

## DAILY EVENING PRAYER

*The Officiant may begin Evening Prayer by reading an opening sentence of Scripture. One of the following, or a sentence from among those provided at the end of the Office (pages 54–56), is customary.*

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. JOHN 8:12

*or this*

LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honor dwelleth. PSALM 26:8

*or this*

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense; and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice. PSALM 141:2

### CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Officiant says to the People*

Dearly beloved, the Scripture teacheth us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have

received at his hands, to declare his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things which are necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, draw near with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

*or this*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence is kept. All kneeling, the Officiant and People say*

**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 apart from thy grace, there is no health in us.  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.  
Spare thou those, O God, who confess 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 Priest alone stands and says*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, desireth not the death of sinners, but that they may turn from their wickedness and live. He hath empowered and commanded his ministers to pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardoneth and

absolveth all who truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that our present deeds may please him, the rest of our lives may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come unto his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*or this*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*A Deacon or layperson remains kneeling and prays*

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### INVITATORY

*All stand.*

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips;  
*People* **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us;  
*People* **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Officiant* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

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

*Officiant* Praise ye the Lord.

*People* **The Lord's Name be praised.**

*The following or some other suitable hymn or Psalm may be sung or said.*

PHOS HILARON  
*O Gladsome Light*

O gladsome light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven, \*  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!  
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light, \*  
we sing thy praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, \*  
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

*Then follows*

THE PSALM OR PSALMS APPOINTED

*At the end of the Psalms the Gloria Patri (Glory be...) is sung or said*

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.

THE LESSONS

*One or more Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading from \_\_\_\_\_.

*A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.*

*After each Lesson the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

*Or the Reader may say*

Here endeth the Reading.

*The following Canticles are normally sung or said after each of the lessons. The Officiant may also use a Cantic drawn from the Supplemental Canticles (pages 79-88) or an appropriate song of praise.*

MAGNIFICAT  
*The Song of Mary*

My soul doth magnify the Lord, \*  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.  
For he hath regarded \*  
the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
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 showed 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.

LUKE 1:46-55

NUNC DIMITTIS  
*The Song of Simeon*

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.

LUKE 2:29-32

THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Officiant and People together, all 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.  
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.

THE PRAYERS

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*The People kneel or stand.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Officiant and People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is 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 follows one of these sets of Suffrages*

*Officiant* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

*People* **And grant us thy salvation.**

*Officiant* O Lord, guide those who govern us;

*People* **And lead us in the way of justice and truth.**

*Officiant* Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

*People* **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

*Officiant* O Lord, save thy people;  
*People* **And bless thine inheritance.**  
*Officiant* Give peace in our time, O Lord;  
*People* **And defend us by thy mighty power.**  
*Officiant* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*People* **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
*Officiant* O God, make clean our hearts within us;  
*People* **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

*or this*

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,  
**We entreat thee, O Lord.**

That thy holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,  
**We entreat thee, O Lord.**

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,  
**We entreat thee, O Lord.**

That there may be peace in thy Church and in the whole world,  
**We entreat thee, O Lord.**

That we may depart this life in thy faith and fear, and not be  
condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,  
**We entreat thee, O Lord.**

That we may be bound together by thy Holy Spirit in the  
communion of [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] all thy saints, entrusting  
one another and all our life to Christ,  
**We entreat thee, O Lord.**



*The Officiant then prays one or more of the following Collects, always beginning with the Collect of the Day (usually the Collect of the Sunday or Principal Feast and of any of the weekdays following, or of the Holy Day being observed) found on pages 598–640. It is traditional to pray the Collects for Peace and Aid against Perils daily. Alternatively, one may pray the Collects on a weekly rotation, using the suggestions in italics.*

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*From the Collects of the Christian Year*

##### A COLLECT FOR RESURRECTION HOPE *Sunday*

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ didst triumph over the powers of death and prepare for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise thee in that City of which he is the light, and where he livest and reignest for ever and ever. **Amen.**

##### A COLLECT FOR PEACE *Monday*

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 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 Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

##### A COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST PERILS *Tuesday*

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 thine only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR PROTECTION *Wednesday*

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank thee for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST *Thursday*

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know thee as thou art revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of thy love. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR FAITH *Friday*

Lord Jesus Christ, by thy death thou hast taken away the sting of death: Grant unto us thy servants so to follow in faith where thou hast led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in thee and wake up in thy likeness; for thy tender mercies' sake. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR THE EVE OF WORSHIP *Saturday*

O God, the source of eternal light: Shed forth thine unending day upon us who watch for thee, that our lips may praise thee, our lives may bless thee, and our worship on the morrow give thee glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Unless the Great Litany or the Eucharist is to follow, one of the following prayers for mission is added. If the Great Litany is used, it follows here, or after a hymn or anthem, and concludes the Office.*

PRAYER FOR MISSION

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship thee, all nations obey thee, all tongues confess and bless thee, and men, women, and children everywhere love thee and serve thee in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*or this*

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake. **Amen.**

*or this*

O God, who dost manifest in thy servants the signs of thy presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another thine abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Officiant may invite the People to offer intercessions and thanksgivings.*

*A hymn or anthem may be sung.*

*Before the close of the Office one or both of the following prayers may be used.*

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

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 show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves 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 honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and who hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost, "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to the preceding versicle and response.*

*The Officiant says one of these concluding sentences (and the People may be invited to join)*

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.**

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14<sup>T</sup>

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

ROMANS 15:13<sup>T</sup>

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

EPHESIANS 3:20-21<sup>T</sup>

## OPENING SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

### ADVENT

Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

MARK 13:35-36

### CHRISTMAS

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

REVELATION 21:3

### EPIPHANY

And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

ISAIAH 60:3

### LENT *and* OTHER PENITENTIAL OCCASIONS

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.

I JOHN 1:8-9

I acknowledge my transgressions:  
and my sin is ever before me.

PSALM 51:3

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him.

DANIEL 9:9

## HOLY WEEK

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

ISAIAH 53:6

## EASTER

Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

I CORINTHIANS 15:57

## ASCENSION

Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.

HEBREWS 9:24

## PENTECOST

The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

REVELATION 22:17

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God,  
the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.

PSALM 46:4

## TRINITY SUNDAY

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

ISAIAH 6:3

## DAYS OF THANKSGIVING

The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens. By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.

PROVERBS 3:19-20

AT ANY TIME

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

PSALM 96:9

I will thank the LORD for giving me warning,  
my reins also chasten me in the night season.  
I have set the LORD always before me;  
for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

PSALM 16:8-9

ADDITIONAL DIRECTIONS

The Confession and Apostles' Creed may be omitted, provided each is said at least once during the course of the day.

The Gloria Patri (Glory be...) in the opening versicles may be said in unison.

The Officiant and People may join in saying "Alleluia" (except in Lent) as an alternative to the versicles "Praise the Lord. The Lord's Name be praised."

If an offering is to be received, it is appropriate to do so during the hymn or anthem following the Collects.

A sermon may be preached after the lessons, after the hymn or anthem following the Collects, or after the conclusion of the Office.