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THE ORDER FOR
DAILY MORNING PRAYER.

¶ *The MINISTER shall begin the MORNING PRAYER, by reading one or more of the following Sentences of SCRIPTURE.*

THE Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. *Hab. ii. 20.*

From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same, my Name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my Name, and a pure offering: for my Name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of hosts. *Mal. i. 11.*

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be alway acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. *Psal. xix. 14.*

When the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. *Ezek. xviii. 27.*

I acknowledge my transgressions; and my sin is ever before me. *Psal. li. 3.*

Hide thy face from my sins; and blot out all mine iniquities. *Psal. li 9.*

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart O God thou wilt not despise. *Psal. ii 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 ii 13.*

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. *Dan. ix. 9, 10.*

O Lord correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing. *Jer. x. 24. Psal. vi. 1.*

Repent ye; for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand. *St. Matt. iii. 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. *St. Luke xv. 18, 19.*

Enter not into judgment with thy servant, O Lord; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. *Psal. cxliiii. 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 St. John i. 8, 9.*

¶ *Then the Minister shall say,*
Dearly beloved brethren, the scripture moveth us, in fun-
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dry places, to acknowledge and confefs our manifold fins and wickednefs, and that we ſhould not diſſemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God, our heavenly Father, but confefs them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the ſame by his infinite goodnefs and mercy. And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our fins before God; yet ought we, 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 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—

¶ *A General Confefſion to be ſaid by 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 thoſe, O God, who confefs their faults. Reſtore thou thoſe who 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.*

¶ *The Declaration of Abſolution, or Remiſſion Of Sins; to be ſaid 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 wickednefs and live; 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 thoſe who 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.

¶ *The People ſhall answer here, and at the end of every Prayer; Amen.*

¶ *Or this.*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who, of his great mercy hath promiſed Forgiveness of ſins to all thoſe who, 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 Goodnefs, and bring you to everlaſting Life, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then*

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¶ *Then the Minister shall kneel, and say the Lord's Prayer; the people still kneeling and repeating it with him, both here, and wheresoever else it is used in divine service.*

Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on Earth, As it is in Heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the Kingdom, And the power, And the Glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then likewise he shall say,*
O Lord, open thou our lips;
Ans. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

¶ *Here, all standing up, the Minister shall say,*
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
Ans. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.
Ans. The Lord's Name be praised.

¶ *Then shall be said or sung the following ANTHEM; except on those days for which other Anthems are appointed; and except also, when it is used in the course of the Psalms, on the nineteenth day of the month.*

Venite, exultemus Domino.

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 show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

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

In his hand are all the corners of the earth; and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it; and his hands prepared the 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 his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

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

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth; and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth

¶ *Then shall follow a PORTION of the Psalms, as they are appointed, or one of the SELECTIONS of the Psalms set forth by this Church; and at the end of every Psalm, and likewise at the end of the Venite, Benedictite, Jubilate Benedictus, Cantate Domino, Bonum est confiteri, Deus miseratur, Benedic, anima mea—MAY be said or sung the GLORIA PATRI; and at the end of the whole Portion, or Selection of Psalms for the day—SHALL be said or sung the GLORIA PATRI, or else the GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, as followeth.*

Gloria in excelsis

GLory be to God on high and on 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.

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O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus 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 fittest 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.*

¶ *Then shall be read the first Lesson, according to the Table or Calendar; after which shall be said or sung the following Hymn.*

¶ Note, *That before every Lesson, the Minister shall say Here be- ginneth such a Chapter, or verse of such a Chapter, of such a Book: And after every Lesson, Here endeth the first, or the Second Lesson.*

Te Deum laudamus.

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 Cherubim and Sera- phim, 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 Ma- jesty;

Thine adorable, true, and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost, the Com- forter.

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 hum- ble thyself to be born of a Vir- gin.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou fittest at the right hand of God, in the Glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come, to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast re- deemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy saints, in glory everlasting.

O Lord save thy people, and blefs 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 be upon us; as our trust is in thee.

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

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¶ *Or this Canticle.*

Benedicite, omnia opera Domini.

