieved at the wicked : I do also see the ungodly in such prosperity.

4 For they are in no peril of death : but are lusty and strong.

5 They come in no misfortune like other folk : neither are they plagued like other men.

6 And this is the cause that they are so holden with pride : and overwhelmed with cruelty.

7 Their eyes swell with fatness : and they do even what they lust.

8 They corrupt other, and speak of wicked blasphemy : their talking is against the most High.

9 For they stretch forth their mouth unto the heaven : and their tongue goeth through the world.

10 Therefore fall the people unto them : and thereout suck they no small advantage.

11 Tush, say they, how should God perceive it : is there knowledge in the most High?

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12 Lo, these are the ungodly, these prosper in the world, and these have riches in possession : and I said, Then have I cleansed my heart in vain, and washed mine hands in innocency.

13 All the day long have I been punished : and chastened every morning.

14 Yea, and I had almost said even as they : but lo, then I should have condemned the generation of thy children.

15 Then thought I to understand this : but it was too hard for me,

16 Until I went into the sanctuary of God : then understood I the end of these men;

17 Namely, how thou dost set them in slippery places : and castest them down, and destroyest them.

18 O how suddenly do they consume : perish, and come to a fearful end!

19 Yea, even like as a dream when one awaketh : so shalt thou make their image to vanish out of the city.

20 Thus my heart was grieved : and it went even through my reins.

21 So foolish was I, and ignorant : even as it were a beast before thee.

22 Nevertheless, I am alway by thee : for thou hast holden me by my right hand.

23 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel : and after that receive me with glory.

24 Whom have I in heaven but thee : and there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison of thee.

25 My flesh and my heart faileth : but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

26 For lo, they that forsake thee shall perish : thou hast destroyed all them that commit fornication against thee.

27 But it is good for me to hold me fast by God, to put my trust in the Lord God : and to speak of all thy works in the gates of the daughter of Sion.

PSALM 74

O GOD, wherefore art thou absent from us so long : why is thy wrath so hot against the sheep of thy pasture ?

2 O think upon thy congregation : whom thou hast purchased and redeemed of old.

3 Think upon the tribe of thine inheritance : and mount Sion, wherein thou hast dwelt.

4 Lift up thy feet, that thou mayest utterly destroy every enemy : which hath done evil in thy sanctuary.

5 Thine adversaries roar in the midst of thy congregations : and set up their banners for tokens.

6 He that hewed timber afore out of the thick trees : was known to bring it to an excellent work.

7 But now they break down all the carved work thereof : with axes and hammers.

8 They have set fire upon thy holy places : and have defiled the dwelling-place of thy Name, even unto the ground.

9 Yea, they said in their hearts, Let us make havock of them altogether : thus have they burnt up all the houses of God in the land.

10 We see not our tokens, there is not one prophet more : no, not one is there among us, that understandeth any more.

11 O God, how long shall the adversary do this dishonour : how long shall the enemy blaspheme thy Name, for ever ?

12 Why withdrawest thou thy hand : why pluckest thou not thy right hand out of thy bosom to consume the enemy ?

13 For God is my King of old : the help that is done upon earth he doeth it himself.

14 Thou didst divide the sea through thy power : thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.

15 Thou smotest the heads of Leviathan in pieces :

and gavest him to be meat for the people in the wilderness.

16 Thou broughtest out fountains and waters out of the hard rocks : thou driedst up mighty waters.

17 The day is thine, and the night is thine : thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

18 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth : thou hast made summer and winter.

19 Remember this, O Lord, how the enemy hath rebuked : and how the foolish people hath blasphemed thy Name.

20 O deliver not the soul of thy turtle-dove unto the multitude of the enemies : and forget not the congregation of the poor for ever.

21 Look upon the covenant : for all the earth is full of darkness and cruel habitations.

22 O let not the simple go away ashamed : but let the poor and needy give praise unto thy Name.

23 Arise, O God, maintain thine own cause : remember how the foolish man blasphemeth thee daily.

24 Forget not the voice of thine enemies : the presumption of them that hate thee increaseth ever more and more.

PSALM 75 DAY 15. MORN.

UNTO thee, O God, do we give thanks : yea, unto thee do we give thanks.

2 Thy Name also is so high : and that do thy wondrous works declare.

3 When I receive the congregation : I shall judge according unto right.

4 The earth is weak, and all the inhabitants thereof : I bear up the pillars of it.

5 I said unto the fools, Deal not so madly : and to the ungodly, Set not up your horn.

6 Set not up your horn on high : and speak not with a stiff neck.

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7 For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west : nor yet from the south.

8 And why? God is the Judge : he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

9 For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup, and the wine is red : it is full mixed, and he poureth out of the same.

10 As for the dregs thereof : all the ungodly of the earth shall drink them, and suck them out.

11 But I will talk of the God of Jacob : and praise him for ever.

12 All the horns of the ungodly also will I break : and the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

PSALM 76

In Jewry is God known : his Name is great in Israel.
2 At Salem is his tabernacle : and his dwelling in Sion.

3 There brake he the arrows of the bow : the shield, the sword, and the battle.

4 Thou art of more honour and might : than the hills of the robbers.

5 The proud are robbed, they have slept their sleep : and all the men whose hands were mighty have found nothing.

6 At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob : both the chariot and horse are fallen.

7 Thou, even thou art to be feared : and who may stand in thy sight when thou art angry?

8 Thou didst cause thy judgement to be heard from heaven : the earth trembled, and was still;

9 When God arose to judgement : and to help all the meek upon earth.

10 The fierceness of man shall turn to thy praise : and the fierceness of them shalt thou refrain.

11 Promise unto the Lord your God, and keep it, all

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ye that are round about him : bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.

12 He shall refrain the spirit of princes : and is wonderful among the kings of the earth.

PSALM 77

I WILL cry unto God with my voice : even unto God will I cry with my voice, and he shall hearken unto me.

2 In the time of my trouble I sought the Lord : my sore ran and ceased not in the night-season; my soul refused comfort.

3 When I am in heaviness, I will think upon God : when my heart is vexed, I will complain.

4 Thou holdest mine eyes waking : I am so feeble, that I cannot speak.

5 I have considered the days of old : and the years that are past.

6 I call to remembrance my song : and in the night I commune with mine own heart, and search out my spirits.

7 Will the Lord absent himself for ever : and will he be no more intreated?

8 Is his mercy clean gone for ever : and is his promise come utterly to an end for evermore?

9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious : and will he shut up his loving-kindness in displeasure?

10 And I said, It is mine own infirmity : but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most Highest.

11 I will remember the works of the Lord : and call to mind thy wonders of old time.

12 I will think also of all thy works : and my talking shall be of thy doings.

13 Thy way, O God, is holy : who is so great a God as our God?

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- 14 **Thou art the God that doeth wonders : and hast declared thy power among the people.**
 15 **Thou hast mightily delivered thy people : even the sons of Jacob and Joseph.**
 16 **The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee, and were afraid : the depths also were troubled.**
 17 **The clouds poured out water, the air thundered : and thine arrows went abroad.**
 18 **The voice of thy thunder was heard round about : the lightnings shone upon the ground ; the earth was moved, and shook withal.**
 19 **Thy way is in the sea, and thy paths in the great waters : and thy footsteps are not known.**
 20 **Thou leddest thy people like sheep : by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

PSALM 78 DAY 15. EVEN.

- H**EAR my law, O my people : incline your ears unto the words of my mouth.
 2 **I will open my mouth in a parable : I will declare hard sentences of old ;**
 3 **Which we have heard and known : and such as our fathers have told us ;**
 4 **That we should not hide them from the children of the generations to come : but to shew the honour of the Lord, his mighty and wonderful works that he hath done.**
 5 **He made a covenant with Jacob, and gave Israel a law : which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children ;**
 6 **That their posterity might know it : and the children which were yet unborn ;**
 7 **To the intent that when they came up : they might shew their children the same ;**
 8 **That they might put their trust in God : and not to**

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- forget the works of God, but to keep his commandments ;**
 9 **And not to be as their forefathers, a faithless and stubborn generation : a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit cleaveth not stedfastly unto God ;**
 10 **Like as the children of Ephraim : who being harnessed, and carrying bows, turned themselves back in the day of battle.**
 11 **They kept not the covenant of God : and would not walk in his law ;**
 12 **But forgot what he had done : and the wonderful works that he had shewed for them.**
 13 **Marvellous things did he in the sight of our forefathers, in the land of Egypt : even in the field of Zoan.**
 14 **He divided the sea, and let them go through : he made the waters to stand on an heap.**
 15 **In the day-time also he led them with a cloud : and all the night through with a light of fire.**
 16 **He clave the hard rocks in the wilderness : and gave them drink thereof, as it had been out of the great depth.**
 17 **He brought waters out of the stony rock : so that it gushed out like the rivers.**
 18 **Yet for all this they sinned more against him : and provoked the most Highest in the wilderness.**
 19 **They tempted God in their hearts : and required meat for their lust.**
 20 **They spake against God also, saying : Shall God prepare a table in the wilderness ?**
 21 **He smote the stony rock indeed, that the waters gushed out, and the streams flowed withal : but can he give bread also, or provide flesh for his people ?**
 22 **When the Lord heard this, he was wroth : so the fire was kindled in Jacob, and there came up heavy displeasure against Israel ;**

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- 23 Because they believed not in God : and put not their trust in his help.
24 So he commanded the clouds above : and opened the doors of heaven.
25 He rained down manna also upon them for to eat : and gave them food from heaven.
26 So man did eat angels' food : for he sent them meat enough.
27 He caused the east-wind to blow under heaven : and through his power he brought in the south-west-wind.
28 He rained flesh upon them as thick as dust : and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea.
29 He let it fall among their tents : even round about their habitation.
30 So they did eat and were well filled, for he gave them their own desire : they were not disappointed of their lust.
31 But while the meat was yet in their mouths, the heavy wrath of God came upon them, and slew the wealthiest of them : yea, and smote down the chosen men that were in Israel.
32 But for all this they sinned yet more : and believed not his wondrous works.
33 Therefore their days did he consume in vanity : and their years in trouble.
34 When he slew them, they sought him : and turned them early, and inquired after God.
35 And they remembered that God was their strength : and that the high God was their redeemer.
36 Nevertheless, they did but flatter him with their mouth : and dissembled with him in their tongue.
37 For their heart was not whole with him : neither continued they stedfast in his covenant.
38 But he was so merciful, that he forgave their misdeeds : and destroyed them not.

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- 39 Yea, many a time turned he his wrath away : and would not suffer his whole displeasure to arise.
40 For he considered that they were but flesh : and that they were even a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.
41 Many a time did they provoke him in the wilderness : and grieved him in the desert.
42 They turned back, and tempted God : and moved the Holy One in Israel.
43 They thought not of his hand : and of the day when he delivered them from the hand of the enemy ;
44 How he had wrought his miracles in Egypt : and his wonders in the field of Zoan.
45 He turned their waters into blood : so that they might not drink of the rivers.
46 He sent lice among them, and devoured them up : and frogs to destroy them.
47 He gave their fruit unto the caterpillar : and their labour unto the grasshopper.
48 He destroyed their vines with hail-stones : and their mulberry-trees with the frost.
49 He smote their cattle also with hail-stones : and their flocks with hot thunderbolts.
50 He cast upon them the furiousness of his wrath, anger, displeasure, and trouble : and sent evil angels among them.
51 He made a way to his indignation, and spared not their soul from death : but gave their life over to the pestilence ;
52 And smote all the first-born in Egypt : the most principal and mightiest in the dwellings of Ham.
53 But as for his own people, he led them forth like sheep : and carried them in the wilderness like a flock.
54 He brought them out safely, that they should not fear : and overwhelmed their enemies with the sea.

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55 And brought them within the borders of his sanctuary : even to his mountain which he purchased with his right hand.
 56 He cast out the heathen also before them : caused their land to be divided among them for an heritage, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.
 57 So they tempted and displeased the most high God : and kept not his testimonies ;
 58 But turned their backs, and fell away like their forefathers : starting aside like a broken bow.
 59 For they grieved him with their hill-altars : and provoked him to displeasure with their images.
 60 When God heard this, he was wroth : and took sore displeasure at Israel.
 61 So that he forsook the tabernacle in Silo : even the tent that he had pitched among men.
 62 He delivered their power into captivity : and their beauty into the enemy's hand.
 63 He gave his people over also unto the sword : and was wroth with his inheritance.
 64 The fire consumed their young men : and their maidens were not given to marriage.
 65 Their priests were slain with the sword : and there were no widows to make lamentation.
 66 So the Lord awaked as one out of sleep : and like a giant refreshed with wine.
 67 He smote his enemies in the hinder parts : and put them to a perpetual shame.
 68 He refused the tabernacle of Joseph : and chose not the tribe of Ephraim ;
 69 But chose the tribe of Judah : even the hill of Sion which he loved.
 70 And there he built his temple on high : and laid the foundation of it like the ground which he hath made continually.
 71 He chose David also his servant : and took him away from the sheep-folds.

