

Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths,
where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find
rest for your souls.

—*Jeremiah 6:16*

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PREFACE.

Why a prayer book?

The simple answer is “to grow closer to God.” The theological answer is only one word: sanctification. The purpose of using the Book of Common Prayer is to know God more through his Word, to trust him more through prayer, to love him more through praise, and from there, to serve him more through living. The Book of Common Prayer isn’t just a collection of church services—it’s a spiritual way of life, a full-fledged curriculum for Christlikeness. Using a simple framework of prayer, praise, celebration, fasting, and immersion in the Word of God, it gently and gradually writes into your heart who God is, what his will is, and how to live in accordance to it.

What’s in this book?

The prayers and devotions you are about to read come mostly from the 1928 American edition of the Book of Common Prayer. The texts, and the theology they express, are thoroughly biblical and have been used for centuries by Christians lifting their hearts up to the Lord. There are the main, public services of the Anglican tradition: Morning Prayer; Evening Prayer; a long, intercessory prayer called the Litany; and part of the Communion service called Ante-Communion. There are also topical prayers for a variety of occasions, Bible readings that go with the services throughout the year, the 150 Psalms, and some suggested hymns and notes on various subjects.

How do I use it?

The simplest answer is also the best: however works for you. The full order of services is more than most people have time to say every day, and that's alright. Everyone has different circumstances, responsibilities, and obligations, and fulfilling those is serving God, too. Most people will serve God throughout the day by lifting up their hearts to the Lord in the morning, the evening, or both, and by doing their part "to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31) at home, in society, and at work. Prayer Book spirituality integrates with what you may have thought of as "mundane" or "secular" life and turns it into a way to honor and glorify God.

When it comes to finding the amount of time you can devote to prayer, I have found these guidelines helpful.

1. **Consistency is key.** Choose prayers and a regular time to say them every day, barring unforeseen circumstances. For example, if you can't consistently get time in the morning, then consider keeping your appointment with the Lord at lunchtime or before bed. If your schedule is so chaotic or full that you can't block out any time consistently, then lift up your mind to God as you are able in the little moments of downtime you get throughout the day. It's better to pray short prayers frequently than long ones inconsistently.
2. **Keep it simple.** However much or little you think you can manage each day, commit to a little less. If you think you can pray for half an hour each day, only plan for fifteen minutes. If you think you can do ten minutes,

plan on five. If you think you can only do five, do three. Maybe you can only commit to intently saying the Lord's Prayer every night before bed. That's okay! It is better to have extra time for extra devotions than to have too little time and be forced to cut corners.

Examples.

My personal practice has been to say the Lord's Prayer followed by the two Morning Collects* each morning, and the Lord's Prayer and the two Evening Collects before bed. On Fridays, I add the General Confession in the evening. Following traditional practice, I will sometimes say the Litany on Wednesday or Friday.

In the 17th Century, Irish bishop Jeremy Taylor recommended a short, easy form of devotion before beginning the day's work consisting of the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed, and the Decalogue—the Ten Commandments. Note the three vital things this format contains: how to talk to God, what to believe about him, and how to live, and all of them are either taken directly from Scripture, or summarize the teachings of Scripture.

Another possible form is the Collect for Purity from the Communion service followed by the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for the day with some reflection on these Bible readings, and the Lord's Prayer at the end.

*A *collect* is a type of short prayer, which is discussed more thoroughly in the Occasional Prayers section.

THE BASICS.

The following prayers and devotions are foundational to the services of the Book of Common Prayer and encapsulate the theology and spirituality that it outlines.

The Lord's Prayer.

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.

The Collect for Purity.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all
desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse
the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy
Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily
magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Morning Collects.

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.

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.

The Evening Collects.

For Peace.

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 Saviour. Amen.

For Aid.

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.

*A General Confession,
to be said especially on Fast-Days.*

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 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.

A Prayer for all Sorts & 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; [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 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 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 honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Trinitarian Formula.

This may be said before worship, or before any activity as a way of consecrating it to God's service.

IN the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Gloria Patri.

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 Grace,
traditionally said after worship.*

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

*The Apostles' Creed,
a short summary of Christian beliefs.*

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 Decalogue.

GOD spake these words, and said:

- I. I am the Lord thy God: thou shalt have none other
gods but me.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

- II. Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them. *Lord, have mercy, &c.*
- III. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain. *Lord, have mercy, &c.*
- IV. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day. *Lord, have mercy, &c.*
- V. Honour thy father and thy mother. *Lord, have mercy, &c.*
- VI. Thou shalt do no murder. *Lord, have mercy, &c.*
- VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery. *Lord, have mercy, &c.*
- VIII. Thou shalt not steal. *Lord, have mercy, &c.*
- IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. *Lord, have mercy, &c.*
- X. Thou shalt not covet. *Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.*

PRAYING THROUGH THE DAY.

St. Paul exhorts us: "Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:16-17), and Christians have developed ways to apply this with intention ever since. Frequent prayers throughout the day, perhaps every hour plus whenever the Holy Spirit reminds you to do so, are a healthy and Anglican way to accomplish this. You can pray

a verse from a Psalm or a sentence of Scripture. The Lectionary given later in this book is full of passages that lend themselves to this, and remembering a passage that leaves an impression on you is an excellent way to learn and digest the Word of God. In addition to the other prayers in this book, here are a few versatile, short prayers that can help to season your daily life and work.

Before meals.

BLESS, O Father, thy gifts to our use and us to thy service; for Christ's sake. Amen.

GIVE us grateful hearts, our Father, for all thy mercies, and make us mindful of the needs of others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESS us, Lord, and these thy gifts, which we are about to receive from thy bounty; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Before work.

IN the name of the Father, &c.

After work.

GLORY be, &c.

Before bed.

I WILL lay me down in peace, and take my rest; for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety. —*Ps. 4:8*

At any time.

GLORY be, &c.

GOD be merciful to me a sinner. —*Luke 18:13*

LORD, I believe; help thou mine unbelief. —*Mark 9:4*

BLESSED be the Name of the Lord: from this time forth for evermore. —*Psalms 113:2*

MY Lord and my God. —*John 20:28*

JESUS, meek and lowly in heart: Make my heart like unto thine.

THE DAILY OFFICE.

Morning and Evening Prayer, or Mattins and Evensong, continue the ancient tradition of prayer throughout the day, manifested since the Patristic age in what was called the Liturgy of the Hours. In the BCP, elements of four of the principal Hours services were assembled into two daily services, and these became a cornerstone of the Anglican tradition. In fact, from the 19th Century and until the middle of the 20th Century, Morning Prayer with a sermon tacked on was the regular Sunday service in most American Episcopal churches, rather than Holy Communion (before the 19th Century, Morning Prayer, the Litany, and half of the Communion service were said every Sunday, following the English norm).

The Lectionary found later in this book lists out the Morning and Evening Psalms and lessons for Sundays and holy days, plus the weekdays of Lent. If you're reading the full service on other days, you can read whatever you choose, whether it's digging deep into the Sunday lessons over the week; looking up individual weekday readings in

the Prayer Book or online, or some other method, such as E100 or the many "Bible in a year" plans.

The appointed New Testament lesson may be replaced with the Epistle or Gospel of the Day at either Morning or Evening Prayer.

MORNING PRAYER.

One or more of the following Sentences of Scripture, or a seasonal alternative, are said.

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

I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord. —*Psalm 122:1*

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.

—*Psalm 19:14.*

O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me, and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.—*Psalm 43:3*

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, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.—*Isaiah 57:15*

The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. —*John 4:23*

*On fast days, as well as before Holy Communion or the
Litany, the General Confession is said.*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, &c.

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, &c.

The Versicles.

O LORD, open thou our lips.

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

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.*

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised.

*Venite, exsultemus Domino. **

O COME, 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 of 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 peoples with his truth. —*Psalm 95:1-8, 96:10*

GLORY be, &c.

**If Ps. 95 is one of the Psalms for the day,
this may be omitted.*

A portion of the Psalms follows. The Gloria Patri is said or sung after each Psalm, or after the whole selection.

A Lesson from the Old Testament is read.

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 Seraphim 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 Majesty; thine adorable, true and only Son; * also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

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
not abhor the Virgin's womb.

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

Thou sittest 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
redeemed with thy precious blood.

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

GLORY be, &c.

A Lesson from the New Testament is read.

*Benedictus.**

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.

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, * and to
remember his holy covenant.

To perform the oath which he swore to our forefather
Abraham, * that he would give us;

That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies *
might serve him without fear;

In holiness and righteousness before him, * all the days of
our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest:

* for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to
prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people * for the
remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God; * whereby the day-
spring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow
of death, * and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

GLORY be, &c.

—*Luke 1:68-79.*

**Ps. 100 may be said instead.*

The Apostles' Creed.

I BELIEVE in God, &c.

The Suffrages.

O LORD, show thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day.

A Collect for Peace.

O GOD, who art the author, &c.

A Collect for Grace.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, &c.

*Morning Prayer properly ends here. Additional prayers,
hymns, a sermon, or other devotions may follow.*

EVENING PRAYER.

Sentences.

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

Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth. —*Psalm 26:8*

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*

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him. —*Psalm 96:9*

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. —*Psalm 19:14-15*

The Confession is said on fast-days.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, &c.

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, &c.

The Versicles.

O LORD, open thou our lips, &c.

Psalter.

Old Testament.

*Magnificat.**

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. —*Luke 1:46-55.*

GLORY be, &c. **Ps. 98 or 92 may be said instead.*

New Testament.

*Nunc dimittis.**

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. —*Luke 2:29-32.*

GLORY be, &c. **Ps. 67 or 103 may be said instead.*

The Suffrages.

O LORD, show thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the State.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collect of the Day.

A Collect for Peace.

O GOD, from whom, &c.

A Collect for Aid.

LIGHTEN our darkness, &c.

*Evening Prayer properly ends here. Additional prayers,
hymns, a sermon, or other devotions may follow.*

THE LITANY.

O GOD the Father, Creator of heaven and earth;

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world...

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful...

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God...

REMEMBER not, Lord, our offenses, nor the offenses of
our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins:
Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast

redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy
preserve us for ever.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and mischief; from sin; from the crafts and
assaults of the devil; from thy wrath, and from
everlasting damnation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vain-glory, and
hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all want
of charity...