O All ye Works of the Lord, blefs ye the Lord; praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye Angels of the Lord, blefs ye the Lord; praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye Heavens, blefs ye the Lord; praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Waters that be above the Firmament, blefs ye the Lord; praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O all ye Powers of the Lord, blefs ye the Lord; praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Sun and Moon, blefs ye the Lord; praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Stars of Heaven, blefs ye the Lord; praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Showers and Dew, blefs ye the Lord; praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Winds of God, blefs ye the Lord; praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Fire and Heat, blefs ye the Lord; praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Winter and Summer, blefs ye the Lord; praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Dews and Frosts, blefs ye the Lord; praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Frost and Cold, blefs ye the Lord; praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Ice and Snow, blefs ye the Lord; praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Nights and Days, blefs ye the Lord; praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Light and Darknefs, blefs ye the Lord; praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Lightnings and Clouds, blefs ye the Lord; praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O let the Earth blefs the Lord; yea, let it praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Mountains and Hills, blefs ye the Lord; praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O all ye green Things upon the earth, blefs ye the Lord; praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Wells, blefs ye the Lord; praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Seas and Floods, blefs ye the Lord; praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Whales, and all that move in the waters, blefs ye the Lord; praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O all ye Fowls of the Air, blefs ye the Lord; praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O all ye Beasts and Cattle, blefs ye the Lord; praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Children of Men, blefs ye the Lord; praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O let Israel blefs the Lord, praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Priests of the Lord, blefs ye the Lord; praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Servants of the Lord, blefs ye the Lord; praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Spirits and Souls of the righteous, blefs ye the Lord; praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye holy and humble Men of heart,

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heart, bleſs ye the Lord; praife him, and magnify him for ever.

¶ *Then ſhall be read in like manner, the Second Leſſon, taken out of the New Teſtament according to the Table or Calendar; and after that, the following Pſalm.*

Jubilate Deo. Pſal. c.

O Be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; ſerve the Lord with gladneſs, and come before his preſence with a ſong.

Be ye ſure that the Lord he is God, it is he that hath made us, and not we ourſelves; we are his people, and the ſheep of his paſture.

O go your way into his gates with thankſgiving, and into his courts with praife; be thankful unto him, and ſpeak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlaſting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

¶ *Or this Hymn.*

Benedictus. St. Luke i. 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;

That we ſhould be ſaved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us.

¶ *Then ſhall be ſaid the Apoſtles Creed by the Miniſter and the People, ſtanding. And any Churches may omit the words, [He deſcended into Hell], or may, inſtead of them, uſe the words, He went in to the Place of departed Spirits,*

which are conſidered as words of the ſame meaning in the Creed.

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; Suftered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; [*He deſcended into hell;*] The Third day he roſe 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.*

¶ *Or this.*

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 ſuftered 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

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the Father: and he shall come again with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

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 Catholic and Apostolic 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.*

¶ *And after that, these Prayers following, all devoutly kneeling; the Minister first pronouncing,*

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

¶ *Minister.* Let us pray.

O Lord shew thy mercy upon us;

Ans. And grant us thy salvation.

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

Ans. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

¶ *Then shall follow the Collect for the day, except when the Communion Service is read; and then the Collect for the day shall be omitted here.*

¶ *A 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. *Amen.*

¶ *A 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 being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *A Prayer for the PRESIDENT of the United States, and all in civil Authority.*

O Lord, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; Most heartily we beseech thee, with thy favour, to behold and bless thy servant, *The PRESIDENT of the United States*, and all others in authority; and so replenish them with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way: Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant them in health and prosperity long to live; and finally, after this life, to attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The following Prayers are to be omitted here, when the Litany is read.*

¶ *A Prayer for the Clergy and People.*

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, send down upon our Bishops and other Clergy, and upon the Congregations

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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 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 thy holy Church universal; 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 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's sake. *Amen.*

¶ *A General Thanksgiving*

ALmighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy good-

ness 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.*

¶ *A Prayer of St. 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 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. *Amen.*

2 Cor. xiii. 14.

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 MORNING PRAYER.