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72 As he was following the ewes great with young ones he took him : that he might feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.
 73 So he fed them with a faithful and true heart : and ruled them prudently with all his power.

PSALM 79 DAY 16. MORN.

O GOD, the heathen are come into thine inheritance : thy holy temple have they defiled, and made Jerusalem an heap of stones.
 2 The dead bodies of thy servants have they given to be meat unto the fowls of the air : and the flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the land.
 3 Their blood have they shed like water on every side of Jerusalem : and there was no man to bury them.
 4 We are become an open shame to our enemies : a very scorn and derision unto them that are round about us.
 5 Lord, how long wilt thou be angry : shall thy jealousy burn like fire for ever ?
 6 Pour out thine indignation upon the heathen that have not known thee : and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy Name.
 7 For they have devoured Jacob : and laid waste his dwelling-place.
 8 O remember not our old sins, but have mercy upon us, and that soon : for we are come to great misery.
 9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy Name : O deliver us, and be merciful unto our sins, for thy Name's sake.
 10 Wherefore do the heathen say : Where is now their God ?
 11 O let the vengeance of thy servants' blood that is shed : be openly shewed upon the heathen in our sight.

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12 **O let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before thee : according to the greatness of thy power, preserve thou those that are appointed to die.**

13 **And for the blasphemy wherewith our neighbours have blasphemed thee : reward thou them, O Lord, seven-fold into their bosom.**

14 **So we, that are thy people, and sheep of thy pasture, shall give thee thanks for ever : and will always be shewing forth thy praise from generation to generation.**

PSALM 80

HEAR, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep : shew thyself also, thou that sittest upon the cherubims.

2 **Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasses : stir up thy strength, and come, and help us.**

3 **Turn us again, O God : shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.**

4 **O Lord God of hosts : how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?**

5 **Thou feedest them with the bread of tears : and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.**

6 **Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbours : and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

7 **Turn us again, thou God of hosts : shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.**

8 **Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt : thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.**

9 **Thou madest room for it : and when it had taken root it filled the land.**

10 **The hills were covered with the shadow of it : and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedar-trees.**

11 **She stretched out her branches unto the sea : and her boughs unto the river.**

12 **Why hast thou then broken down her hedge : that all they that go by pluck off her grapes?**

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13 **The wild boar out of the wood doth root it up : and the wild beasts of the field devour it.**

14 **Turn thee again, thou God of hosts, look down from heaven : behold, and visit this vine;**

15 **And the place of the vineyard that thy right hand hath planted : and the branch that thou madest so strong for thyself.**

16 **It is burnt with fire, and cut down : and they shall perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.**

17 **Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand : and upon the son of man, whom thou madest so strong for thine own self.**

18 **And so will not we go back from thee : O let us live, and we shall call upon thy Name.**

19 **Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts : shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.**

PSALM 81

SING we merrily unto God our strength : make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.

2 **Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret : the merry harp with the lute.**

3 **Blow up the trumpet in the new-moon : even in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast-day.**

4 **For this was made a statute for Israel : and a law of the God of Jacob.**

5 **This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony : when he came out of the land of Egypt, and had heard a strange language.**

6 **I eased his shoulder from the burden : and his hands were delivered from making the pots.**

7 **Thou calledst upon me in troubles, and I delivered thee : and heard thee what time as the storm fell upon thee.**

8 **I proved thee also : at the waters of strife.**

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9 Hear, O my people, and I will assure thee, O Israel : if thou wilt hearken unto me,
 10 There shall no strange god be in thee : neither shalt thou worship any other god.
 11 I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt : open thy mouth wide, and I shall fill it.
 12 But my people would not hear my voice : and Israel would not obey me.
 13 So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lusts : and let them follow their own imaginations.
 14 O that my people would have hearkened unto me : for if Israel had walked in my ways,
 15 I should soon have put down their enemies : and turned my hand against their adversaries.
 16 The haters of the Lord should have been found liars : but their time should have endured for ever.
 17 He should have fed them also with the finest wheat-flour : and with honey out of the stony rock should I have satisfied thee.

PSALM 82 DAY 16. EVEN.

God standeth in the congregation of princes : he is a Judge among gods.
 2 How long will ye give wrong judgement : and accept the persons of the ungodly?
 3 Defend the poor and fatherless : see that such as are in need and necessity have right.
 4 Deliver the outcast and poor : save them from the hand of the ungodly.
 5 They will not be learned nor understand, but walk on still in darkness : all the foundations of the earth are out of course.
 6 I have said, Ye are gods : and ye are all the children of the most Highest.

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7 But ye shall die like men : and fall like one of the princes.
 8 Arise, O God, and judge thou the earth : for thou shalt take all heathen to thine inheritance.

PSALM 83

Hold not thy tongue, O God, keep not still silence : refrain not thyself, O God.
 2 For lo, thine enemies make a murmuring : and they that hate thee have lift up their head.
 3 They have imagined craftily against thy people : and taken counsel against thy secret ones.
 4 They have said, Come, and let us root them out, that they be no more a people : and that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.
 5 For they have cast their heads together with one consent : and are confederate against thee ;
 6 The tabernacles of the Edomites, and the Ismaelites : the Moabites and Hagarenes ;
 7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek : the Philistines, with them that dwell at Tyre.
 8 Assur also is joined with them : and have holpen the children of Lot.
 9 But do thou to them as unto the Madianites : unto Sisera, and unto Jabin at the brook of Kison ;
 10 Who perished at Endor : and became as the dung of the earth.
 11 Make them and their princes like Oreb and Zeb : yea, make all their princes like as Zeba and Salmana ;
 12 Who say, Let us take to ourselves : the houses of God in possession.
 13 O my God, make them like unto a wheel : and as the stubble before the wind ;
 14 Like as the fire that burneth up the wood : and as the flame that consumeth the mountains.

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15 Persecute them even so with thy tempest : and make them afraid with thy storm.

16 Make their faces ashamed, O Lord : that they may seek thy Name.

17 Let them be confounded and vexed ever more and more : let them be put to shame, and perish.

18 And they shall know that thou, whose Name is Jehovah : art only the most Highest over all the earth.

PSALM 84

O HOW amiable are thy dwellings : thou Lord of hosts!

2 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord : my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young : even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house : they will be always praising thee.

5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee : in whose heart are thy ways.

6 Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well : and the pools are filled with water.

7 They will go from strength to strength : and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer : hearken, O God of Jacob.

9 Behold, O God our defender : and look upon the face of thine Anointed.

10 For one day in thy courts : is better than a thousand.

11 I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God : than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

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12 For the Lord God is a light and defence : the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

13 O Lord God of hosts : blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

PSALM 85

LORD, thou art become gracious unto thy land : thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

2 Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people : and covered all their sins.

3 Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure : and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.

4 Turn us then, O God our Saviour : and let thine anger cease from us.

5 Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever : and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another?

6 Wilt thou not turn again, and quicken us : that thy people may rejoice in thee?

7 Shew us thy mercy, O Lord : and grant us thy salvation.

8 I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me : for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn not again.

9 For his salvation is nigh them that fear him : that glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth are met together : righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall flourish out of the earth : and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.

12 Yea, the Lord shall shew loving-kindness : and our land shall give her increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him : and he shall direct his going in the way.

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PSALM 86 DAY 17. MORN.

- B**ow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me : for
 I am poor, and in misery.
 2 Preserve thou my soul, for I am holy : my God, save
 thy servant that putteth his trust in thee.
 3 Be merciful unto me, O Lord : for I will call daily
 upon thee.
 4 Comfort the soul of thy servant : for unto thee,
 O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
 5 For thou, Lord, art good and gracious : and of
 great mercy unto all them that call upon thee.
 6 Give ear, Lord, unto my prayer : and ponder the
 voice of my humble desires.
 7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon thee : for
 thou hearest me.
 8 Among the gods there is none like unto thee,
 O Lord : there is not one that can do as thou
 doest.
 9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and
 worship thee, O Lord : and shall glorify thy Name.
 10 For thou art great, and doest wondrous things :
 thou art God alone.
 11 Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy
 truth : O knit my heart unto thee, that I may fear thy
 Name.
 12 I will thank thee, O Lord my God, with all my
 heart : and will praise thy Name for evermore.
 13 For great is thy mercy toward me : and thou hast
 delivered my soul from the nethermost hell.
 14 O God, the proud are risen against me : and the
 congregations of naughty men have sought after my
 soul, and have not set thee before their eyes.
 15 But thou, O Lord God, art full of compassion and
 mercy : long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and
 truth.
 16 O turn thee then unto me, and have mercy upon

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- me : give thy strength unto thy servant, and help the
 son of thine handmaid.
 17 Shew some token upon me for good, that they who
 hate me may see it and be ashamed : because thou,
 Lord, hast holpen me and comforted me.

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- H**ER foundations are upon the holy hills : the
 Lord loveth the gates of Sion more than all
 the dwellings of Jacob.
 2 Very excellent things are spoken of thee : thou city
 of God.
 3 I will think upon Rahab and Babylon : with them
 that know me.
 4 Behold ye the Philistines also : and they of Tyre,
 with the Morians ; lo, there was he born.
 5 And of Sion it shall be reported that he was born
 in her : and the most High shall stablish her.
 6 The Lord shall rehearse it when he writeth up the
 people : that he was born there.
 7 The singers also and trumpeters shall he rehearse :
 All my fresh springs shall be in thee.

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- O** LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day and
 night before thee : O let my prayer enter into
 thy presence, incline thine ear unto my calling.
 2 For my soul is full of trouble : and my life draweth
 nigh unto hell.
 3 I am counted as one of them that go down into the
 pit : and I have been even as a man that hath no
 strength.
 4 Free among the dead, like unto them that are
 wounded, and lie in the grave : who are out of
 remembrance, and are cut away from thy hand.

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5 Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit : in a place of darkness, and in the deep.

6 Thine indignation lieth hard upon me : and thou hast vexed me with all thy storms.

7 Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me : and made me to be abhorred of them.

8 I am so fast in prison : that I cannot get forth.

9 My sight faileth for very trouble : Lord, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched forth my hands unto thee.

10 Dost thou shew wonders among the dead : or shall the dead rise up again, and praise thee?

11 Shall thy loving-kindness be shewed in the grave : or thy faithfulness in destruction?

12 Shall thy wondrous works be known in the dark : and thy righteousness in the land where all things are forgotten?

13 Unto thee have I cried, O Lord : and early shall my prayer come before thee.

14 Lord, why abhorrest thou my soul : and hidest thou thy face from me?

15 I am in misery, and like unto him that is at the point to die : even from my youth up thy terrors have I suffered with a troubled mind.

16 Thy wrathful displeasure goeth over me : and the fear of thee hath undone me.

17 They came round about me daily like water : and compassed me together on every side.

18 My lovers and friends hast thou put away from me : and hid mine acquaintance out of my sight.

PSALM 89 DAY 17. EVEN.

My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord : with my mouth will I ever be shewing thy truth from one generation to another.

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2 For I have said, Mercy shall be set up for ever : thy truth shalt thou stablish in the heavens.

3 I have made a covenant with my chosen : I have sworn unto David my servant;

4 Thy seed will I stablish for ever : and set up thy throne from one generation to another.

5 O Lord, the very heavens shall praise thy wondrous works : and thy truth in the congregation of the saints.

6 For who is he among the clouds : that shall be compared unto the Lord?

7 And what is he among the gods : that shall be like unto the Lord?

8 God is very greatly to be feared in the council of the saints : and to be had in reverence of all them that are round about him.

9 O Lord God of hosts, who is like unto thee : thy truth, most mighty Lord, is on every side.

10 Thou rulest the raging of the sea : thou stillest the waves thereof when they arise.

11 Thou hast subdued Egypt, and destroyed it : thou hast scattered thine enemies abroad with thy mighty arm.

12 The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine : thou hast laid the foundation of the round world, and all that therein is.

