

THE ORDER FOR

EVENING PRAYER

DAILY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

¶ AT the beginning of Evening Prayer the Minister shall read with a loud voice some one or more of these Sentences of the Scriptures that follow. Then he shall say the Exhortation; but in Churches where Morning Prayer has been said, the words between Dearly beloved brethren and I pray and beseech may be omitted.

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. 18. 27.*

I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. *Psalms 51. 3.*

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

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. *Psalms 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 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. 9. 9,10.*

O Lord, correct me, but with judgement; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing. *Jer. 10. 24. Psalms 6. 1.*

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against

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heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. *St Luke* 15. 18, 19.

Enter not into judgement 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, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 *St John* 1. 8, 9.

The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him. *Hab.* 2. 20.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him. *Psalm* 96.9.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye I upon him while he is near: let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him: and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. *Isaiah* 55. 6, 7.

Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit. *Isaiah* 57. 15.

¶ Sentences, which may be used before one or more of the preceding Sentences.

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

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

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Good Friday All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. *Isaiah* 53. 6.

Easter The Lord is risen indeed. *St Luke* 24. 34.

Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians* 15. 57.

Ascension Seeing then 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 It shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh. *Acts* 2. 17.

Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. *Acts* 1. 8.

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 forgive-

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ness 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 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:

¶ 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 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.

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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. *Amen.*

¶ Then the Minister shall kneel, and say the Lord's Prayer: the people also kneeling, and repeating it with him.

OUR Father who 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.*

¶ Then likewise he shall say,

O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Priest. O God, make speed to save us.

Answer. O Lord, make haste to help us.

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¶ Here, all standing up, the Priest shall say,

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Priest. Praise ye the Lord.

Answer. 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. St Luke 1.

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.

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.

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

CANTATE DOMINO. Psalm 98.

OSING 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 heathen.

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 : sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

Praise the Lord upon the harp : sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

With trumpets also and shawms : O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.

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 people 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.

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NUNC DIMITTIS. St 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.

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

DEUS MISEREATUR. Psalm 67.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us : and shew
us the light of his countenance, and be merciful
unto us:

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

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

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

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

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

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 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.

¶ Note, That the words in the Creed He descended into hell are considered as words of the same meaning as He went into the place of departed spirits.

¶ And after the Creed these prayers following, all devoutly kneeling: the Minister first pronouncing with a loud voice,

The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

¶ Then the Minister, Clerks, and people shall say the Lord's Prayer with a loud voice.

OUR Father who 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

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trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. Amen.

¶ Then the Priest standing up shall say,

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Answer. And grant us thy salvation.

Priest. O Lord, save the King.

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

Priest. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Answer. And make thy chosen people joyful.

Priest. O Lord, save thy people.

Answer. And bless thine inheritance.

Priest. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

Priest. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

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

¶ 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 our hearts may be set to obey thy command-
ments, 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. *Amen.*

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¶ 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. *Amen.*

¶ Here may follow an Anthem or a Hymn.

¶ Then these prayers following are to be read here, except when the Litany is used.

¶ A Prayer for the King's Majesty.

OLORD 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 Lord, King *GEORGE*; and so replenish him with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that he may alway incline to thy will, and walk in thy way: Endue him plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant him in health and wealth long to live; strengthen him that he may vanquish and overcome all his enemies, and finally after this life he may attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ A Prayer for the Royal Family.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless our gracious Queen Mary, Alexandra the Queen Mother, Edward 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

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bring them to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ A Prayer for the Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, and the Lieutenant-Governors of the Provinces.

LORD of all power and mercy, we beseech thee to assist with thy favour the Governor-General of this Dominion, and the Lieutenant-Governor of this Province. Cause them, we pray thee, to walk before thee in truth and righteousness, and to use their power to thy glory and the public good; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ The following prayer may be read instead of the prayers for the King's Majesty, the Royal Family, the Governor-General, and Parliament.

OLORD God Almighty, who rulest the nations of the earth, we humbly beseech thee with thy favour to behold our Sovereign Lord, King *GEORGE*, that in all things he may be led by thy guidance and protected by thy power. We pray thee also to bless our gracious Queen Mary, Alexandra the Queen Mother, Edward Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family. Endue with wisdom the Governor-General of this Dominion, the Lieutenant-Governors of the Provinces, the Legislators of the Empire, and all who are set in authority over us; that all things may be 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; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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¶ A Prayer for the Clergy and People.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, the giver of all spiritual gifts: Send down upon our Bishops and Clergy, 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.*

¶ Then may be read any of the Occasional Prayers or Thanksgivings, or any prayers sanctioned by the Ordinary, always ending with the Prayer of St Chrysostom and The grace of our Lord etc.: and before any of such prayers may be said Let us pray for —.

