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as printed by John Baskerville

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A FORM of PRAYER with THANKSGIVING to be used yearly upon the Fifth Day of November; for the happy Deliverance of King J A M E S I, and the Three Estates of E N G L A N D, from the most traiterous and bloody-intended Maffacre by Gunpowder: And also for the happy Arrival of His Majestie King W I L L I A M on this Day, for the Deliverance of our Church and Nation.

¶ The Minister of every Parish shall give warning to his Parishioners publickly in the Church at Morning Prayer, the Sunday before, for the due observation of the said Day. And after Morning Prayer, or preaching, upon the said Fifth Day of November, shall read publickly, distinctly, and plainly, the Act of Parliament, made in the third Year of King James the First, for the observation of it.

¶ The Service shall be the same with the usual Office for Holy Days in all things; except where it is hereafter otherwise appointed.

¶ If this Day shall happen to be a Sunday, only the Collect proper for that Sunday shall be added to this Office in its place.

¶ Morning Prayer shall begin with these Sentences:

T H E Lord is full of compassion and mercy: long-suffering, and of great goodnes. Psal. 103. 8.

He will not alway be chiding: neither keepeth he his anger for ever. ver. 9.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins: nor rewarded us according to our wickednes. ver. 10.

¶ Instead of Venite exultemus, shall this Hymn following be used; one verse by the Priest, and another by the Clerk and People.

O Give thanks unto the Lord for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth for ever. Psal. 107. 1.

Let them give thanks whom the Lord hath redeemed: and delivered from the hand of the enemy. ver. 2.

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Many a time have they fought against me from my youth up: may Israel now say. Psal. 139. 1.

Yea, many a time have they vexed me from my youth up: but they have not prevailed against me. ver. 2.

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. Psal. 35. 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. Psal. 57. 7.

Great is our Lord, and great is his power: yea, and his wisdom is infinite. Psal. 147. 5.

The Lord setteth up the meek: and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground. ver. 6.

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. Psal. 80. 17.

And so will not we go back from thee: O let us live, and we shall call upon thy Name. ver. 18.

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.

¶ Proper Psalms. 64, 124, 125.

¶ Proper Lessons.

The first, 2 Sam. 22.

Te Deum.

The second, Acts 23.

Jubilate.

¶ In the Suffrages after the Creed, these shall be inserted, and used for the King.

Priest. O Lord, save the King;
People. Who putteth his trust in thee.
Priest. Send him help from thy holy place;
People. And evermore mightily defend him.
Priest. Let his enemies have no advantage against him;
People. Let not the wicked approach to hurt him.
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¶ Instead of the first Collect for Morning Prayer, shall these two be used.

ALMIGHTY God, who haft in all ages shewed thy power and mercy in the miraculous and gracious deliverance of thy Church, and in the protection of righteous and religious Kings and states, professing thy holy and eternal truth, from the wicked conspiracies, and malicious practices of all the enemies thereof; We yield thee our unfeigned thanks and praise for the wonderful and mighty deliverance of our gracious Sovereign King James the First, the Queen, the Prince, and all the Royal Branches, with the Nobility, Clergy and Commons of England, then assembled in Parliament, by Popish treachery appointed as fiece to the slaughter, in a most barbarous and savage manner, beyond the examples of former ages. From this unnatural Conspiration, not our merit, but thy mercy; not our foreight, but thy providence delivered us: And therefore not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto they Name be ascribed all honour and glory, in all Churches of the Saints, from generation to generation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ACCEP'T also, most gracious God, of our unfeigned thanks, for filling our hearts again with joy and gladness, after the time that thou hadst afflicted us, and putting a new fong into our mouths, by bringing his Majesty King William upon this day, for the deliverance of our Church and Nation from Popish tyranny and arbitrary power. We adore the wisdom and justice of thy providence, which so timely interposed in our extreme danger, and disappointed all the designs of our enemies. We beseech thee, give us such a lively and lasting fene of what thou didst then, and haft since that time done for us, that we may not grow secure and careless in our obedience, by presuming upon thy great and undeferved goodness; but that it may lead us to repentance, and move us to be the more diligent and zealous in all the duties of our Religion, which thou haft in a marvellous manner preferred to us. Let truth and justice, brotherly kindness and charity, devotion and piety, concord and unity, with all other virtues, so flourish among us, that they may be the stability of our times, and make this Church a praise in the earth. All which we humbly beg for the sake of our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

¶ In the end of the Litany, (which shall always this Day be used) after the Collect [We humbly beseech thee, O Father, &c.] shall this be said which followeth.