13 Thou hast made the north and the south : Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy Name.

14 Thou hast a mighty arm : strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.

15 Righteousness and equity are the habitation of thy seat : mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

16 Blessed is the people, O Lord, that can rejoice in thee : they shall walk in the light of thy countenance.

17 Their delight shall be daily in thy Name : and in thy righteousness shall they make their boast.

- 18 For thou art the glory of their strength : and in thy loving-kindness thou shalt lift up our horns.
 19 For the Lord is our defence : the Holy One of Israel is our King.
 20 Thou spakest sometime in visions unto thy saints, and saidst : I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people.
 21 I have found David my servant : with my holy oil have I anointed him.
 22 My hand shall hold him fast : and my arm shall strengthen him.
 23 The enemy shall not be able to do him violence : the son of wickedness shall not hurt him.
 24 I will smite down his foes before his face : and plague them that hate him.
 25 My truth also and my mercy shall be with him : and in my Name shall his horn be exalted.
 26 I will set his dominion also in the sea : and his right hand in the floods.
 27 He shall call me, Thou art my Father : my God, and my strong salvation.
 28 And I will make him my first-born : higher than the kings of the earth.
 29 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore : and my covenant shall stand fast with him.
 30 His seed also will I make to endure for ever : and his throne as the days of heaven.
 31 But if his children forsake my law : and walk not in my judgements;
 32 If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments : I will visit their offences with the rod, and their sin with scourges.
 33 Nevertheless, my loving-kindness will I not utterly take from him : nor suffer my truth to fail.
 34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing

- that is gone out of my lips : I have sworn once by my holiness, that I will not fail David.
 35 His seed shall endure for ever : and his seat is like as the sun before me.
 36 He shall stand fast for evermore as the moon : and as the faithful witness in heaven.
 37 But thou hast abhorred and forsaken thine Anointed : and art displeas'd at him.
 38 Thou hast broken the covenant of thy servant : and cast his crown to the ground.
 39 Thou hast overthrown all his hedges : and broken down his strong holds.
 40 All they that go by spoil him : and he is become a reproach to his neighbours.
 41 Thou hast set up the right hand of his enemies : and made all his adversaries to rejoice.
 42 Thou hast taken away the edge of his sword : and givest him not victory in the battle.
 43 Thou hast put out his glory : and cast his throne down to the ground.
 44 The days of his youth hast thou shortened : and covered him with dishonour.
 45 Lord, how long wilt thou hide thyself, for ever : and shall thy wrath burn like fire?
 46 O remember how short my time is : wherefore hast thou made all men for nought?
 47 What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death : and shall he deliver his soul from the hand of hell?
 48 Lord, where are thy old loving-kindnesses : which thou swarest unto David in thy truth?
 49 Remember, Lord, the rebuke that thy servants have : and how I do bear in my bosom the rebukes of many people;
 50 Wherewith thine enemies have blasphemed thee, and slandered the footsteps of thine Anointed : Praised be the Lord for evermore. Amen, and Amen.

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LORD, thou hast been our refuge : from one generation to another.
 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made : thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.
 3 Thou turnest man to destruction : again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.
 4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday : seeing that is past as a watch in the night.
 5 As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep : and fade away suddenly like the grass.
 6 In the morning it is green, and groweth up : but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.
 7 For we consume away in thy displeasure : and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.
 8 Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee : and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.
 9 For when thou art angry all our days are gone : we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.
 10 The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years : yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.
 11 But who regardeth the power of thy wrath : for even thereafter as a man feareth, so is thy displeasure.
 12 So teach us to number our days : that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.
 13 Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last : and be gracious unto thy servants.
 14 O satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon : so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
 15 Comfort us again now after the time that thou hast plagued us : and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity.

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16 Shew thy servants thy work : and their children thy glory.
 17 And the glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us : prosper thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper thou our handy-work.

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WHOSO dwelleth under the defence 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 strong hold : 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 for 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 defence 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 shalt thou tread under thy feet.

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- 14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him : I will set 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 honour.
 16 With long life will I satisfy him : and shew him my salvation.

PSALM 92

- I**T is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord : and to sing praises unto thy Name, O most Highest;
 2 To tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning : and of thy truth in the night-season;
 3 Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute : upon a loud instrument, and upon the harp.
 4 For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy works : and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of thy hands.
 5 O Lord, how glorious are thy works : thy thoughts are very deep.
 6 An unwise man doth not well consider this : and a fool doth not understand it.
 7 When the ungodly are green as the grass, and when all the workers of wickedness do flourish : then shall they be destroyed for ever; but thou, Lord, art the most Highest for evermore.
 8 For lo, thine enemies, O Lord, lo, thine enemies shall perish : and all the workers of wickedness shall be destroyed.
 9 But mine horn shall be exalted like the horn of an unicorn : for I am anointed with fresh oil.
 10 Mine eye also shall see his lust of mine enemies : and mine ear shall hear his desire of the wicked that arise up against me.
 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm-tree : and shall spread abroad like a cedar in Libanus.

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- 12 Such as are planted in the house of the Lord : shall flourish in the courts of the house of our God.
 13 They also shall bring forth more fruit in their age : and shall be fat and well-liking.
 14 That they may shew how true the Lord my strength is : and that there is no unrighteousness in him.

PSALM 93

DAY 18. EVEN.

- T**HE Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel : the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.
 2 He hath made the round world so sure : that it cannot be moved.
 3 Ever since the world began hath thy seat been prepared : thou art from everlasting.
 4 The floods are risen, O Lord, the floods have lift up their voice : the floods lift up their waves.
 5 The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly : but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.
 6 Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure : holiness becometh thine house for ever.

PSALM 94

- O** LORD God, to whom vengeance belongeth : thou God, to whom vengeance belongeth, shew thyself.
 2 Arise, thou Judge of the world : and reward the proud after their deserving.
 3 Lord, how long shall the ungodly : how long shall the ungodly triumph?
 4 How long shall all wicked doers speak so disdainfully : and make such proud boasting?
 5 They smite down thy people, O Lord : and trouble thine heritage.
 6 They murder the widow and the stranger : and put the fatherless to death.

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7 And yet they say, Tush, the Lord shall not see :
neither shall the God of Jacob regard it.
8 Take heed, ye unwise among the people : O ye fools,
when will ye understand?
9 He that planted the ear, shall he not hear : or he
that made the eye, shall he not see?
10 Or he that nurtureth the heathen : it is he that
teacheth man knowledge, shall not he punish?
11 The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man : that they
are but vain.
12 Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Lord :
and teachest him in thy law;
13 That thou mayest give him patience in time
of adversity : until the pit be digged up for the
ungodly.
14 For the Lord will not fail his people : neither will
he forsake his inheritance;
15 Until righteousness turn again unto judgement :
all such as are true in heart shall follow it.
16 Who will rise up with me against the wicked : or
who will take my part against the evil-doers?
17 If the Lord had not helped me : it had not failed
but my soul had been put to silence.
18 But when I said, My foot hath slipt : thy mercy,
O Lord, held me up.
19 In the multitude of the sorrows that I had in my
heart : thy comforts have refreshed my soul.
20 Wilt thou have any thing to do with the stool of
wickedness : which imagineth mischief as a law?
21 They gather them together against the soul
of the righteous : and condemn the innocent
blood.
22 But the Lord is my refuge : and my God is the
strength of my confidence.
23 He shall recompense them their wickedness, and
destroy them in their own malice : yea, the Lord our
God shall destroy them.

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PSALM 95

DAY 19. MORN.

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord : let us heartily
rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving :
and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.
3 For the Lord is a great God : and a great King
above all gods.
4 In his hand are all the corners of the earth : and the
strength of the hills is his also.
5 The sea is his, and he made it : and his hands pre-
pared the dry land.
6 O come, let us worship and fall down : and kneel
before the Lord our Maker.
7 For he is the Lord our God : and we are the people
of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
8 To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your
hearts : as in the provocation, and as in the day of
temptation in the wilderness;
9 When your fathers tempted me : proved me, and
saw my works.
10 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;
11 Unto whom I swear in my wrath : that they should
not enter into my rest.

PSALM 96

O SING unto the Lord a new song : sing unto the
Lord, all the whole earth.
2 Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name : be telling
of his salvation from day to day.
3 Declare his honour unto the heathen : and his
wonders unto all people.
4 For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be
praised : he is more to be feared than all gods.

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- 5 As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols : but it is the Lord that made the heavens.
 6 Glory and worship are before him : power and honour are in his sanctuary.
 7 Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people : ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.
 8 Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name : bring presents, and come into his courts.
 9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness : let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
 10 Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King : and that it is he who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved ; and how that he shall judge the people righteously.
 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad : let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.
 12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it : then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.
 13 For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth : and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth.

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- T**HE Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof : yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.
 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him : righteousness and judgement are the habitation of his seat.
 3 There shall go a fire before him : and burn up his enemies on every side.
 4 His lightnings gave shine unto the world : the earth saw it, and was afraid.
 5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord : at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
 6 The heavens have declared his righteousness : and all the people have seen his glory.

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- 7 Confounded be all they that worship carved images, and that delight in vain gods : worship him, all ye gods.
 8 Sion heard of it, and rejoiced : and the daughters of Judah were glad, because of thy judgements, O Lord.
 9 For thou, Lord, art higher than all that are in the earth : thou art exalted far above all gods.
 10 O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil : the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints ; he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.
 11 There is sprung up a light for the righteous : and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.
 12 Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous : and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.

PSALM 98

DAY 19. EVEN.

- S**ING unto the Lord a new song : for he hath done marvellous things.
 2 With his own right hand, and with his holy arm : hath he gotten himself the victory.
 3 The Lord declared his salvation : his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.
 4 He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel : and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.
 5 Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands : sing, rejoice, and give thanks.
 6 Praise the Lord upon the harp : sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.
 7 With trumpets also and shawms : O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.
 8 Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is : the round world, and they that dwell therein.
 9 Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be

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joyful together before the Lord : for he is come to judge the earth.

10 With righteousness shall he judge the world : and the people with equity.

PSALM 99

THE Lord is King, be the people never so impatient : he sitteth between the cherubims, be the earth never so unquiet.

2 The Lord is great in Sion : and high above all people.

3 They shall give thanks unto thy Name : which is great, wonderful, and holy.

4 The King's power loveth judgement; thou hast prepared equity : thou hast executed judgement and righteousness in Jacob.

5 O magnify the Lord our God : and fall down before his footstool, for he is holy.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call upon his Name : these called upon the Lord, and he heard them.

7 He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar : for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them.

8 Thou heardest them, O Lord our God : thou forgavest them, O God, and punishedst their own inventions.

9 O magnify the Lord our God, and worship him upon his holy hill : for the Lord our God is holy.

PSALM 100

BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands : serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

2 Be ye sure that the Lord he is God : it is he that

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hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

3 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.

4 For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting : and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

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My song shall be of mercy and judgement : unto thee, O Lord, will I sing.

2 O let me have understanding : in the way of godliness.

3 When wilt thou come unto me : I will walk in my house with a perfect heart.

4 I will take no wicked thing in hand; I hate the sins of unfaithfulness : there shall no such cleave unto me.

5 A froward heart shall depart from me : I will not know a wicked person.

6 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour : him will I destroy.

7 Whoso hath also a proud look and high stomach : I will not suffer him.

8 Mine eyes look upon such as are faithful in the land : that they may dwell with me.

9 Whoso leadeth a godly life : he shall be my servant.

10 There shall no deceitful person dwell in my house : he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.

11 I shall soon destroy all the ungodly that are in the land : that I may root out all wicked doers from the city of the Lord.

PSALM 102 DAY 20. MORN.

HEAR my prayer, O Lord : and let my crying come unto thee.

