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as printed by John Baskerville

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The ORDER for

EVENING PRAYER,

Daily throughout the Year.

At the beginning of Evening Prayer the Minister shall read with a loud voice one or more of these Sentences of the Scriptures that follow; and then he shall say that which is written after the said Sentences.

WHEN the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall have his soul alive. Ezek. 18. 27.

I acknowledge my transgressions; and my sin is ever before me. Psalm 51. 3.

Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Psalm 51. 9.

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

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. Joel 2. 13.

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenes, 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. Dan. 9. 9, 10.

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O Lord, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing. Jer. 10. 24. Psalm 6.1.

Repent ye; for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand. S. Matt. 3.2.

I will arise and go to my father; and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. S. Luke 15. 18, 19.

Enter not into judgment with thy servant, O Lord; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. Psalm 143. 2.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 S. John 1. 8, 9.

EARLY 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 forgivenes 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
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benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things that 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:

¶ A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation, after the Minister, all kneeling.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep: We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts: We have offended against thy holy laws: We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders: Spare thou them, O God, which confess their fault: Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus 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.

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¶ The Absolution or Remission of sins, to be pronounced by the Priest alone, standing; the People still kneeling.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live; and hath given power and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit; that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

¶ Then, the Minister shall kneel, and say the Lord's Prayer with an audible voice: the people also kneeling, and repeating it with him, both here, and wherefoever else it is used in Divine Service.

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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 ¶ Then likewise he shall say,

 O Lord, open thou our lips;  
 Anfw. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.  
 Prieb. O God, make speed to save us.  
 Anfw. O Lord, make haste to help us.  

 ¶ Here all standing up, the Prieb shall say,  

 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;  
 Anfw. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.  
 Prieb. Praise ye the Lord.  
 Anfw. The Lord's Name be praised.  

 ¶ Then shall be said or sung the Psalms in order as they be appointed.  
 Then a Lesson of the Old Testament, as is appointed; and after that,  
 Magnificat (or the song of the Blessed Virgin Mary) in English, as followeth.  

 Magnificat S. LUKE i. 46  

 My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
 For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his hand-maiden.  
 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.

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 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 of 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.  

 ¶ Or else this Psalm: Except it be on the nineteenth day of the month, when it is read in the ordinary course of Psalms.  

 Cantate Domino. PSAL. 98.  

 O Sing unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvellous things.  
 With his own right hand, and with his holy arm: hath he gotten himself the victory.  
 The Lord declared his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the nations.  
 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.  
 Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands: singing, rejoice, and give thanks.  
 Praise the Lord upon the harp: singing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.  
 With trumpets also and shawms: O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord, the King.
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Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is: the round world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord: for he cometh to judge the earth.

With righteousness shall he judge the world: and the peoples with equity.

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.

¶ Then a Lesson of the New Testament, as it is appointed. And after that, Nunc dimittis (or the Song of Simeon) in English, as followeth.

Nunc dimittis  S. Luke 2.29

ORD, 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 peoples;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and 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.

¶ Or else this Psalm: Except it be on the twelfth day of the month.

Deus misereatur.  Psal. 67.

G OD be merciful unto us, and bless us: and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us;

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That thy way may be known upon earth: thy saving-health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise thee, O God: yea, let all the peoples praise thee.

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

Let the peoples praise thee, O God: yea, let all the peoples praise thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

God shall bless us: and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

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.

¶ Then shall be said or sung the Apostles Creed, by the Minister and the people standing.

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
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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.

And after that these Prayers following, all devoutly kneeling; the

the Minifter firſt pronouncing with a loud voice,

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

Minifter.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us;
Chrift, have mercy upon us.

Perſons standing up,

Then the Minifter, Clerks, and People, ſhall say the Lord’s Prayer
with a loud voice.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trefpaſſes, as we forgive them that trefpaſſe against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Then the Priеſt ſtanding up, ſhall say,

O Lord, ſhow thy mercy upon us;
Anfw. And grant us thy ſalvation.

Priеſt. O Lord, fave the King.
Anfw. And mercifully hear us, when we call upon thee.

Priеſt. Endue thy Minifters with righteouſnecſs;

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Anfw. And make thy choſen people joyful.

Priеſt. O Lord, fave thy people;
Anfw. And bleſs thine inheritance.

Priеſt. Give peace in our time, O Lord;
Anfw. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Priеſt. O God, make clean our hearts within us;
Anfw. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Then ſhall follow three Colleſts: The firſt of the day: The second for Peace: The third for Aid against all Perils, as hereafter followeth: Which two laſt Colleſts ſhall be said at Evening Prayer without alteration.

The Second Colleſt at Evening Prayer.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counſels, and all juft works do proceed: Give unto thy servant that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be fet 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 Chrift our Saviour. Amen.

The Third Colleſt, for Aid against all Perils.

LIGHTEN our darkneſs, we beſeech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercifully defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.
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Œ In Q uires an Plac es where they sing, here followeth the Anthem.

¶ A Prayer for the Clergy and People.

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

A Prayer of Saint Chrysoflom.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and doft promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfill 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. Amen.


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.

Here endeth the Order of Evening Prayer throughout the Year.