ALMIGHTY God and heavenly Father, who of thy gracious providence, and tender mercy towards us, didst prevent the malice and imaginations of our enemies, by discovering and confounding their horrible and wicked enterprize, plotted and intended this day to have been executed against the King, and whole State of England, for the subversion of the Government and Religion established among us; and didst likewise upon this day wonderfully conduct thy servant King William, and bring him safely into England, to preserve us from the attempts of our enemies to bereave us of our Religion and Laws; We most humbly praise and magnify thy most glorious Name for thy unspakable goodness towards us, exprest in both these acts of thy mercy. We confess it has been of thy mercy alone that we are not confounded; for our sins have cried to heaven against us, and our iniquities justly called for vengeance upon us. But thou haft not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us after our iniquities; nor given us over, as we deserved, to be a prey to our enemies; but haft in mercy delivered us from their malice, and preferred us from death and destruction. Let the consideration of this thy repeated goodness, O Lord, work in us true repentance, that iniquity may not be our ruin: And increase in us more and more a lively faith and love, fruitful in all holy obedience; that thou mayest still continue thy favour, with the light of thy Gospel, to us and our posterity for ever more; and that for
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thy dear Son’s fake Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

¶ Instead of the Prayer [In time of War and Tumults] shall be used this Prayer following.

O Lord, who didst this day discover the snares of death that were laid for us, and didst wonderfully deliver us from the same; Be thou fill our mighty Protector, and scatter our enemies that delight in blood: infatuate and defeat their counsels, abate their pride, affuage their malice, and confound their devices. Strengthen the hands of our gracious Sovereign King GEORGE, and all that are put in authority under him, with judgment and justice, to cut off all such workers of iniquity, as turn Religion into Rebellion, and Faith into Faction; that they may never prevail against us, or triumph in the ruin of thy church among us: but that our gracious Sovereign and his Realms, being preferred in thy true Religion, and by thy merciful goodnecfs protected in the same, we may all duly serve thee, and give thee thanks in thy holy Congregation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ In the Communion Service, instead of the Collect for the Day shall this which followeth be used.

E TERNAL God, and our most mighty Protector, we thy unworthy servants do humbly present ourselves before thy Majesty, acknowledging thy power, wisdom and goodness, in preferring the King, and the Three Estates of the Realm of England assembled in Parliament, from the destruction this day intended against them. Make us, we beseech thee, truly thankful for this, and for all other thy great mercies towards us; particularly for thy making this day against memorable, by a fresh instance of thy loving-kindness towards us. We bless thee for giving his late Majesty King William a safe arrival here, and for making all opposition fall before him, till he became our King and Governor. We beseech thee to protect and defend our Sovereign King GEORGE, and all the Royal Family, from all treasons and conspiracies; Preserve him in all thy faith, fear and love; Prosper his reign with long happiness here on earth; and crown him with everlasting glory hereafter, through Jesus Christ our only Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

The Epistle. ROM. 13. 1.

LET every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be, are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore refiltheth the power, refiltheth the ordinance of God: and they that refilth shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praife of the same: for he is the minifter of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For, for this cause pay ye tribute alfo; for they are God’s ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues; tribute to whom tribute is due, custom to whom custom, fear to whom fear, honour to whom honour.


AND it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he fledfully set his face to go to Jerusalem, and sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem. And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? But he turned and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit
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ye are of: For the Son of man is not come to destroy men’s lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.

¶ After the Creed, if there be no Sermon, shall be read one of the six homilies against Rebellion.

¶ This Sentence is to be read at the Offertory.

WHATSOEVER ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets. St. Matth. 7. 12.

¶ After the Prayer for the Church militant this following Prayer is to be used.

O God, whose Name is excellent in all the earth, and thy glory above the heavens; who, on this day, didst miraculously preserve our Church and State from the secret contrivance and hellish malice of Papish conspirators; and on this day also didst begin to give us a mighty deliverance from the open tyranny and oppression of the same cruel and bloody-thirsty enemies; We bless and adore thy glorious Majesty, as for the former, so for this thy late marvellous loving-kindness to our church and Nation, in the preservation of our religion and liberties. And we humbly pray, that the devout sense of this thy repeated mercy may renew and increase in us a spirit of love and thankfulnes to Thee its only Author; a spirit of peacable submission and obedience to our gracious Sovereign Lord King G E O R G E; and a spirit of fervent zeal for our holy religion, which thou hast wonderfully rescued, and established a bleffing to us and our posterity. And this we beg for Jefus Chrift his fake. Amen.