2 Hide not thy face from me in the time of my

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trouble : incline thine ear unto me when I call ;
 O hear me, and that right soon.
 3 For my days are consumed away like smoke : and
 my bones are burnt up as it were a fire-brand.
 4 My heart is smitten down, and withered like grass :
 so that I forget to eat my bread.
 5 For the voice of my groaning : my bones will scarce
 cleave to my flesh.
 6 I am become like a pelican in the wilderness : and
 like an owl that is in the desert.
 7 I have watched, and am even as it were a sparrow :
 that sitteth alone upon the house-top.
 8 Mine enemies revile me all the day long : and they
 that are mad upon me are sworn together against me.
 9 For I have eaten ashes as it were bread : and mingled
 my drink with weeping ;
 10 And that because of thine indignation and wrath :
 for thou hast taken me up, and cast me down.
 11 My days are gone like a shadow : and I am withered
 like grass.
 12 But thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever : and thy
 remembrance throughout all generations.
 13 Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Sion : for
 it is time that thou have mercy upon her, yea, the
 time is come.
 14 And why? thy servants think upon her stones : and
 it pitieth them to see her in the dust.
 15 The heathen shall fear thy Name, O Lord : and all
 the kings of the earth thy majesty ;
 16 When the Lord shall build up Sion : and when his
 glory shall appear ;
 17 When he turneth him unto the prayer of the poor
 destitute : and despiseth not their desire.
 18 This shall be written for those that come after : and
 the people which shall be born shall praise the Lord.
 19 For he hath looked down from his sanctuary : out
 of the heaven did the Lord behold the earth ;

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20 That he might hear the mournings of such as are
 in captivity : and deliver the children appointed unto
 death ;
 21 That they may declare the Name of the Lord in
 Sion : and his worship at Jerusalem ;
 22 When the people are gathered together : and the
 kingdoms also, to serve the Lord.
 23 He brought down my strength in my journey : and
 shortened my days.
 24 But I said, O my God, take me not away in the
 midst of mine age : as for thy years, they endure
 throughout all generations.
 25 Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the founda-
 tion of the earth : and the heavens are the work of
 thy hands.
 26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure : they all
 shall wax old as doth a garment ;
 27 And as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they
 shall be changed : but thou art the same, and thy
 years shall not fail.
 28 The children of thy servants shall continue : and
 their seed shall stand fast in thy sight.

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PRAISE the Lord, O my soul : and all that is within
 me praise his holy Name.
 2 Praise the Lord, O my soul : and forget not all his
 benefits ;
 3 Who forgiveth all thy sin : and healeth all thine
 infirmities ;
 4 Who saveth thy life from destruction : and crowneth
 thee with mercy and loving-kindness ;
 5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things : making
 thee young and lusty as an eagle.
 6 The Lord executeth righteousness and judgement :
 for all them that are oppressed with wrong.

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7 He shewed his ways unto Moses : his works unto the children of Israel.

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy : long-suffering, and of great goodness.

9 He will not alway be chiding : neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins : nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

11 For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth : so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.

12 Look how wide also the east is from the west : so far hath he set our sins from us.

13 Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children : even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.

14 For he knoweth whereof we are made : he remembereth that we are but dust.

15 The days of man are but as grass : for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.

16 For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone : and the place thereof shall know it no more.

17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him : and his righteousness upon children's children;

18 Even upon such as keep his covenant : and think upon his commandments to do them.

19 The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven : and his kingdom ruleth over all.

20 O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength : ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his words.

21 O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts : ye servants of his that do his pleasure.

22 O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion : praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

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DAY 20. EVEN.

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul : O Lord my God, thou art become exceeding glorious; thou art clothed with majesty and honour.

2 Thou deckest thyself with light as it were with a garment : and spreadest out the heavens like a curtain.

3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters : and maketh the clouds his chariot, and walketh upon the wings of the wind.

4 He maketh his angels spirits : and his ministers a flaming fire.

5 He laid the foundations of the earth : that it never should move at any time.

6 Thou coveredst it with the deep like as with a garment : the waters stand in the hills.

7 At thy rebuke they flee : at the voice of thy thunder they are afraid.

8 They go up as high as the hills, and down to the valleys beneath : even unto the place which thou hast appointed for them.

9 Thou hast set them their bounds which they shall not pass : neither turn again to cover the earth.

10 He sendeth the springs into the rivers : which run among the hills.

11 All beasts of the field drink thereof : and the wild asses quench their thirst.

12 Beside them shall the fowls of the air have their habitation : and sing among the branches.

13 He watereth the hills from above : the earth is filled with the fruit of thy works.

14 He bringeth forth grass for the cattle : and green herb for the service of men;

15 That he may bring food out of the earth, and wine that maketh glad the heart of man : and oil to make

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him a cheerful countenance, and bread to strengthen man's heart.

16 The trees of the Lord also are full of sap : even the cedars of Libanus which he hath planted ;

17 Wherein the birds make their nests : and the fir-trees are a dwelling for the stork.

18 The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats : and so are the stony rocks for the conies.

19 He appointed the moon for certain seasons : and the sun knoweth his going down.

20 Thou makest darkness that it may be night : wherein all the beasts of the forest do move.

21 The lions roaring after their prey : do seek their meat from God.

22 The sun ariseth, and they get them away together : and lay them down in their dens.

23 Man goeth forth to his work, and to his labour : until the evening.

24 O Lord, how manifold are thy works : in wisdom hast thou made them all ; the earth is full of thy riches.

25 So is the great and wide sea also : wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

26 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan : whom thou hast made to take his pastime therein.

27 These wait all upon thee : that thou mayest give them meat in due season.

28 When thou givest it them they gather it : and when thou openest thy hand they are filled with good.

29 When thou hidest thy face they are troubled : when thou takest away their breath they die, and are turned again to their dust.

30 When thou lettest thy breath go forth they shall be made : and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

31 The glorious majesty of the Lord shall endure for ever : the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

THE PSALMS

32 The earth shall tremble at the look of him : if he do but touch the hills, they shall smoke.

33 I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live : I will praise my God while I have my being.

34 And so shall my words please him : my joy shall be in the Lord.

35 As for sinners, they shall be consumed out of the earth, and the ungodly shall come to an end : praise thou the Lord, O my soul, praise the Lord.

PSALM 105

DAY 21. MORN.

O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name : tell the people what things he hath done.

2 O let your songs be of him, and praise him : and let your talking be of all his wondrous works.

3 Rejoice in his holy Name : let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.

4 Seek the Lord and his strength : seek his face evermore.

5 Remember the marvellous works that he hath done : his wonders, and the judgements of his mouth,

6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant : ye children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He is the Lord our God : his judgements are in all the world.

8 He hath been always mindful of his covenant and promise : that he made to a thousand generations ;

9 Even the covenant that he made with Abraham : and the oath that he sware unto Isaac ;

10 And appointed the same unto Jacob for a law : and to Israel for an everlasting testament ;

11 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan : the lot of your inheritance ;

12 When there were yet but a few of them : and they strangers in the land ;

THE PSALMS

- 13 What time as they went from one nation to another :
from one kingdom to another people;
14 He suffered no man to do them wrong : but re-
proved even kings for their sakes;
15 Touch not mine Anointed : and do my prophets
no harm.
16 Moreover, he called for a dearth upon the land :
and destroyed all the provision of bread.
17 But he had sent a man before them : even Joseph,
who was sold to be a bond-servant;
18 Whose feet they hurt in the stocks : the iron entered
into his soul;
19 Until the time came that his cause was known : the
word of the Lord tried him.
20 The king sent, and delivered him : the prince of the
people let him go free.
21 He made him lord also of his house : and ruler of
all his substance;
22 That he might inform his princes after his will :
and teach his senators wisdom.
23 Israel also came into Egypt : and Jacob was a
stranger in the land of Ham.
24 And he increased his people exceedingly : and
made them stronger than their enemies;
25 Whose heart turned, so that they hated his people :
and dealt untruly with his servants.
26 Then sent he Moses his servant : and Aaron whom
he had chosen.
27 And these shewed his tokens among them : and
wonders in the land of Ham.
28 He sent darkness, and it was dark : and they were
not obedient unto his word.
29 He turned their waters into blood : and slew their fish.
30 Their land brought forth frogs : yea, even in their
kings' chambers.
31 He spake the word, and there came all manner of
flies : and lice in all their quarters.

THE PSALMS

- 32 He gave them hail-stones for rain : and flames of
fire in their land.
33 He smote their vines also and fig-trees : and
destroyed the trees that were in their coasts.
34 He spake the word, and the grasshoppers came,
and caterpillars innumerable : and did eat up all the
grass in their land, and devoured the fruit of their
ground.
35 He smote all the first-born in their land : even the
chief of all their strength.
36 He brought them forth also with silver and
gold : there was not one feeble person among their
tribes.
37 Egypt was glad at their departing : for they were
afraid of them.
38 He spread out a cloud to be a covering : and fire to
give light in the night-season.
39 At their desire he brought quails : and he filled
them with the bread of heaven.
40 He opened the rock of stone, and the waters
flowed out : so that rivers ran in the dry places.
41 For why? he remembered his holy promise : and
Abraham his servant.
42 And he brought forth his people with joy : and his
chosen with gladness;
43 And gave them the lands of the heathen : and they
took the labours of the people in possession;
44 That they might keep his statutes : and observe his
laws.

PSALM 106

DAY 21. EVEN.

- O** GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious :
and his mercy endureth for ever.
2 Who can express the noble acts of the Lord : or
shew forth all his praise?
3 Blessed are they that alway keep judgement : and
do righteousness.

THE PSALMS

- 4 Remember me, O Lord, according to the favour that thou bearest unto thy people : O visit me, with thy salvation ;
- 5 That I may see the felicity of thy chosen : and rejoice in the gladness of thy people, and give thanks with thine inheritance.
- 6 We have sinned with our fathers : we have done amiss, and dealt wickedly.
- 7 Our fathers regarded not thy wonders in Egypt, neither kept they thy great goodness in remembrance : but were disobedient at the sea, even at the Red sea.
- 8 Nevertheless, he helped them for his Name's sake : that he might make his power to be known.
- 9 He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up : so he led them through the deep, as through a wilderness.
- 10 And he saved them from the adversaries' hand : and delivered them from the hand of the enemy.
- 11 As for those that troubled them, the waters overwhelmed them : there was not one of them left.
- 12 Then believed they his words : and sang praise unto him.
- 13 But within a while they forgot his works : and would not abide his counsel.
- 14 But lust came upon them in the wilderness : and they tempted God in the desert.
- 15 And he gave them their desire : and sent leanness withal into their soul.
- 16 They angered Moses also in the tents : and Aaron the saint of the Lord.
- 17 So the earth opened, and swallowed up Dathan : and covered the congregation of Abiram.
- 18 And the fire was kindled in their company : the flame burnt up the ungodly.
- 19 They made a calf in Horeb : and worshipped the molten image.

THE PSALMS

- 20 Thus they turned their glory : into the similitude of a calf that eateth hay.
- 21 And they forgot God their Saviour : who had done so great things in Egypt ;
- 22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham : and fearful things by the Red sea.
- 23 So he said, he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the gap : to turn away his wrathful indignation, lest he should destroy them.
- 24 Yea, they thought scorn of that pleasant land : and gave no credence unto his word ;
- 25 But murmured in their tents : and hearkened not unto the voice of the Lord.
- 26 Then lift he up his hand against them : to overthrow them in the wilderness ;
- 27 To cast out their seed among the nations : and to scatter them in the lands.
- 28 They joined themselves unto Baal-peor : and ate the offerings of the dead.
- 29 Thus they provoked him to anger with their own inventions : and the plague was great among them.
- 30 Then stood up Phinees and prayed : and so the plague ceased.
- 31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness : among all posterities for evermore.
- 32 They angered him also at the waters of strife : so that he punished Moses for their sakes ;
- 33 Because they provoked his spirit : so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.
- 34 Neither destroyed they the heathen : as the Lord commanded them ;
- 35 But were mingled among the heathen : and learned their works.
- 36 Insomuch that they worshipped their idols, which turned to their own decay : yea, they offered their sons and their daughters unto devils ;

THE PSALMS

37 And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters : whom they offered unto the idols of Canaan; and the land was defiled with blood.

38 Thus were they stained with their own works : and went a whoring with their own inventions.

39 Therefore was the wrath of the Lord kindled against his people : insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance.

40 And he gave them over into the hands of the heathen : and they that hated them were lords over them.

41 Their enemies oppressed them : and had them in subjection.

42 Many a time did he deliver them : but they rebelled against him with their own inventions, and were brought down in their wickedness.

43 Nevertheless, when he saw their adversity : he heard their complaint.

44 He thought upon his covenant, and pitied them according unto the multitude of his mercies : yea, he made all those that led them away captive to pity them.

45 Deliver us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the heathen : that we may give thanks unto thy holy Name, and make our boast of thy praise.

46 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting and world without end : and let all the people say, Amen.

PSALM 107 DAY 22. MORN.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious : and his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Let them give thanks whom the Lord hath redeemed : and delivered from the hand of the enemy;

THE PSALMS

3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east and from the west : from the north and from the south.