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the
deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil...

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness
of heart, and contempt of thy Word and
Commandment...

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and
flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine...

From all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; from
battle and murder, and from dying suddenly and
unprepared...

By the mystery of thy holy incarnation; by thy holy nativity
and submission to the Law; by thy baptism, fasting, and
temptation...

By thine agony and bloody sweat; by thy Cross and
passion; by thy precious death and burial...

By thy glorious resurrection and ascension; by the sending
of the Holy Ghost; by thy heavenly intercession; and by
thy coming again in power and great glory...

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity;
in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment...

WE sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God:
That it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church
universal in the right way,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, Priests,
and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding
of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living
they may set it forth, and show it accordingly...

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy
harvest; to prosper their work by thy Holy Ghost; to
make thy saving health known unto all nations; and to
hasten the coming of thy kingdom...

That it may please thee to give to all thy people increase of
grace to hear meekly thy Word, and to receive it with
pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the
Spirit...

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all
such as have erred, and are deceived...

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and dread
thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments...

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people...

That it may please thee to rule the hearts of thy servant N.,
the President, and all others in authority, that they may
do justice, and show mercy, and walk humbly before
thee...

That it may please thee to bless and keep all judges, giving
them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth...

That it may please thee to bless and keep our armed forces
by sea, by land, and by air, and to shield them in all
dangers and adversities...

That it may please thee to bless and protect all who serve
their communities by their labor and learning...

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the
kindly fruits of the earth, so that in due time we may
enjoy them...

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the
world; and to give to all nations unity, peace, and
concord...

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners
and captives; refugees, the homeless, and the hungry;
and all those who are desolate and oppressed...

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by
reason of their labor or travel...

That it may please thee to strengthen those bound in Holy
Wedlock; to uphold the widowed and abandoned; and
to comfort all whose homes are torn by strife...

That it may please thee to protect the unborn and their
parents, and to preserve all women laboring in
childbirth...

That it may please thee to care for those who have lost
children or face infertility, and to provide for young
children and orphans...

That it may please thee to visit the lonely and those who
grieve; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, or
spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are
failing and infirm...

That it may please thee to succor, help, and comfort, all
who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation...

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind...

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to
forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and
to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend
our lives according to thy holy Word...

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors,
and slanderers, and to turn their hearts...

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; and
to comfort and help the weak-hearted; and to raise up
those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our
feet...

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed
eternal life and peace...

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of
[N. and] all the saints, we may attain unto thy heavenly
kingdom...

SON of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O LAMB of God, who takest away the sins of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;

Grant us thy peace.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, &c.

If the Supplication is used, it shall replace all that follows.

O Lord, let thy mercy be showed upon us;

As we do put our trust in thee.

Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's Name: We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ear unto us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have asked faithfully according to thy will, may be obtained effectually, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Other prayers may be added.

The grace, &c.

The Supplication

O LORD, deal not with us according to our sins.

Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

Let us pray.

O GOD, merciful Father, who despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as are sorrowful;

Mercifully assist our prayers which we make before thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against us, may, by thy good providence, be brought to nought; that we thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

O GOD, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thine honour.

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.

From our enemies defend us, O Christ.

Graciously look upon our afflictions.

With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts.

Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.

Favourably with mercy hear our prayers.

O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ.

Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

O Lord, let thy mercy be showed upon us;
As we do put our trust in thee.

Let us pray.

WE humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honour and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Other prayers may be added.

The grace, &c.

ANTECOMMUNION.

The Collect for Purity.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom, &c.

*The Summary of the Law. **

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

*Occasionally, and especially during Lent, "Lord, have mercy upon us" may be omitted and the Decalogue inserted before the Summary of the Law.

LORD, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that, through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Collect of the Day.

The Epistle.

The Gospel.

The 1928 Book of Common Prayer ends Antecomunion here. It is fitting to end this time of worship with prayer, meditation, or whatever other devotions you choose.

The Lord's Prayer and the Grace are traditional, and other Prayer books continue as far as the Prayer for the Whole State, and then close with the Lord's Prayer and Grace. As much of the remainder of the Communion service as is appropriate is printed below, for convenience, use, and inspiration.

The Nicene Creed.

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 suffered 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 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 Holy, 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.

The Sermon.

For private use, this is a good time to reflect on the Scriptures just read, or any other part of the service that has stood out to you. When the Litany has been said immediately before, the Supplication may be said here too.

Intercessions may be offered here.

A Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

[We beseech thee also, so to lead the nations of the world into the way of righteousness; and so to direct and dispose the hearts of all our leaders, especially *N.*, our President, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may truly and impartially administer justice, upholding integrity and truth, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, [thy servant(s) *N.*, our *Bishop*, &c,] that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially *N.*, &c].

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, [especially *N.*] beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.]

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Confession

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon

us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Comfortable Words

HEAR what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.—*Matthew 11:28*

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—*John 3:16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
—*1 Tim. 1:15*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins.—*1 John 2:1-2*

The Preface

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

If there is a Proper Preface for the day, it shall be inserted here.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

The Sanctus

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

OUR Father, &c.

Spend a few moments in meditation upon the fact that God so loved you that he sent his only-begotten Son into the world for you.

*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.

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, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

*If desired, another hymn may be used instead.

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.

The Grace

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.

OCCASIONAL PRAYERS.

The prayers that follow pertain to various topics and needs. Some of them are from the Book of Common Prayer, some are from elsewhere, and a couple are original compositions. Most of them are structured as collects, though some are different.

What is a collect?

A *collect* (emphasis on the first syllable: COAL-lect) is a short prayer for a specific intention. Many of them have been around for centuries, and they tend to follow a particular structure. While knowing the structure is not necessary, it can be very helpful to organize your thoughts when praying in your own words.

In general, a collect has five parts, represented by the mnemonic “you, who, do, to, through.”

1. *You.* The simplest part of a collect. Prayers are addressed to God the Father, though some examples in the Prayer Book are addressed to Christ, and one or two to the Holy Spirit. “O God...”

2. *Who.* This optional section ties the request to one of God's attributes or promises. Most of these reference Scripture ("who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved"), or else things that God still does today ("giver of life and health"). This is also helpful to ensure that what you're praying for is consistent with God's will.
3. *Do.* This is the petition itself. "Open our eyes to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works," "Lift us to thy presence," "bless thy servant and those who minister to him/her," &c.
4. *To.* This optional section gives the reason for the petition. "Where we may be still and know that thou art God," "that he/she may be restored to health," &c.
5. *Through.* The end of the prayer, where we plead the blood of our Saviour over what we have asked. You may have been taught to close your prayers with "in Jesus' name," and this is the same thing. It usually takes the form of "through Jesus Christ our Lord," or an elaboration of it.

Sometimes, these parts appear in a different order, like in the collect for the Sunday Before Advent, which begins with the "do" section, folding "you" into it: "Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people."

PERSONAL DEVOTION.

For the Spirit of Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, who pourest out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication; Deliver us, when we draw nigh to thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with stedfast thoughts and kindled affections, we may worship thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the Morning.

O GOD, the King eternal, who dividest the day from the darkness, and turnest the shadow of death into the morning; Drive far off from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that having done thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, who alone gavest us the breath of life, and alone canst keep alive in us the holy desires thou dost impart; We beseech thee, for thy compassion's sake, to sanctify all our thoughts and endeavours; that we may neither begin an action without a pure intention nor continue it without thy blessing. And grant that, having the eyes of the mind opened to behold things invisible and unseen, we may in heart be inspired by thy wisdom, and in work be upheld by thy strength, and in the end be accepted of thee as thy faithful servants; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

At Night.

O LORD, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen.

O GOD, who art the life of mortal men, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labour, and the repose of the dead; We thank thee for the timely blessings of the day, and humbly supplicate thy merciful protection all this night. Bring us, we beseech thee, in safety to the morning hours; through him who died for us and rose again, thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sunday Morning.

O GOD, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord; Vouchsafe us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy service; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Before receiving Holy Communion.

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies

may be made clean by his Body, and our souls washed through his most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

LORD, this is thy feast, prepared by thy longing, spread at thy command, attended at thine invitation, blessed by thine own word, distributed by thine own hand, the undying memorial of thy sacrifice upon the cross, the full gift of thine everlasting love, and its perpetuation till the end of time. Lord, this is the Bread of heaven, the Bread of life, that, whoso eateth, shall never hunger more. And this, the Cup of pardon, healing, gladness, strength, that, whoso drinketh, thirsteth not again. So may we come, O Lord, to thy table. Lord Jesus, come to us.

For Quiet Confidence.

O GOD of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength; By the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence, where we may be still and know that thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Guidance.

O GOD, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly; Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what thou wouldest have us to do, that the Spirit of Wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in thy light we may see light, and in thy straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Trustfulness.

O MOST loving Father, who willest us to give thanks for all things, to dread nothing but the loss of thee, and to cast all our care on thee, who carest for us; Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which thou hast manifested unto us in thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Joy in God's Creation.

O HEAVENLY Father, who hast filled the world with beauty; Open, we beseech thee, our eyes to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works; that rejoicing in thy whole creation, we may learn to serve thee with gladness; for the sake of him by whom all things were made, thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Faith, Hope, & Charity.

O LORD God of infinite mercy, of infinite excellency, who hast sent thy holy Son into the world to redeem us from an intolerable misery, and to teach us a holy religion, and to forgive us an infinite debt: give me thy Holy Spirit, that my understanding and all my faculties may be so resigned to the discipline and doctrine of my Lord, that I may be prepared in mind and will to die for the testimony of Jesus, and to suffer any affliction or calamity that shall offer to hinder my duty, or tempt me to shame or sin or apostasy; and let my faith be the parent of a good life, a strong shield to repel the fiery darts of the devil, and the author of a holy

hope, of modest desires, of confidence in God, and of a never-failing charity to thee, my God, and to all the world; that I may never have my portion with the unbelievers or uncharitable and desperate persons; but may be supported by the strengths of faith in all temptations, and may be refreshed with the comforts of a holy hope in all my sorrows, and may bear the burden of the Lord, and the infirmities of my neighbour, by the support of charity; that the yoke of Jesus may become easy to me, and my love may do all the miracles of grace, till from grace it swell to glory, from earth to heaven, from duty to reward, from the imperfections of a beginning and still growing love, it may arrive to the consummation of an eternal and never-ceasing charity, through Jesus Christ the Son of thy love, the author of our hope, and the author and finisher of our faith: to whom with thee, O Lord God, Father of heaven and earth, and with thy Holy Spirit, be all glory and love and obedience and dominion, now and for ever. Amen.