¶ A Collect or Prayer for all Conditions of men, to be used at such times when the Litany is not appointed to be said.

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 life. Finally we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those, who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate; [** especially those for whom our prayers are desired;*] that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience

** This to be said when any desire the Prayers of the Congregation.*

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under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ his sake. *Amen.*

¶ 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; [**particularly to those who desire now to offer up their praises and thanksgivings for thy late mercies vouchsafed unto them.*]

* This to be said when any that have been prayed for desire to return praise.

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 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

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expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

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.*

¶ Here endeth the Order of Evening Prayer throughout the Year.

¶ Here a Sermon may be preached, and the offerings of the people may be received in the appointed manner .

THE CREED OF SAINT ATHANASIUS

(COMMONLY SO-CALLED)

¶ Upon any day in the year, may be sung or said at Morning Prayer, instead of the Apostles' Creed, this Confession of our Christian Faith, commonly called the Creed of Saint Athanasius, by the Minister and people standing.

QUICUMQUE VULT.

WHOSOEVER would be saved : needeth before all things to hold fast the Catholick Faith.

Which Faith except a man keep whole and undefiled : without doubt he will perish eternally.

NOW the Catholick Faith is this : that we worship one God in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity;

Neither confusing the Persons : nor dividing the Substance.

For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son : another of the Holy Ghost;

But the Godhead of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost is all one : the glory equal, the majesty co-eternal.

Such as the Father is, such is the Son : and such is the Holy Ghost;

The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated : the Holy Ghost uncreated ;

The Father infinite, the Son infinite : the Holy Ghost infinite;

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The Father eternal, the Son eternal : the Holy Ghost eternal;

And yet there are not three eternals : but one eternal;

As also there are not three uncreated, nor three infinities : but one infinite, and one uncreated.

So likewise the Father is almighty, the Son almighty : the Holy Ghost almighty;

And yet there are not three almighties : but one almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son God : the Holy Ghost God;

And yet there are not three Gods : but one God.

So the Father is Lord, the Son Lord : the Holy Ghost Lord;

And yet there are not three Lords : but one Lord.

For like as we are compelled by the Christian verity : to confess each Person by himself to be both God and Lord;

So are we forbidden by the Catholick Religion : to speak of three Gods or three Lords.

The Father is made of none : nor created, nor begotten.

The Son is of the Father alone: not made, nor created, but begotten.

The Holy Ghost is of the Father and the Son: not made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding.

There is therefore one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons : one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts.

And in this Trinity there is no before or after : no greater or less;

But all three Persons are co-eternal together: and co-equal.

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So that in all ways, as is aforesaid : both the Trinity is to be worshipped in Unity, and the Unity in Trinity.

He therefore that would be. saved : let him thus think of the Trinity.

FURTHERMORE it is necessary to eternal salvation : that he also believe faithfully the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now the right Faith is that we believe and confess : that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is both God and Man.

He is God, of the Substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds : and he is Man, of the Substance of his Mother, born in the world;

Perfect God: perfect Man, of reasoning soul and human flesh subsisting;

Equal to the Father as touching his Godhead : less than the Father as touching his Manhood.

Who although he be God and Man : yet he is not two, but is one Christ;

One, however, not by conversion of Godhead into flesh: but by taking of Manhood into God;

One altogether : not by confusion of Substance, but by unity of Person.

For as reasoning soul and flesh is one man : so God and Man is one Christ;

Who suffered for our salvation : descended into hell, rose again from the dead;

Ascended into heaven, sat down at the right hand of the Father : from whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

At whose coming all men must rise again with their bodies : and shall give account for their own deeds.

And they that have done good will go into

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life eternal : they that have done evil into eternal fire.

THIS is the Catholick Faith : which except a man do faithfully and stedfastly believe, he cannot be saved.

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.

¶ For the removal of doubts, and to prevent disquietude in the use of the Creed commonly called the Creed of St Athanasius, it is solemnly declared:

1. That the Confession of our Christian Faith, commonly called the Creed of St Athanasius, doth not make any addition to the Faith as contained in Holy Scripture, but warneth against errors which from time to time have arisen in the Church of Christ.

2. That as Holy Scripture in divers places doth promise life to them that believe, and declare the condemnation of them that believe not, so doth the Church, in this Confession, declare the necessity for all who would be in a state of salvation of holding fast the Catholick Faith, and the great peril of rejecting the same. Wherefore the warnings in this Confession of Faith are to be understood no otherwise than the like warnings in Holy Scripture; for we must receive God's threatenings, even as His promises, in such wise as they are generally set forth in Holy Writ. Moreover, the Church doth not herein pronounce judgement on any particular person or persons, God alone being the Judge of all.