4 They went astray in the wilderness out of the way : and found no city to dwell in;

5 Hungry and thirsty : their soul fainted in them.

6 So they cried unto the Lord in their trouble : and he delivered them from their distress.

7 He led them forth by the right way : that they might go to the city where they dwell.

8 O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness : and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!

9 For he satisfieth the empty soul : and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

10 Such as sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death : being fast bound in misery and iron;

11 Because they rebelled against the words of the Lord : and lightly regarded the counsel of the most Highest;

12 He also brought down their heart through heaviness : they fell down, and there was none to help them.

13 So when they cried unto the Lord in their trouble : he delivered them out of their distress.

14 For he brought them out of darkness, and out of the shadow of death : and brake their bonds in sunder.

15 O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness : and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!

16 For he hath broken the gates of brass : and smitten the bars of iron in sunder.

17 Foolish men are plagued for their offence : and because of their wickedness.

18 Their soul abhorred all manner of meat : and they were even hard at death's door.

THE PSALMS

- 19 So when they cried unto the Lord in their trouble : he delivered them out of their distress.
- 20 He sent his word, and healed them : and they were saved from their destruction.
- 21 O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness : and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!
- 22 That they would offer unto him the sacrifice of thanksgiving : and tell out his works with gladness!
- 23 They that go down to the sea in ships : and occupy their business in great waters;
- 24 These men see the works of the Lord : and his wonders in the deep.
- 25 For at his word the stormy wind ariseth : which lifteth up the waves thereof.
- 26 They are carried up to the heaven, and down again to the deep : their soul melteth away because of the trouble.
- 27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man : and are at their wits' end.
- 28 So when they cry unto the Lord in their trouble : he delivereth them out of their distress.
- 29 For he maketh the storm to cease : so that the waves thereof are still.
- 30 Then are they glad, because they are at rest : and so he bringeth them unto the haven where they would be.
- 31 O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness : and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!
- 32 That they would exalt him also in the congregation of the people : and praise him in the seat of the elders!
- 33 Who turneth the floods into a wilderness : and drieth up the water-springs.
- 34 A fruitful land maketh he barren : for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

THE PSALMS

- 35 Again, he maketh the wilderness a standing water : and water-springs of a dry ground.
- 36 And there he setteth the hungry : that they may build them a city to dwell in;
- 37 That they may sow their land, and plant vineyards : to yield them fruits of increase.
- 38 He blesseth them, so that they multiply exceedingly : and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.
- 39 And again, when they are minished and brought low : through oppression, through any plague or trouble;
- 40 Though he suffer them to be evil intreated through tyrants : and let them wander out of the way in the wilderness;
- 41 Yet helpeth he the poor out of misery : and maketh him households like a flock of sheep.
- 42 The righteous will consider this, and rejoice : and the mouth of all wickedness shall be stopped.
- 43 Whoso is wise will ponder these things : and they shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord.

PSALM 108

DAY 22. EVEN.

- O** GOD, my heart is ready, my heart is ready : I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have.
- 2 Awake, thou lute, and harp : I myself will awake right early.
- 3 I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people : I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.
- 4 For thy mercy is greater than the heavens : and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.
- 5 Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens : and thy glory above all the earth.
- 6 That thy beloved may be delivered : let thy right hand save them, and hear thou me.

THE PSALMS

7 God hath spoken in his holiness : I will rejoice therefore, and divide Sichem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

8 Gilcad is mine, and Manasses is mine : Ephraim also is the strength of my head.

9 Judah is my law-giver, Moab is my wash-pot : over Edom will I cast out my shoe, upon Philistia will I triumph.

10 Who will lead me into the strong city : and who will bring me into Edom ?

11 Hast not thou forsaken us, O God : and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts ?

12 O help us against the enemy : for vain is the help of man.

13 Through God we shall do great acts : and it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

PSALM 109

HOLD not thy tongue, O God of my praise : for the mouth of the ungodly, yea, the mouth of the deceitful is opened upon me.

2 And they have spoken against me with false tongues : they compassed me about also with words of hatred, and fought against me without a cause.

3 For the love that I had unto them, lo, they take now my contrary part : but I give myself unto prayer.

4 Thus have they rewarded me evil for good : and hatred for my good will.

[5 Set thou an ungodly man to be ruler over him : and let Satan stand at his right hand.

6 When sentence is given upon him, let him be condemned : and let his prayer be turned into sin.

7 Let his days be few : and let another take his office.

8 Let his children be fatherless : and his wife a widow.

9 Let his children be vagabonds, and beg their bread : let them seek it also out of desolate places.

THE PSALMS

10 Let the extortioner consume all that he hath : and let the stranger spoil his labour.

11 Let there be no man to pity him : nor to have compassion upon his fatherless children.

12 Let his posterity be destroyed : and in the next generation let his name be clean put out.

13 Let the wickedness of his fathers be had in remembrance in the sight of the Lord : and let not the sin of his mother be done away.

14 Let them always be before the Lord : that he may root out the memorial of them from off the earth.

15 And that, because his mind was not to do good : but persecuted the poor helpless man, that he might slay him that was vexed at the heart.

16 His delight was in cursing, and it shall happen unto him : he loved not blessing, therefore shall it be far from him.

17 He clothed himself with cursing, like as with a raiment : and it shall come into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones.

18 Let it be unto him as the cloke that he hath upon him : and as the girdle that he is always girded withal.

19 Let it thus happen from the Lord unto mine enemies : and to those that speak evil against my soul.]

20 But deal thou with me, O Lord God, according unto thy Name : for sweet is thy mercy.

21 O deliver me, for I am helpless and poor : and my heart is wounded within me.

22 I go hence like the shadow that departeth : and am driven away as the grasshopper.

23 My knees are weak through fasting : my flesh is dried up for want of fatness.

24 I became also a reproach unto them : they that looked upon me shaked their heads.

25 Help me, O Lord my God : O save me according to thy mercy.

THE PSALMS

26 And they shall know, how that this is thy hand : and that thou, Lord, hast done it.

27 Though they curse, yet bless thou : and let them be confounded that rise up against me; but let thy servant rejoice.

28 Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame : and let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a cloke.

29 As for me, I will give great thanks unto the Lord with my mouth : and praise him among the multitude.

30 For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor : to save his soul from unrighteous judges.

PSALM 110 DAY 23. MORN.

THE Lord said unto my Lord : Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

2 The Lord shall send the rod of thy power out of Sion : be thou ruler, even in the midst among thine enemies.

3 In the day of thy power shall the people offer thee free-will offerings with an holy worship : the dew of thy birth is of the womb of the morning.

4 The Lord sware, and will not repent : Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedech.

5 The Lord upon thy right hand : shall wound even kings in the day of his wrath.

6 He shall judge among the heathen; he shall fill the places with the dead bodies : and smite in sunder the heads over divers countries.

7 He shall drink of the brook in the way : therefore shall he lift up his head.

PSALM 111

I WILL give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart : secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.

THE PSALMS

2 The works of the Lord are great : sought of them that have pleasure therein.

3 His work is worthy to be praised and had in honour : and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done his marvellous works : that they ought to be had in remembrance.

5 He hath given meat unto them that fear him : he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.

6 He hath shewed his people the power of his works : that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

7 The works of his hands are verity and judgement : all his commandments are true.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever : and are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption unto his people : he hath commanded his covenant for ever; holy and reverend is his Name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom : a good understanding have all they that do thereafter; the praise of it endureth for ever.

PSALM 112

BLESSED is the man that feareth the Lord : he hath great delight in his commandments.

2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth : the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.

3 Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house : and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness : he is merciful, loving, and righteous.

5 A good man is merciful, and lendeth : and will guide his words with discretion.

6 For he shall never be moved : and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

THE PSALMS

- 7 He will not be afraid of any evil tidings : for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the Lord.
 8 His heart is established, and will not shrink : until he see his desire upon his enemies.
 9 He hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor : and his righteousness remaineth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.
 10 The ungodly shall see it, and it shall grieve him : he shall gnash with his teeth, and consume away; the desire of the ungodly shall perish.

PSALM 113¹

- P**RAISE the Lord, ye servants : O praise the Name of the Lord.
 2 Blessed be the Name of the Lord : from this time forth for evermore.
 3 The Lord's Name is praised : from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.
 4 The Lord is high above all heathen : and his glory above the heavens.
 5 Who is like unto the Lord our God, that hath his dwelling so high : and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth?
 6 He taketh up the simple out of the dust : and lifteth the poor out of the mire;
 7 That he may set him with the princes : even with the princes of his people.
 8 He maketh the barren woman to keep house : and to be a joyful mother of children.

PSALM 114 DAY 23. EVEN.

- W**HEN Israel came out of Egypt : and the house of Jacob from among the strange people,
 2 Judah was his sanctuary : and Israel his dominion.

¹ Psalm 113 may be transposed from Morning to Evening Prayer.

THE PSALMS

- 3 The sea saw that, and fled : Jordan was driven back.
 4 The mountains skipped like rams : and the little hills like young sheep.
 5 What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest : and thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?
 6 Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams : and ye little hills, like young sheep?
 7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord : at the presence of the God of Jacob;
 8 Who turned the hard rock into a standing water : and the flint-stone into a springing well.

PSALM 115

- N**OT unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy Name give the praise : for thy loving mercy and for thy truth's sake.
 2 Wherefore shall the heathen say : Where is now their God?
 3 As for our God, he is in heaven : he hath done whatsoever pleased him.
 4 Their idols are silver and gold : even the work of men's hands.
 5 They have mouths, and speak not : eyes have they, and see not.
 6 They have ears, and hear not : noses have they, and smell not.
 7 They have hands, and handle not; feet have they, and walk not : neither speak they through their throat.
 8 They that make them are like unto them : and so are all such as put their trust in them.
 9 But thou, house of Israel, trust thou in the Lord : he is their succour and defence.
 10 Ye house of Aaron, put your trust in the Lord : he is their helper and defender.

THE PSALMS

- 11 Ye that fear the Lord, put your trust in the Lord : he is their helper and defender.
 12 The Lord hath been mindful of us, and he shall bless us : even he shall bless the house of Israel, he shall bless the house of Aaron.
 13 He shall bless them that fear the Lord : both small and great.
 14 The Lord shall increase you more and more : you and your children.
 15 Ye are the blessed of the Lord : who made heaven and earth.
 16 All the whole heavens are the Lord's : the earth hath he given to the children of men.
 17 The dead praise not thee, O Lord : neither all they that go down into silence.
 18 But we will praise the Lord : from this time forth for evermore. Praise the Lord.

PSALM 116 DAY 24. MORN.

- I** AM well pleased : that the Lord hath heard the voice of my prayer;
 2 That he hath inclined his ear unto me : therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.
 3 The snares of death compassed me round about : and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.
 4 I shall find trouble and heaviness, and I will call upon the Name of the Lord : O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.
 5 Gracious is the Lord, and righteous : yea, our God is merciful.
 6 The Lord preserveth the simple : I was in misery, and he helped me.
 7 Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul : for the Lord hath rewarded thee.
 8 And why? thou hast delivered my soul from death : mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

THE PSALMS

- 9 I will walk before the Lord : in the land of the living.
 10 I believed, and therefore will I speak ; but I was sore troubled : I said in my haste, All men are liars.
 11 What reward shall I give unto the Lord : for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?
 12 I will receive the cup of salvation : and call upon the Name of the Lord.
 13 I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people : right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.
 14 Behold, O Lord, how that I am thy servant : I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid ; thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.
 15 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving : and will call upon the Name of the Lord.
 16 I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the sight of all his people : in the courts of the Lord's house, even in the midst of thee, O Jerusa'lem. Praise the Lord.

PSALM 117

- O** PRAISE the Lord, all ye heathen : praise him, all ye nations.
 2 For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us : and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord.

PSALM 118

- O** GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious : because his mercy endureth for ever.
 2 Let Israel now confess that he is gracious : and that his mercy endureth for ever.
 3 Let the house of Aaron now confess : that his mercy endureth for ever.