—*Jeremy Taylor*

FAMILY.

For Wife or Husband.

BLESS thy servant *N.* with health of body and of spirit. Let the hand of thy blessing be upon *his/her* head night and day, and support *him/her* in all necessities, strengthen *him/her* in all temptations, comfort *him/her* in all sorrows, and let *him/her* be thy servant in all changes; and make us both to dwell with thee for ever in thy favour, in the light of thy countenance, and in thy glory. Amen. —*Jeremy Taylor*

For Our Children.

ALMIGHTY God, heavenly Father, who hast blessed us with the joy and care of children; Give us light and strength so to train them, that they may love whatsoever things are true and pure and lovely and of good report, following the example of their Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

BLESS my children with healthful bodies, with good understandings, with the graces and gifts of thy Spirit, with sweet dispositions and holy habits; and sanctify them throughout in their bodies, and souls, and spirits, and keep them unblamable to the coming of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

—*Jeremy Taylor*

O GOD, our heavenly Father, who lovest mankind and art most merciful and compassionate, have mercy on *N.* [and *N., &c.*]. Be thou, O God, *their* guide and guardian in all *their* endeavors, lead *them* in the path of truth, and draw *them* nearer to thee, that *they* might live a godly and righteous life in thy love and fear, doing thy will in all things. Give *them* grace that *they* may be temperate, industrious, diligent, devout, and charitable. Defend *them* against the assaults of the enemy, and grant *them* wisdom and strength to resist all temptation and corruption of this life, and direct *them* in the way of salvation, through the merits of thy Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

FOR OTHERS.

For Children.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who dost embrace children with the arms of thy mercy, and dost make them living members of

thy Church; Give them grace, we pray thee, to stand fast in thy faith, to obey thy word, and to abide in thy love; that being made strong by thy Holy Spirit they may resist temptation and overcome evil; and may rejoice in the life that now is, and dwell with thee in the life that is to come; through thy merits, O merciful Saviour, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest one God, world without end. Amen.

For the Absent.

O GOD, whose fatherly care reacheth to the uttermost parts of the earth; We humbly beseech thee graciously to behold and bless those whom we love, now absent from us. Defend them from all dangers of soul and body; and grant that both they and we, drawing nearer to thee, may be bound together by thy love in the communion of thy Holy Spirit, and in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Those We Love.

ALMIGHTY God, we entrust all who are dear to us to thy never-failing care and love, [especially N.,] for this life and the life to come; knowing that thou art doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Those in Mental Suffering.

ALMIGHTY God, whose Son took upon himself the afflictions of thy people: Regard with thy tender compassion those suffering from anxiety, depression, or

mental illness [especially *N.*]; bear their sorrows and their cares; supply all their needs; help them to put their whole trust and confidence in thee; and restore them to strength of mind and cheerfulness of spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Those in Bondage to Addiction.

O BLESSED Lord, who didst minister unto all them that came to thee: Look with compassion, we beseech thee, upon those who through addiction have lost their health and freedom [especially *N.*]. Restore to them the assurance of thine unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who minister to them, give patient understanding and persevering love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For a Blessing on the Families of the Land.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who settest the solitary in families; We commend to thy continual care the homes in which thy people dwell. Put far from them, we beseech thee, every root of bitterness, the desire of vain-glory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy wedlock, have been made one flesh; turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to the fathers; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we be evermore kindly affectioned with brotherly love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For all Poor, Homeless, & Neglected Folk.

O GOD, Almighty and merciful, who healest those that are broken in heart, and turnest the sadness of the sorrowful to joy; Let thy fatherly goodness be upon all that thou hast made. Remember in pity such as are this day destitute, homeless, or forgotten of their fellow-men. Bless the congregation of thy poor. Uplift those who are cast down. Mightily befriend innocent sufferers, and sanctify to them the endurance of their wrongs. Cheer with hope all discouraged and unhappy people, and by thy heavenly grace preserve from falling those whose penury tempteth them to sin; though they be troubled on every side, suffer them not to be distressed; though they be perplexed, save them from despair. Grant this, O Lord, for the love of him, who for our sakes became poor, thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

For Prisoners.

O GOD, who sparest when we deserve punishment, and in thy wrath rememberest mercy; We humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, to comfort and succour all prisoners [especially those who are condemned to die]. Give them a right understanding of themselves, and of thy promises; that, trusting wholly in thy mercy, they may not place their confidence anywhere but in thee. Relieve the distressed, protect the innocent, awaken the guilty; and forasmuch as thou alone bringest light out of darkness, and good out of evil, grant to these thy servants, that by the power of thy Holy Spirit they may be set free from the chains of sin, and

may be brought to newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A General Intercession.

O GOD, at whose word man goeth forth to his work and to his labour until the evening; Be merciful to all whose duties are difficult or burdensome, and comfort them concerning their toil. Shield from bodily accident and harm the workmen at their work. Protect the efforts of sober and honest industry, and suffer not the hire of the labourers to be kept back by fraud. Incline the heart of employers and of those whom they employ to mutual forbearance, fairness, and good-will. Give the spirit of governance and of a sound mind to all in places of authority. Bless all those who labour in works of mercy or in schools of good learning. Care for all aged persons, and all little children, the sick and the afflicted, and those who travel by land or by sea. Remember all who by reason of weakness are overtasked, or because of poverty are forgotten. Let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before thee; and according to the greatness of thy power, preserve thou those that are appointed to die. Give ear unto our prayer, O merciful and gracious Father, for the love of thy dear Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

SICKNESS.

For the Recovery of a Sick Person.

O MERCIFUL God, giver of life and health; Bless, we pray thee, thy servant *N.*, and those who administer to *him* of thy

healing gifts; that *he* may be restored to health of body and of mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For One about to undergo an Operation.

ALMIGHTY God our heavenly Father, we beseech thee graciously to comfort thy servant *N.* in *his* suffering, and to bless the means made use of for *his* cure. Fill *his* heart with confidence, that though *he* be sometime afraid, *he* yet may put *his* trust in thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For a Sick Person.

O FATHER of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; We humbly beseech thee to behold, visit, and relieve thy sick servant *N.* Look upon *him* with the eyes of thy mercy; comfort *him* with a sense of thy goodness; preserve *him* from the temptations of the enemy; and give *him* patience under *his* affliction. In thy good time, restore *him* to health, and enable *him* to lead the residue of *his* life in thy fear, and to thy glory; and grant that finally *he* may dwell with thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For a Sick Child.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd of the sheep, who dost gather the lambs with thine arms, and carry them in thy bosom: We commit into thy loving hands this child. Relieve *his* pain, guard *him* from all danger, restore unto *him* the gifts of gladness and strength, and raise *him* up to a life of service to thee. Hear us, we beseech thee, for thy dear name's sake. Amen.

A Prayer for Recovery.

O GOD of heavenly powers, who, by the might of thy command, drivest away from men's bodies all sickness and all infirmity; Be present in thy goodness with this thy servant, that *his* weakness may be banished and *his* strength recalled; that *his* health being thereupon restored, *he* may bless thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Healing.

O ALMIGHTY God, who art the giver of all health, and the aid of them that turn to thee for succour; We entreat thy strength and goodness in behalf of this thy servant, that *he* may be healed of his infirmities, to thine honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Thanksgiving for the Beginning of a Recovery.

GREAT and mighty God, who bringest down to the grave, and bringest up again; We bless thy wonderful goodness, for having turned our heaviness into joy and our mourning into gladness, by restoring this our *brother* to some degree of his former health. Blessed be thy Name that thou didst not forsake *him* in *his* sickness; but didst visit *him* with comforts from above; didst support *him* in patience and submission to thy will; and at last didst send *him* seasonable relief. Perfect, we beseech thee, this thy mercy towards *him*; and prosper the means which shall be made use of for *his* cure: that, being restored to health of body, vigour of mind, and cheerfulness of spirit, *he* may be able to go to thine house, to offer thee an oblation with great

gladness, and to bless thy holy Name for all thy goodness towards *him*; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer for a Sick Person,

when there appeareth but small hope of Recovery.

O FATHER of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; We fly unto thee for succour in behalf of this thy servant, here lying in great weakness of body. Look graciously upon *him*, O Lord; and the more the outward man decayeth, strengthen *him*, we beseech thee, so much the more continually with thy grace and Holy Spirit in the inner man. Give *him* unfeigned repentance for all the errors of *his* life past, and stedfast faith in thy Son Jesus; that *his* sins may be done away by thy mercy, and *his* pardon sealed in heaven; through the same thy Son, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

For the Despondent.

COMFORT, we beseech thee, most gracious God, this thy servant, cast down and faint of heart amidst the sorrows and difficulties of the world; and grant that, by the power of thy Holy Spirit, *he* may be enabled to go upon *his* way rejoicing, and give thee continual thanks for thy sustaining providence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LIFE EVENTS.

For a Birthday.

WATCH over thy child, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may be, keeping *him* unspotted from the world. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* fall; and in *his* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Marriages and Anniversaries.

O GOD, who hast so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send thy blessing upon thy servants *N.* and *N.* [as they begin another year], that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

For a Pregnant Woman.

GRACIOUS God: Visit thy daughter *N.*, awaiting the birth of her *child*. Protect them from all threat and harm; let thy holy angels be with them to preserve them in peace, and let thy blessing be ever upon them, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

After a Miscarriage or Stillbirth.

O GOD, who didst gather Rachel's tears over her lost children: Hear the sorrow and distress of *N.* [and *N.*] for the death of *her* expected child. In the darkness of loss, stretch out to *her* the strength of thine arm and renewed assurance of thy love; through thy suffering and risen Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

For the Birth or Adoption of a Child.

See the Service of Thanksgiving for the Birth or Adoption of a Child.

For Those Who Live Alone.

ALMIGHTY God, whose Son had nowhere to lay his head: Grant that those who live alone [especially *N.*,] may not be lonely in their solitude, but that, following in his steps, they may find fulfillment in loving thee and their neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Elderly.

