The Book of Common Prayer,  
as printed by John Baskerville

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A COMMINATION.

Or

Denouncing of GOD'S Anger and Judgements against Sinners;

With certain Prayers to be used on the First day of LENT, and at other as Times as the Ordinary shall appoint.

After Morning Prayer, the Litany ended according to the accustomed manner, the Priest shall in the Reading-Pew, or Pulpit say,

RETHREN, in the primitive Church there was a godly discipline, that, at the beginning of Lent, such persons as flood convicted of notorious sin, were put to open penance, and punished in this world, that their souls might be saved in the day of the Lord; and that others, admonished by their example, might be the more afraid to offend.

Instead whereof (until the said discipline may be restored again, which is much to be wished,) it is thought good, that at this time, in the presence of you all, is should be read the general sentences of God's cursing against impenitent sinners, gathered out of the seven and twentieth chapter of Deuteronomy, and other places of Scripture; and that ye should answer to every sentence, Amen: To the intent that, being admonished of the great indignation of God against sinners, ye may the rather be moved to earnest and true repentance; and may walk more warily in these dangerous days; fleeing from such vices, for which ye affirm with your own mouths the curse of God to be due.

CURSED is the man that maketh any carved or molten image, to worship it.

And the people shall answer and say, Amen.

Minister. Curfed is he, that curseth his father or mother. ver. 16.

Answer. Amen.

Minister. Curfed is he, that removeth his neighbour's land-mark. ver. 17.

Answer. Amen.

Minister. Curfed is he, that maketh the blind to go out of his way. ver. 18.

Answer. Amen.

Minister. Curfed is he, that perverteth the judgement of the stranger, the fatherless, and widow. ver. 19.

Answer. Amen.

NOW seeing that all they are accurfed, as the prophet David beareth witneses, who do err and go astray from the commandments of God; let us (remembering the dreadful judgement hanging over our heads, and always ready to fall upon us,) return unto our Lord God with all contrition and meekness, acknowledging and confessing our offences, and seeking to bring forth worthy fruits of penance. For now is the axe put unto the root of the trees; lo that every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God: He shall pour down rain upon the sinners, furies, fire and brimstone, form and tempell; this shall be their portion to drink. For lo, the Lord is come out of his place to visit the wickedness of such as dwell upon the earth. But who may abide the day of his coming? Who shall be able to endure when he appeareth? His fan is in his hand, and he will purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the barn; but he will burn the chaff with unquenchable fire. The day of the Lord cometh as a thief in the night: and when men shall say, Peace, and all things are safe, then shall sudden destruction come upon

Minister. Curfed is he, that curseth his neighbour secretly. ver. 24.

Answer. Amen.

Minister. Curfed is he, that lieth with his neighbour's wife. Lev. 20. 10.

Answer. Amen.

Minister. Curfed is he, that taketh reward to slay the innocent. Deut. 27. 25.

Answer. Amen.

Minister. Curfed is he, that putteth his trust in man, and taketh man for his defence, and in his heart goeth from the Lord. Jer. 17. 5.

Answer. Amen.

Minister. Curfed are the unmerciful, fornicators, and adulterers, covetous persons, idolaters, slanderers, drunkards, and extortioners. S. Matth. 25. 41. 1 Cor. 6. 9, 10.

Answer. Amen.
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them, as forrow cometh upon a wo-man travailing with child, and they shall not escape. Then shall appear the wrath of God in the day of vengeance, which oblinateth sinners, through the stubbornnes of their heart, have heaped unto themselves; which despiseth the goodnes, patience, and long-suffering of God, when he calleth them continually to repentance. Then shall they call upon me (faith the Lord) but I will not hear; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me; and that, because they hated knowledge, and received not the fear of the Lord, but abhorred my counsel, and despisef my correction. Then shall it be too late to knock, when the door shall be shut; and too late to cry for mercy, when it is the time of justice. O terrible voice of most just judgement, which shall be pronounced upon them, when it shall be said unto them, Go, ye cursed, into the fire everlasting, which is prepared for the devil and his angels! Therefore, brethren, take we heed betime, while the day of salvation laffeth; for the night cometh, when none can work. But let us, while we have the light, believe in the light, and walk as children of the light; that we be not cast into utter darkness, where is weeping and gnashing of teeth. Let us not abuse the goodnes of God, who careth us mercifully to amendment, and of his endles pity promiseth us forgivenes of that which is past, if with a perfect and true heart we return unto him. For though our sins be as red as scarlet, they shall be made white as snow; and though they be like purple, yet they shall be made white as w wool. Turn ye (faith the Lord) from all your wickednes, and your sin shall not be your destruction: Cast away from you all your ungodliness that ye have done; make you new hearts, and a new spirit: Wherefore will ye die, O ye house of Israel? seeing that I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, faith the Lord God: Turn ye then, and ye shall live. Although we have sinned, yet have we an Advocate with the Father, Jesu Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. For he was wounded for our offences, and fmiten for our wickednes. Let us therefore return unto him, who is the merciful receiver of all true penitent sinners; affuring ourselves that he is ready to receive us, and most willing to pardon us, if we come unto him with faithful repentance; if we submit our selves unto him, and from henceforth walk in his ways; if we will take his cally yoke, and light burden upon us, to follow him in lowliness, patience, and charity, and be ordered by the governance of his Holy Spirit; seeking always his glory, and serving him duly in our vocation with thanksgiving. This if we do, Christ will deliver us from the curse of the law, and from the extreme malediction which shall light upon them that shall be fet on the left hand; and he will set us on his right hand, and give us the gracious benediction of his Father, commanding us to take poffefion of his glorious kingdom: Unto which he vouchsafe to bring us all, for his infinite mercy. Amen.

¶ Then shall they all kneel upon their knees, and the Priests and Clerks kneeling, in the place where they are accustomed to say the Litany, shall say this Psalm.

Miserere mei, Deus. PSAL. 51.

H AVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness: according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

Waft me throughly from my wickednes: and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults: and my sin is ever before me. Again tf thee only have I finned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified in thy faying, and clear when thou art judged.

Behold, I was fhapen in wickednes: and in fin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, thou requir eft truth in the inward parts: and fhalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyflop, and I shall be clean: thou shalt waft me, and I shall be whiter than fnow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladnes: that the bones which thou haft broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face away from my fins: and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.

Caft me not away from thy presence: and take not thy holy Spirit from me.
O give me the comfort of thy help again: and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked: and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health: and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord: and my mouth shall declare thy praise.

For thou deflect no sacrifice, else would I give it thee: but thou delightest not in burnt-offering.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

O be favourable and gracious unto Sion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations: then shalt they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

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.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

O UR 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, fave thy servants;

Answer. That put their trust in thee.

Minister. Send unto them help from above;

Answer. And evermore mightily defend them.

Minister. Help us, O God our Saviour;

Answer. And for the glory of thy Name deliver us; be merciful unto us sinners, for thy Name's sake.

Minister. O Lord, hear our prayer.

Answer. And let our cry come unto thee.