THE PSALMS

- 4 Yea, let them now that fear the Lord confess : that his mercy endureth for ever.
5 I called upon the Lord in trouble : and the Lord heard me at large.
6 The Lord is on my side : I will not fear what man doeth unto me.
7 The Lord taketh my part with them that help me : therefore shall I see my desire upon mine enemies.
8 It is better to trust in the Lord : than to put any confidence in man.
9 It is better to trust in the Lord : than to put any confidence in princes.
10 All nations compassed me round about : but in the Name of the Lord will I destroy them.
11 They kept me in on every side, they kept me in, I say, on every side : but in the Name of the Lord will I destroy them.
12 They came about me like bees, and are extinct even as the fire among the thorns : for in the Name of the Lord I will destroy them.
13 Thou hast thrust sore at me, that I might fall : but the Lord was my help.
14 The Lord is my strength, and my song : and is become my salvation.
15 The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous : the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.
16 The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence : the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.
17 I shall not die, but live : and declare the works of the Lord.
18 The Lord hath chastened and corrected me : but he hath not given me over unto death.
19 Open me the gates of righteousness : that I may go into them, and give thanks unto the Lord.

THE PSALMS

- 20 This is the gate of the Lord : the righteous shall enter into it.
21 I will thank thee, for thou hast heard me : and art become my salvation.
22 The same stone which the builders refused : is become the head-stone in the corner.
23 This is the Lord's doing : and it is marvellous in our eyes.
24 This is the day which the Lord hath made : we will rejoice and be glad in it.
25 Help me now, O Lord : O Lord, send us now prosperity.
26 Blessed be he that cometh in the Name of the Lord : we have wished you good luck, ye that are of the house of the Lord.
27 God is the Lord who hath shewed us light : bind the sacrifice with cords, yea, even unto the horns of the altar.
28 Thou art my God, and I will thank thee : thou art my God, and I will praise thee.
29 O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious : and his mercy endureth for ever.

PSALM 119. 1-8

DAY 24. EVEN.

- B**LESSED are those that are undefiled in the way : and walk in the law of the Lord.
2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies : and seek him with their whole heart.
3 For they who do no wickedness : walk in his ways.
4 Thou hast charged : that we shall diligently keep thy commandments.
5 O that my ways were made so direct : that I might keep thy statutes!
6 So shall I not be confounded : while I have respect unto all thy commandments.

THE PSALMS

7 I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart : when I shall have learned the judgements of thy righteousness.

8 I will keep thy ceremonies : O forsake me not utterly.

PSALM 119. 9-16

WHEREWITHAL shall a young man cleanse his way : even by ruling himself after thy word.

10 With my whole heart have I sought thee : O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.

11 Thy words have I hid within my heart : that I should not sin against thee.

12 Blessed art thou, O Lord : O teach me thy statutes.

13 With my lips have I been telling : of all the judgements of thy mouth.

14 I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies : as in all manner of riches.

15 I will talk of thy commandments : and have respect unto thy ways.

16 My delight shall be in thy statutes : and I will not forget thy word.

PSALM 119. 17-24

O DO well unto thy servant : that I may live, and keep thy word.

18 Open thou mine eyes : that I may see the wondrous things of thy law.

19 I am a stranger upon earth : O hide not thy commandments from me.

20 My soul breaketh out for the very fervent desire : that it hath alway unto thy judgements.

21 Thou hast rebuked the proud : and cursed are they that do err from thy commandments.

22 O turn from me shame and rebuke : for I have kept thy testimonies.

THE PSALMS

23 Princes also did sit and speak against me : but thy servant is occupied in thy statutes.

24 For thy testimonies are my delight : and my counsellors.

PSALM 119. 25-32

MY soul cleaveth to the dust : O quicken thou me, according to thy word.

26 I have acknowledged my ways, and thou heardest me : O teach me thy statutes.

27 Make me to understand the way of thy commandments : and so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

28 My soul melteth away for very heaviness : comfort thou me according unto thy word.

29 Take from me the way of lying : and cause thou me to make much of thy law.

30 I have chosen the way of truth : and thy judgements have I laid before me.

31 I have stuck unto thy testimonies : O Lord, con-found me not.

32 I will run the way of thy commandments : when thou hast set my heart at liberty.

PSALM 119. 33-40

DAY 25. MORN.

TEACH me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes : and I shall keep it unto the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law : yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments : for therein is my desire.

36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies : and not to covetousness.

37 O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity : and quicken thou me in thy way.

38 O establish thy word in thy servant : that I may fear thee.

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- 39 Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of : for thy judgements are good.
 40 Behold, my delight is in thy commandments :
 O quicken me in thy righteousness.

PSALM 119. 41-48

- L**ET thy loving mercy come also unto me, O Lord :
 Even thy salvation, according unto thy word.
 42 So shall I make answer unto my blasphemers : for
 my trust is in thy word.
 43 O take not the word of thy truth utterly out of my
 mouth : for my hope is in thy judgements.
 44 So shall I always keep thy law : yea, for ever and
 ever.
 45 And I will walk at liberty : for I seek thy com-
 mandments.
 46 I will speak of thy testimonies also, even before
 kings : and will not be ashamed.
 47 And my delight shall be in thy commandments :
 which I have loved.
 48 My hands also will I lift up unto thy command-
 ments, which I have loved : and my study shall be in
 thy statutes.

PSALM 119. 49-56

- O** THINK upon thy servant, as concerning thy
 word : wherein thou hast caused me to put my
 trust.
 50 The same is my comfort in my trouble : for thy
 word hath quickened me.
 51 The proud have had me exceedingly in derision :
 yet have I not shrunked from thy law.
 52 For I remembered thine everlasting judgements,
 O Lord : and received comfort.
 53 I am horribly afraid : for the ungodly that forsake
 thy law.

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- 54 Thy statutes have been my songs : in the house of
 my pilgrimage.
 55 I have thought upon thy Name, O Lord, in the
 night-season : and have kept thy law.
 56 This I had : because I kept thy commandments.

PSALM 119. 57-64

- T**HOU art my portion, O Lord : I have promised to
 keep thy law.
 58 I made my humble petition in thy presence with
 my whole heart : O be merciful unto me, according
 to thy word.
 59 I called mine own ways to remembrance : and
 turned my feet unto thy testimonies.
 60 I made haste, and prolonged not the time : to keep
 thy commandments.
 61 The congregations of the ungodly have robbed me :
 but I have not forgotten thy law.
 62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee :
 because of thy righteous judgements.
 63 I am a companion of all them that fear thee : and
 keep thy commandments.
 64 The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy : O teach
 me thy statutes.

PSALM 119. 65-72

- O** LORD, thou hast dealt graciously with thy
 servant : according unto thy word.
 66 O learn me true understanding and knowledge :
 for I have believed thy commandments.
 67 Before I was troubled, I went wrong : but now have
 I kept thy word.
 68 Thou art good and gracious : O teach me thy
 statutes.
 69 The proud have imagined a lie against me : but
 I will keep thy commandments with my whole heart.

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70 **Their heart** is as fat as brawn : but my delight hath been in thy law.

71 It is good for me that I have been in trouble : that I may learn thy statutes.

72 The law of thy mouth is dearer unto me : than thousands of gold and silver.

PSALM 119. 73-80

DAY 25. EVEN.

THY hands have made me and fashioned me : O give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

74 They that fear thee will be glad when they see me : because I have put my trust in thy word.

75 I know, O Lord, that thy judgements are right : and that thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled.

76 O let thy merciful kindness be my comfort : according to thy word unto thy servant.

77 O let thy loving mercies come unto me, that I may live : for thy law is my delight.

78 Let the proud be confounded, for they go wickedly about to destroy me : but I will be occupied in thy commandments.

79 Let such as fear thee, and have known thy testimonies : be turned unto me.

80 O let my heart be sound in thy statutes : that I be not ashamed.

PSALM 119. 81-88

MY soul hath longed for thy salvation : and I have a good hope because of thy word.

82 Mine eyes long sore for thy word : saying, O when wilt thou comfort me?

83 For I am become like a bottle in the smoke : yet do I not forget thy statutes.

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84 **How many** are the days of thy servant : when wilt thou be avenged of them that persecute me?

85 The proud have digged pits for me : which are not after thy law.

86 All thy commandments are true : they persecute me falsely ; O be thou my help.

87 They had almost made an end of me upon earth : but I forsook not thy commandments.

88 O quicken me after thy loving-kindness : and so shall I keep the testimonies of thy mouth.

PSALM 119. 89-96

O LORD, thy word : endureth for ever in heaven. 90 Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another : thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and it abideth.

91 They continue this day according to thine ordinance : for all things serve thee.

92 If my delight had not been in thy law : I should have perished in my trouble.

93 I will never forget thy commandments : for with them thou hast quickened me.

94 I am thine, O save me : for I have sought thy commandments.

95 The ungodly laid wait for me to destroy me : but I will consider thy testimonies.

96 I see that all things come to an end : but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

PSALM 119. 97-104

LORD, what love have I unto thy law : all the day long is my study in it.

98 Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies : for they are ever with me.

99 I have more understanding than my teachers : for thy testimonies are my study.

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100 I am wiser than the aged : because I keep thy commandments.

101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way : that I may keep thy word.

102 I have not shrunk from thy judgements : for thou teachest me.

103 O how sweet are thy words unto my throat : yea, sweeter than honey unto my mouth.

104 Through thy commandments I get understanding : therefore I hate all evil ways.

PSALM 119. 105-112

DAY 26. MORN.

THY word is a lantern unto my feet : and a light unto my paths.

106 I have sworn, and am stedfastly purposed : to keep thy righteous judgements.

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 judgements.

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 fulfil thy statutes alway : even unto the end.

PSALM 119. 113-120

IHATE them that imagine evil things : but thy law do I love.

114 Thou art my defence and shield : and my trust is in thy word.

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115 Away from me, ye wicked : I will keep the commandments of my God.

116 O stablish me according to thy word, that I may live : and let me not be disappointed of my hope.

117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe : yea, my delight shall be ever in thy statutes.

118 Thou hast trodden down all them that depart from thy statutes : for they imagine but deceit.

119 Thou puttest away all the ungodly of the earth like dross : therefore I love thy testimonies.

120 My flesh trembleth for fear of thee : and I am afraid of thy judgements.

PSALM 119. 121-128

I DEAL with the thing that is lawful and right : O give me not over unto mine oppressors.

122 Make thou thy servant to delight in that which is good : that the proud do me no wrong.

123 Mine eyes are wasted away with looking for thy health : and for the word of thy righteousness.

124 O deal with thy servant according unto thy loving mercy : and teach me thy statutes.

125 I am thy servant, O grant me understanding : that I may know thy testimonies.

126 It is time for thee, Lord, to lay to thine hand : for they have destroyed thy law.

127 For I love thy commandments : above gold and precious stone.

128 Therefore hold I straight all thy commandments : and all false ways I utterly abhor.

PSALM 119. 129-136

THY testimonies are wonderful : therefore doth my soul keep them.

130 When thy word goeth forth : it giveth light and understanding unto the simple.

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- 131 I opened my mouth, and drew in my breath : for my delight was in thy commandments.
 132 O look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me : as thou usest to do unto those that love thy Name.
 133 Order my steps in thy word : and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me.
 134 O deliver me from the wrongful dealings of men : and so shall I keep thy commandments.
 135 Shew the light of thy countenance upon thy servant : and teach me thy statutes.
 136 Mine eyes gush out with water : because men keep not thy law.

PSALM 119. 137-144

- R**IGHTEOUS art thou, O Lord : and true is thy judgement.
 138 The testimonies that thou hast commanded : are exceeding righteous and true.
 139 My zeal hath even consumed me : because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.
 140 Thy word is tried to the uttermost : and thy servant loveth it.
 141 I am small, and of no reputation : yet do I not forget thy commandments.
 142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness : and thy law is the truth.
 143 Trouble and heaviness have taken hold upon me : yet is my delight in thy commandments.
 144 The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting : O grant me understanding, and I shall live.

PSALM 119. 145-152

DAY 26. EVEN.

- I** CALL with my whole heart : hear me, O Lord, I will keep thy statutes.
 146 Yea, even unto thee do I call : help me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.

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- 147 Early in the morning do I cry unto thee : for in thy word is my trust.
 148 Mine eyes prevent the night-watches : that I might be occupied in thy words.
 149 Hear my voice, O Lord, according unto thy loving-kindness : quicken me, according as thou art wont.
 150 They draw nigh that of malice persecute me : and are far from thy law.
 151 Be thou nigh at hand, O Lord : for all thy commandments are true.
 152 As concerning thy testimonies, I have known long since : that thou hast grounded them for ever.