LOOK with mercy, O God our Father, on all whose increasing years bring them weakness, distress, or isolation [especially *N.*]. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept help; and increase their faith and their assurance of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DEATH & THE DEPARTED.

For a Sick Person at the Point of Departure.

O ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect, after they are delivered from their earthly prisons; We humbly commend the soul of this thy servant, our dear *brother*, into thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator, and most merciful Saviour; beseeching thee, that it may be precious in thy sight. Wash it, we pray thee, in the blood of that immaculate Lamb, that was slain to take away the sins of the world; that whatsoever defilements it may have contracted, through the lusts of the flesh or the wiles of Satan, being purged and done away, it may be presented pure and without spot before thee; through the merits of Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord. Amen.

A Litany for the Dying.

O GOD the Father;

Have mercy upon the soul of thy servant.

O God the Son...

O God the Holy Ghost...

O holy Trinity, one God...

From all evil, from all sin, from all tribulation;

Good Lord, deliver him.

By thy holy Incarnation, by thy Cross and Passion, by thy precious Death and Burial...

By thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Ghost...

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; That it
may please thee to deliver the soul of thy servant from
the power of the evil one, and from eternal death;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee mercifully to pardon all *his* sins...

That it may please thee to grant *him* a place of refreshment
and everlasting blessedness...

That it may please thee to give *him* joy and gladness in thy
kingdom, with thy saints in light...

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;

Have mercy upon him.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world...

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;

Grant him thy peace.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

OUR Father, &c.

Let us pray.

O SOVEREIGN Lord, who desirest not the death of a
sinner; We beseech thee to loose the spirit of this thy
servant from every bond, and set *him* free from all evil; that
he may rest with all thy saints in the eternal habitations;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with
thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Amen.

A Commendation.

DEPART, O Christian soul, out of this world, in the Name of God the Father Almighty who created thee, in the Name of Jesus Christ who redeemed thee, in the Name of the Holy Ghost who sanctifieth thee. May thy rest be this day in peace, and thy dwelling-place in the Paradise of God.

When the Soul Is Departed.

INTO thy hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend the soul of thy servant, now departed from the body. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive *him* into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

When one has taken one's own Life.

ALMIGHTY God, who art ever ready to forgive, and to whom no prayer is made without hope of mercy: Speak to us thy word of consolation as we draw near to thee under the shadow of this great affliction. Deepen within our hearts the assurance of thy unfailing compassion; deliver us from all bitterness, despair, and doubt of thy love; and grant us to know the peace which passes all understanding, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For an Anniversary of One Departed.

ALMIGHTY God, we remember this day before thee thy faithful servant *N.*, and we pray thee that, having opened to him the gates of larger life, thou wilt receive him more and

more into thy joyful service; that he may win, with thy servants everywhere, eternal victory in the Resurrection of the dead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

See also the Memorial Service.

THE NATION.

*For the President of the United States,
and all in Civil Authority.*

O LORD our Governor, whose glory is in all the world; We commend this nation to thy merciful care, that being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace.

Grant to the President of the United States, the Governor of this *State*, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

For National and State Elections.

ALMIGHTY God, who dost hold us to account for the use of all our powers and privileges; Guide, we pray Thee, the people of these United States in the election of their governors and representatives, that by wise legislation and faithful administration the rights of all may be protected, and our nation be enabled to fulfil Thy purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Congress.

MOST gracious God, we humbly beseech thee, as for the people of these United States in general, so especially for their Senate and Representatives in Congress assembled; that thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations, to the advancement of thy glory, the good of thy Church, the safety, honour, and welfare of thy people; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be establish among us for all generations. These and all other necessities, for them, for us, and thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the Name and mediation of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

For a State Legislature.

O GOD, the fountain of wisdom, whose statutes are good and gracious and whose law is truth; We beseech thee so to guide and bless the Legislature of this State, that it may ordain for our governance only such things as please thee, to the glory of thy Name and the welfare of the people; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

For Courts of Justice.

ALMIGHTY God, who sittest in the throne judging right; We humbly beseech thee to bless the courts of justice and the magistrates in all this land; and give unto them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that they may discern the truth and impartially administer the law in the fear of thee

alone; through him who shall come to be our judge, thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

For Our Country.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage; We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favour and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honourable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogancy, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Army.

O LORD God of Hosts, stretch forth, we pray thee, thine almighty arm to strengthen and protect the soldiers of our country; Support them in the day of battle, and in the time of peace keep them safe from all evil; endue them with courage and loyalty; and grant that in all things they may serve without reproach; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Navy.

O ETERNAL Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea; Vouchsafe to take into thy almighty and most gracious protection our country's Navy, and all who serve therein. Preserve them from the dangers of the sea, and from the violence of the enemy; that they may be a safeguard unto the United States of America, and a security for such as pass on the seas upon their lawful occasions; that the inhabitants of our land may in peace and quietness serve thee our God, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Air Force.

O LORD God of hosts, who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain; Watch over and protect, we pray thee, the airmen of our country as they fly upon their appointed tasks. Give them courage as they face the foe, and skill in the performance of their duty. Sustain them with thy Everlasting Arms. May thy hand lead them and thy right hand hold them up that they may return to the earth with a grateful sense of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For the Marine Corps.

O ETERNAL Father, we commend to thy protection and care the members of the Marine Corps. Guide and direct them in the defense of our country and in the maintenance of justice among nations. Protect them in the hour of danger. Grant that wherever they serve they may be loyal to their high traditions and that at all times they may put their trust in thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Coast Guard.

O LORD, who of old didst still the raging of the sea, watch over, we beseech thee, the men of the Coast Guard as they sail upon their missions of helpfulness and succour. Grant them courage and skill and a safe return, and a grateful sense of thy mercy toward them; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CHURCH.

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 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.

For the Local Church.

MOST merciful Father, we beseech thee to send down thy heavenly blessing upon thy Church in this parish, that all its members may dwell together in unity and brotherly love. Endue thy ministers with righteousness, and enable them faithfully to dispense thy holy Word and sacraments, and to seek the lost. And grant to us so to receive their ministrations, and to use thy means of grace, that in all our words and deeds we may set forward thy glory and the advancement of thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Global Church.

O GRACIOUS Father, we humbly beseech thee for thy holy catholic Church; that thou wouldst be pleased to fill it with all truth, in all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, establish it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of him who died and rose again, and ever liveth to make intercession for us, Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord.

Amen.—*William Laud*

REMEMBER, O Lord, thy Church, to deliver it from all evil and to make it perfect in thy love. Enlarge its borders through the preaching of the everlasting gospel, and gather the faithful from all the ends of the earth into the kingdom which thou hast prepared. For thine is the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

For the Unity of God's People.

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace; Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly, union and concord: that as there is but one Body and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace,

of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Missions.

O GOD, who hast made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the whole earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to preach peace to them that are far off and to them that are nigh; Grant that all men everywhere may seek after thee and find thee. Bring the nations into thy fold, pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten thy kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, whose compassions fail not, and whose loving-kindness reacheth unto the world's end; We give thee humble thanks for opening heathen lands to the light of thy truth; for making paths in the deep waters and highways in the desert; and for planting thy Church in all the earth. Grant, we beseech thee, unto us thy servants, that with lively faith we may labour abundantly to make known to all men thy blessed gift of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Persecuted.

O God, our refuge and strength, who art a very present help in trouble: Have mercy upon thy Church in the midst of oppression and persecution. Deliver thy people by thy mighty aid from tyranny and wrong; keep them faithful in the hour of trial; and restore to them the blessings of freedom and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NATURE.

For Rain.

O GOD, heavenly Father, who by thy Son Jesus Christ hast promised to all those who seek thy kingdom, and the righteousness thereof, all things necessary to their bodily sustenance; Send us, we beseech thee, in this our necessity, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth to our comfort, and to thy honour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Fair Weather.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we humbly beseech thee, of thy great goodness, to restrain those immoderate rains, wherewith thou hast afflicted us. And we pray thee to send us such seasonable weather, that the earth may, in due time, yield her increase for our use and benefit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Animals.

O God, who hast made all the earth and every creature that dwelleth therein: Help us, we pray thee, to treat with compassion the living creatures entrusted to our care, that they may not suffer from our neglect nor become the victims of any cruelty; and grant that in caring for them we may find a deeper understanding of thy love for all creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HARD TIMES.

In Time of Dearth and Famine.

O GOD, heavenly Father, whose gift it is that the rain doth fall, and the earth bring forth her increase; Behold, we beseech thee, the afflictions of thy people; increase the fruits of the earth by thy heavenly benediction; and grant that the scarcity and dearth, which we now most justly suffer for our sins, may, through thy goodness, be mercifully turned into plenty; for the love of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

In Time of War.

O GOD, who hast taught us in thy holy Word that thou dost not willingly afflict the children of men: Grant that in the present time of warfare and distress of nations our people may know thy presence and obey thy will. Remove from us arrogance and feebleness; give us courage and loyalty, tranquility and self-control, that we may accomplish that which thou givest us to do, and endure that which thou givest us to bear; for his sake who was lifted up on the cross to draw all men unto him, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Victims of War.

O GOD, who hast promised that they that wait upon thee shall renew their strength: We commend to thee all who suffer in this time of war; the wounded, the sick, and the prisoners; the homeless, the hungry, and the oppressed; the anxious, the frightened, and the bereaved. Strengthen them,

O Lord, with thy Holy Spirit, and give them friends to help them; we ask it in his name, who bore for us the agony of the cross, thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

In Time of Calamity.

O GOD, merciful and compassionate, who art ever ready to hear the prayers of those who put their trust in thee; Graciously hearken to us who call upon thee, and grant us thy help in this our need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In Time of Great Sickness and Mortality.

O MOST mighty and merciful God, in this time of grievous sickness, we flee unto thee for succour. Deliver us, we beseech thee, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use of for their cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which leadeth to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EDUCATION.

For Schools, Colleges, & Universities.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee, with thy gracious favour, to behold our universities, colleges, and schools, that knowledge may be increased among us, and all good learning flourish and abound; bless all who teach and all who learn; and grant that in humility of heart they may ever look unto thee, who art the fountain of all wisdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Religious Education.

ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, who hast committed to thy Holy Church the care and nurture of thy children; Enlighten with thy wisdom those who teach and those who learn; that, rejoicing in the knowledge of thy truth, they may worship thee and serve thee from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Beginning of the School Year.

HEAVENLY Father, we praise thee for the summer which is now over and for all the happiness we have enjoyed. At the beginning of this new term we present ourselves to thee for thy blessing. Give us courage and cheerfulness in facing the tasks before us; make us loyal and unselfish in our dealings with one another; and help us both in our work and in our games always to give of our best; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the End of the School Year.

WE give thee thanks, O God, for thy guidance, help and care during the school year past. We commend to thee all that has been attempted and accomplished, and ask thee to forgive what has been unworthy or left undone. And grant, O heavenly Father, that in the weeks before us we may enjoy rest and renewal, health and happiness, and never forget thee, the giver of all good things; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PUBLIC LIFE.

For Faithfulness in the Use of this World's Goods.

ALMIGHTY God, whose loving hand hath given us all that we possess; Grant us grace that we may honour thee with our substance, and remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of thy bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Christian Service.

O LORD our heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be ministered unto, but to minister; We beseech thee to bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of their fellow men. Endue them with wisdom, patience, and courage, that they may strengthen the weak and raise up those who fall; and, being inspired by thy love, may worthily minister in thy Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the sake of him who laid down his life for us, the same thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

For Social Justice.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast created man in thine own image; Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil, and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice among men and nations, to the glory of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Employed.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who declarest thy glory and showest forth thy handiwork in the heavens and in the earth; Deliver us, we beseech thee, in our several callings, from the service of mammon, that we may do the work which thou givest us to do, in truth, in beauty, and in righteousness, with singleness of heart as thy servants, and to the benefit of our fellow men; for the sake of him who came among us as one that serveth, thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Cities, Towns, and Villages.

O GOD, whose Son was content to share the life of his village at Nazareth: Bless, we beseech thee, the life of this city with thy continual presence. Grant that in every family thy name may be hallowed, and thy will be done; that our children may learn to love the faith of Jesus Christ, and that men and women may be good neighbours and live godly lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, our Father, whose will is our peace: Strengthen and sustain the common life of this community. Forgive our sins and negligences; exalt our purposes: purify our aims; free us from selfish desires; and make us of one heart and mind in thy service, for the glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Family of Nations.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, guide, we beseech thee, the Nations of the world into the way of justice and

truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

For Racial Cooperation.

O GOD, who hast made of one blood all nations to dwell upon the face of the earth, and who by thy Son Jesus Christ hast broken down the wall of partition between the races of men: Break down, we beseech thee, all that divides us one from another. Shame our jealousies and lay low our pride; do away all prejudice, that the bonds of fellowship and mutual service may unite all peoples, and we may live in peace together, to the glory of thy great name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In Prosperous Times.

O GOD, who in thy love hast bestowed upon us gifts such as our fathers never knew or dreamed of: Mercifully grant that we be not so occupied with material things that we forget the things which are spiritual; lest, having gained the whole world, we lose our own soul; for thy mercy's sake. Amen.

TRAVEL.

For Travellers.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, who art present in thy power in every place: Preserve, we beseech thee, all who travel by land, water, or air [especially those for whom our prayers are desired]; surround them with thy loving care; protect

them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Travellers by Road.

ALMIGHTY God, who dost sanctify with thy Spirit the common ways of life: Give to us and to all who use the roads the spirit of courtesy and goodwill, of carefulness and self-control; that by our thought for others we may all be preserved from needless danger and sudden death, and may live to glorify thee in our going out and our coming in; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Before a Vacation.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who didst rest from the work of creation on the seventh day: Grant us thy blessing not only in our labour but when we lay aside our toil; that so, returning to our duties with body rested, mind renewed and spirit refreshed, we may in all things seek thy glory and do thy will; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Saviour. Amen.

THE LECTIONARY.

The Lectionary is the largest section of this book, and for good reason: it is the keystone, the hub of the Prayer Book system. It gives Bible readings for every Sunday and holiday of the year, plus prayers reflecting on them. I have also inserted some notes, explanations, and suggested hymns for particular occasions and subjects.

The core of the Lectionary is the yearly cycle of Epistles and Gospels. These Scriptures give the clearest presentation of who God is, what he has done for us in Christ, and what that means for us. Everything else in the Prayer Book revolves around this ancient reading plan. As their names suggest, the Gospels come from the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, while the Epistles come mostly from the letters written by St. Paul and others in the New Testament. A few of the “Epistles” actually come from Acts and Revelation, and some even come from the Old Testament. The Epistles and Gospels are printed in full in this book, so you can always have this foundation of a balanced diet of Scripture at your fingertips.

Before the Epistle and Gospel for a given day (which are read in the Communion service), listings are given for Psalms, Old Testament, and New Testament readings (called *lessons* in the Prayer Book) for use at Morning and Evening Prayer. These readings are related to the Epistle and Gospel, shining more light on them as Scripture interprets Scripture. Most Sundays have two or three options for each service, ensuring that there’s always something fresh to read at the Office. Sometimes,

additional “mix-ins” are found here as well. Because the Collect is read at the end of the Office and at the beginning of Holy Communion, it is placed between the Office readings and before the Epistle.

If this sounds overwhelming, don’t worry: using the Lectionary doesn’t have to be complicated. Praying the day’s (or previous Sunday’s) Collect, reflecting on the Epistle and Gospel, and closing with the Lord’s Prayer is alright. In fact, it’s very close to how medieval travellers, soldiers, hunters, and fishermen would “remember the Sabbath-day” but couldn’t make it to church. As with everything in this book, use it in whatever way works for you.

THE CALENDAR.

JANUARY

- 1 CIRCUMCISION
 4 S. Titus *B.*
 6 **EPIPHANY**
 10 S. William Laud *B. M.*
 13 S. Hilary *B.*
 21 S. Agnes *M.*
 22 S. Vinc. of Saragossa *M.*
 24 S. Timothy *B. M.*
 25 S. PAUL
 26 S. Polycarp *B. M.*
 27 S. John Chrysostom *B.*
 30 S. Charles the Martyr

FEBRUARY

- 1 S. Ign. of Antioch *B. M.*
 2 **CANDLEMAS**
 3 S. Ansgar *B.*
 4 S. Cornelius Centur. *M.*
 11 S. Blaise *B. M.*
 14 S. Valentine *M.*
 24 S. MATTHIAS

MARCH

- 1 S. David *B.*
 7 S. Perpetua *M.*
 8 S. Thomas Aquinas
 12 S. Gregory the Great *B.*
 17 S. Patrick *B.*
 19 S. JOSEPH

20 S. Cuthbert *B.*

21 S. Benedict

25 **ANNUNCIATION**

APRIL

- 4 S. Ambrose *B.*
 21 S. Anselm *B.*
 23 S. George *M.*
 25 S. MARK
 30 S. Catherine of Siena

MAY

- 1 SS PHILIP & JAMES
 2 S. Athanasius *B.*
 4 S. Monica *Mat.*
 9 S. Gregory Nazianzen *B*
 11 Ss. Cyril & Methodius *B*
 19 S. Dunstan *B.*
 26 S. Augustine of Cant. *B.*
 27 S. Bede

JUNE

- 2 Martyrs of China
 5 S. Boniface *B. M.*
 9 S. Columba
 10 First B. C. P.
 11 S. BARNABAS
 14 S. Basil the Great *B.*
 19 Juneteenth
 22 S. Alban *M.*
 24 S. JOHN BAPTIST

28 S. Irenæus *B.*

29 S. PETER

JULY

4 INDEP. DAY

22 S. MARY MAGD.

25 S. JAMES APOSTLE

29 S. Olaf

30 Bl. Wm. Wilberforce

AUGUST

4 S. Dominic

6 TRANSFIGURATION

7 Holy Name of Jesus

10 S. Lawrence *M.*

12 S. Clare

13 Bl. Jeremy Taylor *B.*

15 S. MARY the VIRGIN

24 S. BARTHOLOMEW

25 S. Louis

28 S. Augustine of Hippo *B.*

31 S. Aidan *B.*

SEPTEMBER

14 HOLY CROSS

19 S. Theodore of Tarsus *B.*

21 S. MATTHEW

26 B. Lancelot Andrewes *B.*

29 S. MICHAEL

30 S. Jerome

OCTOBER

4 S. Francis of Assisi

15 S. Teresa of Ávila

18 S. LUKE

26 S. Alfred the Great

28 SS. SIMON & JUDE

NOVEMBER

1 **ALL SAINTS**

2 All Souls

3 Bl. Richard Hooker

5 S. Elizabeth of Hun. *Mat*

11 S. Martin *B.*

17 S. Hilda

23 S. Clement of Rome *B.*

30 S. ANDREW

DECEMBER

4 S. Clem. of Alexandria

6 S. Nicholas *B.*

21 S. THOMAS

25 **CHRISTMAS**

26 S. STEPHEN

27 S. JOHN

28 HOLY INNOCENTS

B. – Bishop *M.* – Martyr *Mat.* – Matron

Fast days are:

- The Forty Days of Lent.
- Easter Even.
- The Ember Days.
- The Rogation Days.
- All Fridays, except during Christmastide and Easter Week.