PSALM 119. 153-160

- O** CONSIDER mine adversity, and deliver me : for I do not forget thy law.
 154 Avenge thou my cause, and deliver me : quicken me, according to thy word.
 155 Health is far from the ungodly : for they regard not thy statutes.
 156 Great is thy mercy, O Lord : quicken me, as thou art wont.
 157 Many there are that trouble me, and persecute me : yet do I not swerve from thy testimonies.
 158 It grieveth me when I see the transgressors : because they keep not thy law.
 159 Consider, O Lord, how I love thy commandments : O quicken me, according to thy loving-kindness.
 160 Thy word is true from everlasting : all the judgements of thy righteousness endure for evermore.

PSALM 119. 161-168

- P**RINCES have persecuted me without a cause : but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.
 162 I am as glad of thy word : as one that findeth great spoils.

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163 As for lies, I hate and abhor them : but thy law do I love.

164 Seven times a day do I praise thee : because of thy righteous judgements.

165 Great is the peace that they have who love thy law : and they are not offended at it.

166 Lord, I have looked for thy saving health : and done after thy commandments.

167 My soul hath kept thy testimonies : and loved them exceedingly.

168 I have kept thy commandments and testimonies : for all my ways are before thee.

PSALM 119. 169-176

LET my complaint come before thee, O Lord : give me understanding, according to thy word.

170 Let my supplication come before thee : deliver me, according to thy word.

171 My lips shall speak of thy praise : when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

172 Yea, my tongue shall sing of thy word : for all thy commandments are righteous.

173 Let thine hand help me : for I have chosen thy commandments.

174 I have longed for thy saving health, O Lord : and in thy law is my delight.

175 O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee : and thy judgements shall help me.

176 I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost : O seek thy servant, for I do not forget thy commandments.

PSALM 120 DAY 27. MORN.

WHEN I was in trouble I called upon the Lord : and he heard me.

2 Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips : and from a deceitful tongue.

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3 What reward shall be given or done unto thee, thou false tongue : even mighty and sharp arrows, with hot burning coals.

4 Woe is me, that I am constrained to dwell with Mesech : and to have my habitation among the tents of Kedar.

5 My soul hath long dwelt among them : that are enemies unto peace.

6 I labour for peace, but when I speak unto them thereof : they make them ready to battle.

PSALM 121

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 defence 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 122

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

2 Our feet shall stand in thy gates : O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city : that is at unity in itself.

4 For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the

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Lord : to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.

5 For there is the seat of judgement : even the seat of the house of David.

6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem : they shall prosper that love thee.

7 Peace be within thy walls : and plenteousness within thy palaces.

8 For my brethren and companions' sakes : I will wish thee prosperity.

9 Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God : I will seek to do thee good.

PSALM 123

UNTO thee lift I up mine eyes : O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

2 Behold, even as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress : even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until he have mercy upon us.

3 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us : for we are utterly despised.

4 Our soul is filled with the scornful reproof of the wealthy : and with the despitefulness of the proud.

PSALM 124

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 They had swallowed us up quick : when they were so wrathfully displeased at 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.

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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 125

THEY that put their trust in the Lord shall be even as the mount Sion : which may not be removed, but standeth fast for ever.

2 The hills stand about Jerusalem : even so standeth the Lord round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

3 For the rod of the ungodly cometh not into the lot of the righteous : lest the righteous put their hand unto wickedness.

4 Do well, O Lord : unto those that are good and true of heart.

5 As for such as turn back unto their own wickedness : the Lord shall lead them forth with the evil-doers ; but peace shall be upon Israel.

PSALM 126

DAY 27. EVEN.

WHEN the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion : 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.

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6 **They 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.**

PSALM 127

EXCEPT the Lord build the house : their labour is but lost that build it.
2 **Except the Lord keep the city : the watchman waketh but in vain.**
3 **It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness : for so he giveth his beloved sleep.**
4 **Lo, children and the fruit of the womb : are an heritage and gift that cometh of the Lord.**
5 **Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant : even so are the young children.**
6 **Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them : they shall not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.**

PSALM 128

BLESSED are all they that fear the Lord : and walk in his ways.
2 **For thou shalt eat the labours of thine hands : O well is thee, and happy shalt thou be.**
3 **Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine : upon the walls of thine house.**
4 **Thy children like the olive-branches : round about thy table.**
5 **Lo, thus shall the man be blessed : that feareth the Lord.**
6 **The Lord from out of Sion shall so bless thee : that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long.**
7 **Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children : and peace upon Israel.**

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PSALM 129

MANY a time have they fought against me from my youth up : may Israel now say.
2 **Yea, many a time have they vexed me from my youth up : but they have not prevailed against me.**
3 **The plowers plowed upon my back : and made long furrows.**
4 **But the righteous Lord : hath hewn the snares of the ungodly in pieces.**
5 **Let them be confounded and turned backward : as many as have evil will at Sion.**
6 **Let them be even as the grass growing upon the house-tops : which withereth afore it be plucked up ;**
7 **Whereof the mower filleth not his hand : neither he that bindeth up the sheaves his bosom.**
8 **So that they who go by say not so much as, The Lord prosper you : we wish you good luck in the Name of the Lord.**

PSALM 130

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord : Lord, hear my voice.
2 **O let thine ears consider well : the voice of my complaint.**
3 **If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss : O Lord, who may abide it ?**
4 **For there is mercy with thee : therefore shalt thou be feared.**
5 **I look for the Lord ; my soul doth wait for him : in his word is my trust.**
6 **My soul fleeth unto the Lord : before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.**
7 **O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy : and with him is plenteous redemption.**
8 **And he shall redeem Israel : from all his sins.**

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PSALM 131

LORD, I am not high-minded : I have no proud looks.
2 I do not exercise myself in great matters : which are too high for me.
3 But I refrain my soul, and keep it low, like as a child that is weaned from his mother : yea, my soul is even as a weaned child.
4 O Israel, trust in the Lord : from this time forth for evermore.

PSALM 132 DAY 28. MORN.

LORD, remember David : and all his trouble ;
2 How he sware unto the Lord ; and vowed a vow unto the Almighty God of Jacob ;
3 I will not come within the tabernacle of mine house : nor climb up into my bed ;
4 I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep, nor mine eyelids to slumber : neither the temples of my head to take any rest ;
5 Until I find out a place for the temple of the Lord : an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.
6 Lo, we heard of the same at Ephrata : and found it in the wood.
7 We will go into his tabernacle : and fall low on our knees before his footstool.
8 Arise, O Lord, into thy resting-place : thou, and the ark of thy strength.
9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness : and let thy saints sing with joyfulness.
10 For thy servant David's sake : turn not away the presence of thine Anointed.
11 The Lord hath made a faithful oath unto David : and he shall not shrink from it ;
12 Of the fruit of thy body : shall I set upon thy seat.

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13 If thy children will keep my covenant, and my testimonies that I shall learn them : their children also shall sit upon thy seat for evermore.
14 For the Lord hath chosen Sion to be an habitation for himself : he hath longed for her.
15 This shall be my rest for ever : here will I dwell, for I have a delight therein.
16 I will bless her victuals with increase : and will satisfy her poor with bread.
17 I will deck her priests with health : and her saints shall rejoice and sing.
18 There shall I make the horn of David to flourish : I have ordained a lantern for mine Anointed.
19 As for his enemies, I shall clothe them with shame : but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

PSALM 133

BEHOOLD, how good and joyful a thing it is : brethren, to dwell together in unity !
2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the beard : even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing.
3 Like as the dew of Hermon : which fell upon the hill of Sion.
4 For there the Lord promised his blessing : and life for evermore.

PSALM 134

BEHOOLD 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 praise the Lord.
4 The Lord that made heaven and earth : give thee blessing out of Sion.

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O PRAISE the Lord, laud ye the Name of the Lord :
praise it, O ye servants of the Lord ;
2 Ye that stand in the house of the Lord : in the courts
of the house of our God.
3 O praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious : O sing
praises unto his Name, for it is lovely.
4 For why? the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto him-
self : and Israel for his own possession.
5 For I know that the Lord is great : and that our
Lord is above all gods.
6 Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven
and in earth : and in the sea, and in all deep places.
7 He bringeth forth the clouds from the ends of the
world : and sendeth forth lightnings with the rain,
bringing the winds out of his treasures.
8 He smote the first-born of Egypt : both of man and
beast.
9 He hath sent tokens and wonders into the midst of
thee, O thou land of Egypt : upon Pharaoh, and all
his servants.
10 He smote divers nations : and slew mighty kings ;
11 Sehon king of the Amorites, and Og the king of
Basan : and all the kingdoms of Canaan ;
12 And gave their land to be an heritage : even an
heritage unto Israel his people.
13 Thy Name, O Lord, endureth for ever : so doth thy
memorial, O Lord, from one generation to another.
14 For the Lord will avenge his people : and be
gracious unto his servants.
15 As for the images of the heathen, they are but
silver and gold : the work of men's hands.
16 They have mouths, and speak not : eyes have they,
but they see not.
17 They have ears, and yet they hear not : neither is
there any breath in their mouths.

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18 They that make them are like unto them : and so
are all they that put their trust in them.
19 Praise the Lord, ye house of Israel : praise the
Lord, ye house of Aaron.
20 Praise the Lord, ye house of Levi : ye that fear the
Lord, praise the Lord.
21 Praised be the Lord out of Sion : who dwelleth at
Jerusalem.

PSALM 136 DAY 28. EVEN.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious :
and his mercy endureth for ever.
2 O give thanks unto the God of all gods : for his
mercy endureth for ever.
3 O thank the Lord of all lords : for his mercy en-
dureth for ever.
4 Who only doeth great wonders : for his mercy
endureth for ever.
5 Who by his excellent wisdom made the heavens :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
6 Who laid out the earth above the waters : for his
mercy endureth for ever.
7 Who hath made great lights : for his mercy en-
dureth for ever ;
8 The sun to rule the day : for his mercy endureth for
ever ;
9 The moon and the stars to govern the night : for his
mercy endureth for ever.
10 Who smote Egypt with their first-born : for his
mercy endureth for ever ;
11 And brought out Israel from among them : for his
mercy endureth for ever ;
12 With a mighty hand, and stretched out arm : for
his mercy endureth for ever.
13 Who divided the Red sea in two parts : for his
mercy endureth for ever ;

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- 14 And made Israel to go through the midst of it : for his mercy endureth for ever.
15 But as for Pharaoh and his host, he overthrew them in the Red sea : for his mercy endureth for ever.
16 Who led his people through the wilderness : for his mercy endureth for ever.
17 Who smote great kings : for his mercy endureth for ever;
18 Yea, and slew mighty kings : for his mercy endureth for ever;
19 Schon king of the Amorites : for his mercy endureth for ever;
20 And Og the king of Basan : for his mercy endureth for ever;
21 And gave away their land for an heritage : for his mercy endureth for ever;
22 Even for an heritage unto Israel his servant : for his mercy endureth for ever.
23 Who remembered us when we were in trouble : for his mercy endureth for ever;
24 And hath delivered us from our enemies : for his mercy endureth for ever.
25 Who giveth food to all flesh : for his mercy endureth for ever.
26 O give thanks unto the God of heaven : for his mercy endureth for ever.
27 O give thanks unto the Lord of lords : for his mercy endureth for ever.

PSALM 137

- B**y the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept : when we remembered thee, O Sion.
2 As for our harps, we hanged them up : upon the trees that are therein,
3 For they that led us away captive required of us

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- then a song, and melody in our heaviness : Sing us one of the songs of Sion.
4 How shall we sing the Lord's song : in a strange land?
5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem : let my right hand forget her cunning.
6 If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth : yea, if I prefer not Jerusalem in my mirth.
[7 Remember the children of Edom, O Lord, in the day of Jerusalem : how they said, Down with it, down with it, even to the ground.
8 O daughter of Babylon, wasted with misery : yea, happy shall he be that rewardeth thee, as thou hast served us.
9 Blessed shall he be that taketh thy children : and throweth them against the stones.]

PSALM 138

- I** WILL give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart : even before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.
2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy Name, because of thy loving-kindness and truth : for thou hast magnified thy Name and thy word above all things.
3 When I called upon thee, thou heardest me : and enduedst my soul with much strength.
4 All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord : for they have heard the words of thy mouth.
5 Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord : that great is the glory of the Lord.
6 For though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly : as for the proud, he beholdeth them afar off.
7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou

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refresh me : thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

8 The Lord shall make good his loving-kindness toward me : yea, thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever ; despise not then the works of thine own hands.

PSALM 139 DAY 29. MORN.