LANDMARK MOVABLE HOLY DAYS

Year	Septu.	Ash Wed.	Easter	Asc.	Whitsun.	Adv. I
2022	Feb 13	Mar 2	Apr 17	May 26	Jun 5	Nov 27
2023	Feb 5	Feb 22	Apr 9	May 18	May 28	Dec 3
2024	Jan 28	Feb 14	Mar 31	May 9	May 19	Dec 1
2025	Feb 16	Mar 5	Apr 20	May 29	Jun 8	Nov 30
2026	Feb 1	Feb 18	Apr 5	May 14	May 24	Nov 29
2027	Jan 24	Feb 10	Mar 28	May 6	May 16	Nov 28
2028	Feb 13	Mar 1	Apr 16	May 25	Jun 4	Dec 3
2029	Jan 28	Feb 14	Apr 1	May 10	May 20	Dec 2
2030	Feb 17	Mar 6	Apr 21	May 30	Jun 9	Dec 1
2031	Feb 9	Feb 26	Apr 13	May 22	Jun 1	Nov 30
2032	Jan 25	Feb 11	Mar 28	May 6	May 16	Nov 28
2033	Feb 13	Mar 2	Apr 17	May 26	Jun 5	Nov 27
2034	Feb 5	Feb 22	Apr 9	May 18	May 28	Dec 3
2035	Jan 21	Feb 7	Mar 25	May 3	May 13	Dec 2
2036	Feb 10	Feb 27	Apr 13	May 22	Jun 1	Nov 30
2037	Feb 1	Feb 18	Apr 5	May 14	May 24	Nov 29
2038	Feb 21	Mar 10	Apr 25	Jun 3	Jun 13	Nov 28
2039	Feb 6	Feb 23	Apr 10	May 19	May 29	Nov 27
2040	Jan 29	Feb 15	Apr 1	May 10	May 20	Dec 2
2041	Feb 17	Mar 6	Apr 21	May 30	Jun 9	Dec 1

Year	Septu.	Ash Wed.	Easter	Asc.	Whitsun.	Adv. I
2042	Feb 2	Feb 19	Apr 6	May 15	May 25	Nov 30
2043	Jan 25	Feb 11	Mar 29	May 7	May 17	Nov 29
2044	Feb 14	Mar 2	Apr 17	May 26	Jun 5	Nov 27
2045	Feb 5	Feb 22	Apr 9	May 18	May 28	Dec 3
2046	Jan 21	Feb 7	Mar 25	May 3	May 13	Dec 2
2047	Feb 10	Feb 27	Apr 14	May 23	Jun 2	Dec 1
2048	Feb 2	Feb 19	Apr 5	May 14	May 24	Nov 29
2049	Feb 14	Mar 3	Apr 18	May 27	Jun 6	Nov 28
2050	Feb 6	Feb 23	Apr 10	May 19	May 29	Nov 27
2051	Jan 29	Feb 15	Apr 2	May 11	May 21	Dec 3
2052	Feb 18	Mar 6	Apr 21	May 30	Jun 9	Dec 1
2053	Feb 2	Feb 19	Apr 6	May 15	May 25	Nov 30
2054	Jan 25	Feb 11	Mar 29	May 7	May 17	Nov 29
2055	Feb 14	Mar 3	Apr 18	May 27	Jun 6	Nov 28
2056	Jan 30	Feb 16	Apr 2	May 11	May 21	Dec 3
2057	Feb 18	Mar 7	Apr 22	May 31	Jun 10	Dec 2
2058	Feb 10	Feb 27	Apr 14	May 23	Jun 2	Dec 1
2059	Jan 26	Feb 12	Mar 30	May 8	May 18	Nov 30
2060	Feb 15	Mar 3	Apr 18	May 27	Jun 6	Nov 28
2061	Feb 6	Feb 23	Apr 10	May 19	May 29	Nov 27
2062	Jan 22	Feb 8	Mar 26	May 4	May 14	Dec 3
2063	Feb 11	Feb 28	Apr 15	May 24	Jun 3	Dec 2
2064	Feb 3	Feb 20	Apr 6	May 15	May 25	Nov 30
2065	Jan 25	Feb 11	Mar 29	May 7	May 17	Nov 29
2066	Feb 7	Feb 24	Apr 11	May 20	May 30	Nov 28
2067	Jan 30	Feb 16	Apr 3	May 12	May 22	Nov 27
2068	Feb 19	Mar 7	Apr 22	May 31	Jun 10	Dec 2
2069	Feb 10	Feb 27	Apr 14	May 23	Jun 2	Dec 1

When two Holy Days occur on the same Date.

Because some holy days are tied to the date of Easter, and others are tied to a specific calendar date, there is always a chance that two will fall on the same date. When this happens, usually, one observance takes precedence over the other, and the other is not observed that year (you can say the Collect of that day after the main one, if you wish). The precedence of days is noted in this book this way:

1. The most important Sundays and holy days of the year are listed in **BOLD CAPS**. These days supplant any other days. On the rare occasion that two of these coincide, one holiday is transferred to the nearest free date, and these dates are listed below the holiday's nominal date for convenience.

Example 1: **EASTER** 2035 falls on March 25, which is also **ANNUNCIATION DAY**. Easter is the most important celebration of the year, so the Annunciation is transferred to April 2.

Example 2: **CANDLEMAS** 2025 is on a Sunday, suppressing **EPIPHANY IV**.

2. Other Sundays and major holy days are listed in **ALL CAPS**. These take precedence over other holy days. Usually, when one of these days is displaced, it is observed on the closest available date. When a holy day of this class falls on a Sunday, the Sunday is not observed.

Example 1: **TRANSFIGURATION DAY** 2023 falls on a Sunday, suppressing **TRINITY IX**.

Example 2: June 22, 2025 is a Sunday, so it is observed as **TRINITY I**, rather than the feast of St. Alban.

3. Days that do not supplant any other days, most of which have no prescribed readings or prayers of their own, are listed in Title Case. Days like this (historically called *Black-Letter Days*).

COLLECTS & LESSONS FOR THE SEASONS OF THE CHURCH YEAR.

ADVENT SEASON.

The season of Advent is considered the beginning of the church year, as it is the time of preparation for Christmas, the beginning of the Church's annual walk through the life of Christ. Where Christmas invites us to contemplate the humility in which he was born, the readings and prayers of Advent invite us to contemplate his eternal majesty, having just as much to do with Christ's Second Coming as with his first. This is no accident. Just as John the Baptist prepared the way for Christ's appearing "in great humility," and Advent prepares the way for Christmas, so is it our job as the Church to prepare the way for his return "in glorious majesty." While Advent is not a season of austerity like Lent, we would do well to keep the world in our prayers during this season, and take every opportunity to foster peace on earth, even if it's just in our little corner of it. Indeed, the atmosphere of goodwill and generosity that comes before Christmas is something in which every Christian should rejoice and participate enthusiastically, because that is what the Kingdom of Heaven looks like.

Some suggest that in order to truly *keep* Advent, “Christmassy” activities should be avoided before December 25. This is not part of Anglican teaching. While it is not a sin to celebrate Christmas “too early,” it is absolutely a sin to judge others for doing it. What’s more, alienating those who love you for the sake of the church calendar is very uncharitable. Better to eat candy canes while watching claymation movies and singing *Joy to the World* than to recuse yourself because it’s only December 2. Remember the words of Christ: “the Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.”

At Morning Prayer.

Sentences.

REPENT ye, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.

—*Matt. 3:2*

Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert
a highway for our God.—*Isaiah 40:3*

Antiphon at the Venite, for Sundays.

OUR King and Saviour draweth nigh * O come, let us
adore him.

At Evening Prayer.

Sentence.

WATCH ye, 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*

A Hymn.

O COME, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
Who orderest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice, &c.

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice! Rejoice, &c.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save,
And give them victory over the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice, &c.

O come, thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

Rejoice! Rejoice, &c.

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice, &c.

O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid thou our sad divisions cease,
And be thyself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice, &c.

—9th C., tr. J. M. Neale, 1851, st. 2, 7 unknown. 88.88R

ADVENT I.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 50; Mal. 3:1–6 & 4:4–6; Luke 1:5–25

Ps. 46, 97; *Isa. 28:14–22; Heb. 12:14ff

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 48, 126; Isa. 62; Matt. 25:1–13

Ps. 18:1–20; Isa. 13:6–13; 1 Thess. 5:1–11

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the
works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus
Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge
both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life
immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee
and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

This Collect is to be repeated every day, with the other Collects in Advent, until Christmas-day.

The Epistle. Romans 13:8-14.

OWE no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

The Gospel. Matthew 21:1-13.

WHEN they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy

King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, and brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strewed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. And when he was come into Jerusalem. all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee. And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of them that sold doves, and said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

ADVENT II,

commonly called Bible Sunday.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 25; Isa. 52:1-10; Luke 1:26-56

Ps. 119:1-16; *Isa. 55; 2 Tim. 3

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 119:89-104; Amos 3:1-8; 1 Thess. 2:1-13

Ps. 67, 111; Isa. 26:1-11; John 5:30-40

The Collects.

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

The Epistle. Romans 15:4-13.

WHATSOEVER things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like-minded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: that ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God. Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers : and that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the

Gentiles, and sing unto thy name. And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people. And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people. And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; In him shall the Gentiles trust. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

The Gospel. Luke 21:25-33.

AND, there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; when they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

ADVENT III.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 22:23 & 99; Jer. 1:4-10,17-19; Luke 1:57ff

Ps. 85, 107:1-16; *Isa. 35; 1 Thess. 5:12-23

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 132, 134; Nahum 1:3-8,15; 1 Cor. 9:7-23

Ps. 30, 130; Isa. 26:1-11; Matt. 9:35-10:15

The Collects.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee; Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end.
Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

The Epistle. 1 Corinthians 4:1-5.

LET a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is

required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self. For I know nothing by my self; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

The Gospel. Matthew 11:2-10.

NOW when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, and said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he whosoever shall not be offended in me. And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet. For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

Ember Wednesday ✙

Ps. 1, 15; Jer. 23:9-15; Luke 12:35-48

Ps. 92; Jer. 23:16-22; Matt. 28:16ff

Ember Friday ✙

Ps. 40:1-16; Jer. 23:23-32; 2 Cor. 5:5ff

Ps. 51; Jer. 26:1-7,10-15; 2 Tim. 3:14-4:8

Ember Saturday ✙

Ps. 42, 43; Mal. 2:1-9; Matt. 9:35-10:15

Ps. 103; Mal. 3:1-6; Heb. 4:14-5:10

ADVENT IV.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 80; *Isa. 40:1-11; Luke 3:1-17

Ps. 77, 100; Jer. 33:7-16; 1 Thess. 1

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 33; Isa. 40:12-31; 1 Thess. 3:7ff

Ps. 102:15 & 146; Isa. 42:1-16; Matt. 11:11-24

The Collects.

O LORD, raise up, we pray thee, thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus

Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

The Epistle. Philippians 4:4-7.

REJOICE in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

The Gospel. John 1:19-28.

THIS is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No. Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us, What sayest thou of thyself? He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias. And they which were sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet? John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not; he it is, who coming after me is preferred before

me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose. These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

CHRISTMASTIDE.

After the four Sundays of Advent, December 25 begins the twelve days of Christmas, just like in the carol. Christmas is one of the few Christian holidays that everyone knows about, even in the non-Christian world. In an age when this festive season is swept up in a frenzy of gift-shopping and the stress of family gatherings, it's easy to lose sight of the significance of Christmas. You might even get burned out on it—it's very easy to do. Others, rightfully put off by the glitter of commercialism, try to excise everything they see as "non-Christian," and often wind up losing the joy along with it. But, when considering what Christmas commemorates, it is hard to think of how it could be less than a day of exuberant celebration: Christmas is the celebration of the birth of our Savior (regardless of the day it actually happened), the first chapter of God's greatest self-revelation, and the first stage in his rehabilitation of our fallen human nature. It brought angels to Earth to sing for joy—a phenomenon mentioned nowhere else in Scripture—and it should be a day of "exceeding great joy" for us, too.

The birth of Christ is the turning point of history: everything before it, from the Creation, to the covenant with Moses, to the Exile, to the defeat of the Assyrians by the Babylonians, and the Babylonians by the Persians, and

even the establishment of the Roman Empire whose census brought Joseph and Mary to the prophesied city of Bethlehem, was building up to it, and everything that happens after is affected by it. The birth of Jesus changed the world forever. It was the founding-day of the Kingdom of Heaven (for he is the King of Kings), and humanity's independence day from sin. In this festive time, give "glory to God in the highest," spread "peace on earth" and "goodwill toward men," and be merry.

At Morning Prayer.

Sentence.

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.

—*Luke 2:10-11*

Antiphon at the Venite.

ALLELUIA. Unto us a child is born *

O come, let us adore him.

At Evening Prayer.

Sentence.

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.

—*Rev. 21:3*

A Hymn.

HARK! the herald angels sing,

Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem!
*Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King.*

Christ, by highest heav'n adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the Virgin's womb;
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark, &c.

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that men no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark, &c.

—*Charles Wesley, 1739, alt. Geo. Whitefield et al. 77.77D*

Christmas Eve.

December 24.

Ps. 85; Zech. 2:10ff; Matt. 1:18ff

A Collect.

O GOD, who hast caused this holy night to shine with the illumination of the true Light: Grant us, we beseech thee, that as we have known the mystery of that Light upon earth, so may we also perfectly enjoy him in heaven; where with thee and the Holy Ghost he liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

December 25.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 89:1-30; Isa. 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-20

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 45; Mic. 4:1-5, 5:2-4; 1 John 4:7-14

At Midnight.

The Collect.

O GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thine only Son Jesus Christ; Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may wit sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Epistle. Titus 2:11-15.

THE grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly

lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

The Gospel. Luke 2:1-14.

AND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, 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. And this shall be a sign unto you;

Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

The Preface.

BECAUSE thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born as at this time for us; who, by the operation of the Holy Ghost, was made very man, of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin.

In the Morning.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

This Collect to be said daily throughout the Octave.

The Epistle. Hebrews 1:1-12.

GOD, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down

on the right hand of the Majesty on high; being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? And again, when he bringeth in the first-begotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. And, Thou. Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: they shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; and as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

The Gospel. John 1:1-14.

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light,

that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to be come the Sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

The Preface.

BECAUSE thou didst give Jesus Christ, &c.

ST. STEPHEN.

December 26.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 118; 2 Chr. 24:17-22; Acts 6

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 30, 31:1-6; Gen. 4:1-10; Acts 7:59-8:8

The Collects.

GRANT, O Lord, that, in all our sufferings here upon earth for the testimony of thy truth, we may stedfastly look up to heaven, and by faith behold the glory that shall be revealed; and, being filled with the Holy Ghost, may learn to love and bless our persecutors by the example of thy first Martyr Saint Stephen, who prayed for his murderers to thee, O blessed Jesus, who standest at the right hand of God to

succour all those who suffer for thee, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

For the Epistle. Acts 7:55-60.

STEPHEN, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, and said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, and cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

The Gospel. Matthew 23:34-39.

BEHOLD, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city: that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood

of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar. Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.

December 27.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 23, 24; Exod. 33:12ff; John 13:20-26, 31-35

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 97; Isa. 6:1-8; Rev. 1

The Collects.

MERCIFUL Lord, we beseech thee to cast thy bright beams of light upon thy Church, that it, being illumined by the doctrine of thy blessed Apostle and Evangelist Saint John, may so walk in the light of thy truth, that it may at length attain to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord

Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Epistle. 1 John 1:1-10.

THAT which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (for the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

The Gospel. John 21:19b-25.

JESUS saith unto Peter, Follow me. Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee? Peter seeing him saith to

Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me. Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, he shall not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? This is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true. And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written.

THE HOLY INNOCENTS.

December 28.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 8, 26; Jer. 31:1-6, 15-16; Matt. 18:1-14

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 19, 126; Isa. 54:1-13; Mark 10:13-16, 23-31

The Collects.

O ALMIGHTY God, who out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast ordained strength, and madest infants to glorify thee by their deaths: Mortify and kill all vices in us, and so strengthen us by thy grace, that by the innocency of our lives, and constancy of our faith even unto death, we may glorify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and

made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

For the Epistle. Revelation 14:1-5.

I LOOKED, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: and they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. These are they which were not defiled with women for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

The Gospel. Matthew 2:13-18.

THE angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saving, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: and was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my

son. Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, amid slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 145; *Isa. 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-20

Ps. 98, 138; Isa. 49:8-13; Heb. 2

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 68 or 27; Isa. 63:7-16; 2 Pet. 1:1-12

Ps. 8, 113; Job 28:12ff; Matt. 11:25ff

The Collects.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

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renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Epistle. Galatians 4:1-7.

NOW I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; but is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: but when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive time adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

The Gospel. Matthew 1:18-25.

THE birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying. Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which

was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: and knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

New Year's Eve.

December 31.

Ps. 90; Eccles. 11:1-4, 6-10 & 12:13-14; Rev. 21:1-7

THE CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST.

January 1.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 103; Deut. 30:1-10; Eph. 2:11ff

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 148; Deut. 30:11ff; Rev. 19:11-16

The Collects.

ALMIGHTY God, who madest thy blessed Son to be circumcised, and obedient to the law for man; Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit; that, our hearts and all our members being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, we may in all things obey thy blessed will; through time same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the New Year.

O IMMORTAL Lord God, who inhabitest eternity, and hast brought thy servants to the beginning of another year: Pardon, we humbly beseech thee, our transgressions in the

past, bless to us this New Year, and graciously abide with us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Philippians 2:9-13.

GOD also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

The Gospel. Luke 2:15-21.

AND it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them. And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS,

which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

CHRISTMAS II.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 65, 121; *Mic. 4:1-5, 5:2-4; Luke 2:21-32

Ps. 89:1-30; Isa. 44:1-8, 21-23; Col. 2:6-17

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 111, 112; Prov. 9:1-6, 10; 2 Cor. 4:1-6

Ps. 132; Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 2:34-40

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word; Grant that the same light enkindled in our hearts may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Epistle. Isaiah 61:1-3.

THE Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

The Gospel. Matthew 2:19-23.

WHEN Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life. And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judæa in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee: and he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

EPIPHANY SEASON.

Epiphany Day closes the Christmas season with the visit of the Magi. In some cultures, it instead commemorates the Baptism of Christ (commemorated here on Epiphany II). In either case, the message is the same: Jesus is revealed as the Lord of Lords, the Savior for all the world, Jews and Gentiles alike. The Sundays after Epiphany feature scenes from the early years of Christ's life and ministry, and then drive home the universality of the Gospel.

Epiphany Eve.

January 5.

Ps. 29, 98; Isa. 49:1-7; Luke 3:15-22

THE EPIPHANY.

January 6.

At Morning Prayer.

Sentences.

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. 1:11*
Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem.—*Isaiah 52:1*

Antiphon at the Venite.

THE Lord hath manifested forth his glory * O come, let us adore him.

Ps. 46, 100; Isa. 60:1-9; 2 Cor. 4:1-6

At Evening Prayer.

Sentence.

THE Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.—*Isaiah 40:3*

Ps. 72; Isa. 61; Rom. 15:8-21

The Collect.

O GOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles; Mercifully grant that we, who know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Collect to be said daily throughout the Octave.

The Epistle. Ephesians 3:1-12.

FOR this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, if ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God, which is given me to you-ward: how that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; that the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: in whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

The Gospel. Matthew 2:1-12.

WHEN Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa, in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem. saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are

come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judæa: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

The same Collect, Epistle, and Gospel shall be used until the next Sunday.

EPIPHANY I.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 72, 97; Isa. 60:1-9†; Matt. 2:1-12

Ps. 92, 93; *Prov. 8:22-35; Col. 1:9ff

† *If this day falls on January 13, read Isa. 60:10ff instead.*

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 84, 122; 1 Sam. 1:21ff; Matt. 18:1-14

Ps. 19, 67; Isa. 49:1-7; 1 John 1:1-9

The Collects.

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles; Mercifully grant that we, who know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Romans 12:1-5.

I BESEECH you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the

same office: so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

The Gospel. Luke 2:41-52.

NOW his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him. And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

EPIPHANY II.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 118; *Zech. 8:1-8,20-23; 1 Cor. 12:12-31a
Ps. 29, 99; Exod. 34:29; Mark 9:2-13

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 102:15 & 117; Isa. 45:1-15; Rom. 9:14-26
Ps. 62, 127; Isa. 54:11ff; John 1:35ff

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth; Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Romans 12:6-16.

HAVING then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness, Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate.

The Gospel. Mark 1:1-11.

THE beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; as it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. And there went out unto him all the land of Judæa, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins. And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey; and preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost. And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him: and there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

EPIPHANY III.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 42, 43; *Isa. 41:8-10, 17-20; John 4:1-14

Ps. 11, 12; Deut. 16:18-20 & 17:8-11; James 2:1-13

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 27, 134; Isa. 56:1-8; John 2:13ff

Ps. 103; Isa. 54:1-8; Rom. 14:1-15:3

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Romans 12:16-21.

BE not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for It is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink; for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Gospel. John 2:1-11.

AND the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: and both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. And there were set there six water-pots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith unto them, Fill the water-pots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of

the feast. And they bare it. When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, and saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

EPIPHANY IV.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 66; Isa. 61; Luke 4:16-32

Ps. 18:1-20; *Deut. 4:5-13,32-40; Eph. 2

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 145; Isa. 45:20; Rom. 10

Ps. 30, 36:5ff; Dan. 10:10-19; Mark 6:45

The Collect.

O GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Romans 13:1-7.