OLORD, thou hast searched me out and known me : thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising, thou understandest my thoughts long before.

2 Thou art about my path, and about my bed : and spiest out all my ways.

3 For lo, there is not a word in my tongue : but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

4 Thou hast fashioned me behind and before : and laid thine hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me : I cannot attain unto it.

6 Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit : or whither shall I go then from thy presence ?

7 If I climb up into heaven, thou art there : if I go down to hell, thou art there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning : and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea ;

9 Even there also shall thy hand lead me : and thy right hand shall hold me.

10 If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me : then shall my night be turned to day.

11 Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day : the darkness and light to thee are both alike.

12 For my reins are thine : thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

13 I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and

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wonderfully made : marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.

14 My bones are not hid from thee : though I be made secretly, and fashioned beneath in the earth.

15 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect : and in thy book were all my members written ;

16 Which day by day were fashioned : when as yet there was none of them.

17 How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God : O how great is the sum of them !

18 If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand : when I wake up I am present with thee.

19 Wilt thou not slay the wicked, O God : depart from me, ye blood-thirsty men.

20 For they speak unrighteously against thee : and thine enemies take thy Name in vain.

21 Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate thee : and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee ?

22 Yea, I hate them right sore : even as though they were mine enemies.

23 Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart : prove me, and examine my thoughts.

24 Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me : and lead me in the way everlasting.

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DELIVER me, O Lord, from the evil man : and preserve me from the wicked man.

2 Who imagine mischief in their hearts : and stir up strife all the day long.

3 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent : adders' poison is under their lips.

4 Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the ungodly : preserve me from the wicked men, who are purposed to overthrow my goings.

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- 5 The proud have laid a snare for me, and spread a net abroad with cords : yea, and set traps in my way.
 6 I said unto the Lord, Thou art my God : hear the voice of my prayers, O Lord.
 7 O Lord God, thou strength of my health : thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.
 8 Let not the ungodly have his desire, O Lord : let not his mischievous imagination prosper, lest they be too proud.
 [9 Let the mischief of their own lips fall upon the head of them : that compass me about.
 10 Let hot burning coals fall upon them : let them be cast into the fire and into the pit, that they never rise up again.]
 11 A man full of words shall not prosper upon the earth : evil shall hunt the wicked person to overthrow him.
 12 Sure I am that the Lord will avenge the poor : and maintain the cause of the helpless.
 13 The righteous also shall give thanks unto thy Name : and the just shall continue in thy sight.

PSALM 141¹

- L**ORD, I call upon thee, haste thee unto me : and consider my voice when I cry unto thee.
 2 Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense : and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.
 3 Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth : and keep the door of my lips.
 4 O let not mine heart be inclined to any evil thing : let me not be occupied in ungodly works with the men that work wickedness, lest I eat of such things as please them.

¹ Psalm 141 may be transposed from Morning to Evening Prayer.

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- 5 Let the righteous rather smite me friendly : and reprove me.
 6 But let not their precious balms break my head : yea, I will pray yet against their wickedness.
 [7 Let their judges be overthrown in stony places : that they may hear my words, for they are sweet.
 8 Our bones lie scattered before the pit : like as when one breaketh and heweth wood upon the earth.]
 9 But mine eyes look unto thee, O Lord God : in thee is my trust, O cast not out my soul.
 10 Keep me from the snare that they have laid for me : and from the traps of the wicked doers.
 11 Let the ungodly fall into their own nets together : and let me ever escape them.

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DAY 29. EVEN.

- I** CRIED unto the Lord with my voice : yea, even unto the Lord did I make my supplication.
 2 I poured out my complaints before him : and shewed him of my trouble.
 3 When my spirit was in heaviness thou knewest my path : in the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.
 4 I looked also upon my right hand : and saw there was no man that would know me.
 5 I had no place to flee unto : and no man cared for my soul.
 6 I cried unto thee, O Lord, and said : Thou art my hope, and my portion in the land of the living.
 7 Consider my complaint : for I am brought very low.
 8 O deliver me from my persecutors : for they are too strong for me.
 9 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks unto thy Name : which thing if thou wilt grant me, then shall the righteous resort unto my company.

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HEAR my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire :
hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness' sake.

2 And enter not into judgement with thy servant : for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul ; he hath smitten my life down to the ground : he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead.

4 Therefore is my spirit vexed within me : and my heart within me is desolate.

5 Yet do I remember the time past ; I muse upon all thy works : yea, I exercise myself in the works of thy hands.

6 I stretch forth my hands unto thee : my soul gaspeth unto thee as a thirsty land.

7 Hear me, O Lord, and that soon, for my spirit waxeth faint : hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

8 O let me hear thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning, for in thee is my trust : shew thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto thee.

9 Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies : for I flee unto thee to hide me.

10 Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee, for thou art my God : let thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.

11 Quicken me, O Lord, for thy Name's sake : and for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

12 And of thy goodness slay mine enemies : and destroy all them that vex my soul ; for I am thy servant.

PSALM 144 DAY 30. MORN.

BLESSED be the Lord my strength : who teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight ;

2 My hope and my fortress, my castle and deliverer,

my defender in whom I trust : who subdueth my people that is under me.

3 Lord, what is man, that thou hast such respect unto him : or the son of man, that thou so regardest him ?

4 Man is like a thing of nought : his time passeth away like a shadow.

5 Bow thy heavens, O Lord, and come down : touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

6 Cast forth thy lightning, and tear them : shoot out thine arrows, and consume them.

7 Send down thine hand from above : deliver me, and take me out of the great waters, from the hand of strange children ;

8 Whose mouth talketh of vanity : and their right hand is a right hand of wickedness.

9 I will sing a new song unto thee, O God : and sing praises unto thee upon a ten-stringed lute.

10 Thou hast given victory unto kings : and hast delivered David thy servant from the peril of the sword.

11 Save me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children : whose mouth talketh of vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of iniquity.

12 That our sons may grow up as the young plants : and that our daughters may be as the polished corners of the temple.

13 That our garners may be full and plenteous with all manner of store : that our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets.

14 That our oxen may be strong to labour, that there be no decay : no leading into captivity, and no complaining in our streets.

15 Happy are the people that are in such a case : yea, blessed are the people who have the Lord for their God.

PSALM 145

I will magnify thee, O God, my King : and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.
 2 Every day will I give thanks unto thee : and praise thy Name for ever and ever.
 3 Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised : there is no end of his greatness.
 4 One generation shall praise thy works unto another : and declare thy power.
 5 As for me, I will be talking of thy worship : thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works ;
 6 So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts : and I will also tell of thy greatness.
 7 The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed : and men shall sing of thy righteousness.
 8 The Lord is gracious and merciful : long-suffering and of great goodness.
 9 The Lord is loving unto every man : and his mercy is over all his works.
 10 All thy works praise thee, O Lord : and thy saints give thanks unto thee.
 11 They shew the glory of thy kingdom : and talk of thy power ;
 12 That thy power, thy glory, and mightiness of thy kingdom : might be known unto men.
 13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom : and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.
 14 The Lord upholdeth all such as fall : and lifteth up all those that are down.
 15 The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord : and thou givest them their meat in due season.
 16 Thou openest thine hand : and fillest all things living with plenteousness.
 17 The Lord is righteous in all his ways : and holy in all his works.

18 The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him : yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.
 19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him : he also will hear their cry, and will help them.
 20 The Lord preserveth all them that love him : but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.
 21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord : and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

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PRAISE the Lord, O my soul ; while I live will I praise the Lord : yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.
 2 O put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man : for there is no help in them.
 3 For when the breath of man goeth forth he shall turn again to his earth : and then all his thoughts perish.
 4 Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help : and whose hope is in the Lord his God ;
 5 Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is : who keepeth his promise for ever ;
 6 Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong : who feedeth the hungry.
 7 The Lord looseth men out of prison : the Lord giveth sight to the blind.
 8 The Lord helpeth them that are fallen : the Lord careth for the righteous.
 9 The Lord careth for the strangers, he defendeth the fatherless and widow : as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.
 10 The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore : and throughout all generations.

PSALM 147 DAY 30. EVEN.

O PRAISE the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God : yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

2 The Lord doth build up Jerusalem : and gather together the out-casts of Israel.

3 He healeth those that are broken in heart : and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.

4 He telleth the number of the stars : and calleth them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord, and great is his power : yea, and his wisdom is infinite.

6 The Lord setteth up the meek : and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.

7 O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving : sing praises upon the harp unto our God ;

8 Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth : and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men ;

9 Who giveth fodder unto the cattle : and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him.

10 He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse : neither delighteth he in any man's legs.

11 But the Lord's delight is in them that fear him : and put their trust in his mercy.

12 Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem : praise thy God, O Sion.

13 For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates : and hath blessed thy children within thee.

14 He maketh peace in thy borders : and filleth thee with the flour of wheat.

15 He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth : and his word runneth very swiftly.

16 He giveth snow like wool : and scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.

17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels : who is able to abide his frost ?

18 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them : he bloweth with his wind, and the waters flow.

19 He sheweth his word unto Jacob : his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.

20 He hath not dealt so with any nation : neither have the heathen knowledge of his laws.

PSALM 148

O PRAISE the Lord of heaven : praise him in the height.

2 Praise him, all ye angels of his : praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon : praise him, all ye stars and light.

4 Praise him, all ye heavens : and ye waters that are above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord : for he spake the word, and they were made ; he commanded, and they were created.

6 He hath made them fast for ever and ever : he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.

7 Praise the Lord upon earth : ye dragons, and all deeps ;

8 Fire and hail, snow and vapours : wind and storm, fulfilling his word ;

9 Mountains and all hills : fruitful trees and all cedars ;

10 Beasts and all cattle : worms and feathered fowls ;

11 Kings of the earth and all people : princes and all judges of the world ;

12 Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the Lord : for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.

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13 He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him : even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

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O SING unto the Lord a new song : let the congregation of saints praise him.
2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him : and let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
3 Let them praise his Name in the dance : let them sing praises unto him with tabret and harp.
4 For the Lord hath pleasure in his people : and helpeth the meek-hearted.
5 Let the saints be joyful with glory : let them rejoice in their beds.
6 Let the praises of God be in their mouth : and a two-edged sword in their hands;
7 To be avenged of the heathen : and to rebuke the people;
8 To bind their kings in chains : and their nobles with links of iron.
9 That they may be avenged of them, as it is written : Such honour have all his saints.

PSALM 150

O PRAISE God in his holiness : praise him in the firmament of his power.
2 Praise him in his noble acts : praise him according to his excellent greatness.
3 Praise him in the sound of the trumpet : praise him upon the lute and harp.
4 Praise him in the cymbals and dances : praise him upon the strings and pipe.
5 Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals : praise him upon the loud cymbals.
6 Let every thing that hath breath : praise the Lord.

BENEDICITE

The words 'praise him, and magnify him for ever' may be omitted except after verses 1, 2, 17, 18, 26, 32.

O ALL ye Works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.
2 O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O YE Heavens, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

4 O ye Waters that be above the firmament, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

5 O all ye Powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

6 O ye Sun and Moon, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

7 O ye Stars of Heaven, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

8 O ye Showers and Dew, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

9 O ye Winds of God, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

10 O ye Fire and Heat, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

11 O ye Winter and Summer, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

12 O ye Dews and Frosts, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

13 O ye Frost and Cold, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

14 O ye Ice and Snow, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

15 O ye Nights and Days, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

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16 O ye Light and Darkness, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

17 O ye Lightnings and Clouds, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O LET the Earth bless the Lord : yea, let it praise
him, and magnify him for ever.

19 O ye Mountains and Hills, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

20 O all ye Green Things upon the earth, bless ye the
Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

21 O ye Wells, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and
magnify him for ever.

22 O ye Seas and Floods, bless ye the Lord : praise
him, and magnify him for ever.

23 O ye Whales, and all that move in the waters, bless
ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for
ever.

24 O all ye Fowls of the air, bless ye the Lord : praise
him, and magnify him for ever.

25 O all ye Beasts and Cattle, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

26 O ye Children of Men, bless ye the Lord : praise
him, and magnify him for ever.

O LET Israel bless the Lord : praise him, and
magnify him for ever.

28 O ye Priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : praise
him, and magnify him for ever.

29 O ye Servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

30 O ye Spirits and Souls of the Righteous, bless ye
the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

31 O ye holy and humble Men of heart, bless ye the
Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

32 O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless ye the Lord :
praise him, and magnify him for ever.