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 resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God; and they that resist shall

receive to themselves condemnation. 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 praise of the same: for he is the minister 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 also: 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.

The Gospel. Matthew 8:1-13.

WHEN he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean, And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, and saying. Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy grievously tormented And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed, For I am a

man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. And I say unto you, that many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

EPIPHANY V.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 15, 85; Ruth 1:1-17; Col. 3:5-11

Ps. 112, 113; *Hab. 1:12-2:14; Luke 12:35-48

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 21, 22:23ff; Joel 3:9-17; Matt. 13:36-52

Ps. 7; Amos 5:14-24; Gal. 6:1-10

The Collect.

O LORD, we beseech thee to keep thy Church and household continually in thy true religion; that they who do lean only upon the hope of thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by thy mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Colossians 3:12-17.

PUT on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

The Gospel. Matthew 13:24-30.

THE kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the

reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

EPIPHANY VI.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 75, 138; Isa. 2:6-19; Matt. 25:14-29

Ps. 93, 98; *Isa. 66; 2 Thess. 1

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 9; Gen. 19; Luke 17:20ff

Ps. 76, 96; Deut. 31:14-29; 2 Pet. 3:1-14, 17-18

The Collect.

O GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life; Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Epistle. 1 John 3:1-8.

BEHOLD, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth

also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

The Gospel. Matthew 24:23-31.

THEN if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together. Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his

elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

PRE-LENTEN SEASON.

This is perhaps the most unfamiliar part of the traditional Church Year, in that it was omitted entirely from new versions of it. It is a time to ease into the fasting of Lent. Traditionally, the *Gloria in Excelsis* and hymns containing the word *Alleluia* were not recited starting on Septuagesima Sunday, not to return until Easter.

SEPTUAGESIMA,

being the third Sunday before Lent.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 20, 121; *Joshua 1:1-9; 2 Tim. 2:1-13

Ps. 1 & 18:21-35; Ezek. 3:4-11; Matt. 5:1-16

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 144; Deut. 4:1-13; 1 Tim. 6:11-19

Ps. 80; Isa. 5:1-7; Matt. 21:23-32

The Collect.

O LORD, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Epistle. 1 Corinthians 9:24-27.

KNOW ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every

man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: but I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

The Gospel. Matthew 20:1-16.

THE kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard, And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way. Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour and did likewise. And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle? They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive. So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first. And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny. But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny. And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house, saying, These last have

wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day. But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny? Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee. Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good? So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.

SEXAGESIMA,

being the second Sunday before Lent.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 71; *Isa. 50:4-10; 2 Cor. 12:1-12

Ps. 33; Isa. 30:8-21; Mark 4:26-34

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 147; Eccles. 11:1-6; John 4:31-38

Ps. 37:26 & 124; Dan. 3:1-26; Matt. 10:16-23, 40-42

The Collect.

O LORD God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do; Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. 2 Corinthians 11:19-31.

YE suffer fools gladly, seeing ye yourselves are wise. For ye suffer, if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour you, if a man take of you, if a man exalt himself, if a man smite you on the face. I speak as concerning reproach, as though we had been weak. Howbeit whereinsoever any is

bold, (I speak foolishly,) I am bold also. Are they Hebrews? so am I. Are they Israelites? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so am I. Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep in journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not? If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not.

The Gospel. Luke 8:4-15.

WHEN much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable: A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns

sprang up with it, and choked it. And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, he that hath ears to hear, let him hear. And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be? And he said Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time or temptation fall away. And that which fell among thorns are they which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

QUINQUAGESIMA,

being the Sunday next before Lent.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 103 Isa. 5:1-16; John 15:1-17

Ps. 19, 23; *Deut. 10:12-11:11; John 2:1-17

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 119:33-48; Lev. 19:1-2,9-18; 1 John 4

Ps. 139; Isa. 51:1-8; Mark 9:14-32

The Collect.

O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; Send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

The Epistle. 1 Corinthians 13:1-13.

THOUGH I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away

childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

The Gospel. Luke 18:31-43.

THEN Jesus took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished. For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on: and they shall scourge him, and put him to death: and the third day he shall rise again. And they understood none of these things: and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken. And it came to pass, that as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way side begging: and hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant. And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by. And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou son of David. have mercy on me. And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried so much the more, Thou son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood. And commanded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him, saying, What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee. And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God.

LENTEN SEASON.

The six weeks before Easter have been a time devoted to prayer and fasting since the 4th Century, if not before. In medieval England, it was considered appropriate for the austerity of the season to cover the decorations of the church, change them out for plain things where possible. As in Pre-Lent, *Gloria In Excelsis* and *Alleluia* are not said, and indeed, it is most appropriate to the nature of the season to use the Decalogue at Antecomunion as well.

You may notice that Lent is described as having forty days, but the six-and-a-half weeks from Ash Wednesday to Easter Even actually add up to forty-six days. This is because in the Western tradition, Sundays are never fast days. Subtracting these six Sundays leaves us with the iconic “Forty Days of Lent.”

On Fasting.

There are books written from all Christian perspectives—from Popes to Puritans to Pentecostals—extolling the benefits of fasting on one’s walk with Christ. It is no wonder that all expressions of the Church should recommend fasting, because the Bible does: our Savior fasted forty days before beginning his public ministry (Luke 4), Saints Paul and Barnabas were commissioned to preach the Gospel while they and everyone with them were fasting (Acts 13), and indeed, when Christ gives directions on fasting in Matthew 6 (the Gospel reading for Ash Wednesday), he starts not with “*if ye fast,*” but “*when.*”

Fasting is for the Christian what working out is for the athlete: training. Like a football player in the gym, subjecting himself to exhaustion and aches so that he can do what he needs to do on the field, a Christian choosing to go without food, drink, or some other pleasure of life for a little while is bringing their body under control, so that when trials come and it becomes uncomfortable to “seek the kingdom of God, and his righteousness” (and everyone experiences this at some point), they will be prepared to press forward in spite of the challenge. As St. Paul said, “I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway” (1 Cor. 9:27).

But when should we fast, or why specifically during Lent? The Church recommends a season of fasting before Easter for many reasons, but the one I find most compelling is this: to lead a sanctified life, you need repentance. You need to remember the commandments of Christ to love God and love your neighbor, and not only want to keep them better, or vow to do so, but actually *train* yourself to do it. That’s what repentance is: not a feeling of remorse or grief for having sinned, but actively turning away from it. Because it’s not easy and can’t be accomplished overnight, people are not likely to pursue it on their own. So the Church developed and kept this season of fasting, baked right into the cycle of the year, to ensure that everyone had an opportunity to pause and reorient themselves toward heaven. Not only fasting, but prayer and almsgiving (which foster love toward God and neighbor, respectively) were intensified in these days. Artwork was covered and

vestments became plain as a visible reminder of the interior denial that is the essence of fasting, and keeping the focus squarely on the difficult theme of repentance found throughout the Lenten services. This season was placed right before Easter to make the significance of the Crucifixion and the Resurrection as obvious and personally relevant as possible.

While Lent is the most well-known and most intense time of fasting, it is not the only fast that the Church recommends. The traditional Book of Common Prayer also advised fasting at the beginning of each season, at the time crops were planted, on the eves of certain holidays, and on every Friday of the year. Sundays are never fast days, even those during Lent. The calendar in this book includes these fast days.

Regarding how we should fast, opinions vary. Going without any food and drink at all is the strictest form of fast, but cannot be sustained for a long time. Indeed, Orthodox Churches still practice this a few days a year. Their “default” fast, however, is to refrain from meat, fish, dairy, eggs, wine, and oil—anything that makes a dish rich or sumptuous. In the West, the Catholic Church came to allow more kinds of food while limiting quantity: the norm since the 16th Century has been no more than one full-size meal and two snacks per day, with no meat. John Wesley recommended refraining from all food until evening, or alternatively, eating a normal number of meals, but simply stopping before you feel full. Evangelical Christians in the 19th Century took inspiration from Daniel 1 to create the

“Daniel Fast” of only vegetables and water, effectively recreating the Orthodox practice from scratch!

While the Anglican tradition recommends specific times for fasting, it has never dictated how anyone should fast. What has been said about prayer holds true for fasting too: do what works for you, and start a little smaller than you think you can handle. It is better not to fast at all than to overcommit and sin more through neglect of duty, judging others for not fasting like you, or lashing out in hanger. Don’t worry about not “doing enough.” Any seed of self-denial, even if it’s just giving up Twinkies, can yield a bumper crop of spiritual growth when placed in God’s hands.

At Morning Prayer.

Sentences.

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*

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

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.—*Luke 15:18-19*

At Evening Prayer.

Sentences.

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; 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*

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 John 1:8-9*

A Hymn.

The fast, as taught by holy lore,
We keep in solemn course once more;
The fast to all men known, and bound
In forty days of yearly round.

The law and seers that were of old
In divers ways this Lent foretold
Which Christ, all seasons' king and guide,
In after ages sanctified.

More sparing therefore let us make
The words we speak, the food we take,
Our sleep and mirth, and closer barred
Be ev'ry sense in holy guard.

In prayer together let us fall,
And cry for mercy, one and all,
And weep before the Judge's feet,
And His avenging wrath entreat.

Thy grace have we offended sore,
By sins, O God, which we deplore;
But pour upon us from on high,
O pard'ning One, thy clemency.

Remember thou, though frail we be,
That yet thine handiwork are we;
Nor let the honor of thy name
Be by another put to shame.

Forgive the sin that we have wrought;
Increase the good that we have sought;
That we at length, our wand'rings o'er,
May please thee here and evermore.

We pray thee, holy Trinity,
One God, unchanging Unity,
That we from this our abstinence
May reap the fruits of penitence.
—6th C., tr. J. M. Neale, 1854. LM

ASH WEDNESDAY. ✙

The Penitential Office.
Psalm 51:1-17 is said.

If the Litany has not been said before:

[LORD, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, &c.]

O LORD, save thy servants;

That put their trust in thee.

Send unto them help from above.

And evermore mightily defend them.

HELP us, O God our Saviour.

And for the glory of thy Name deliver us; be merciful to us sinners, for thy Name's sake.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

And let our cry come unto thee.

O LORD, we beseech thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O MOST mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his sin, and be saved; Mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us therefore, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed; enter not into judgment with thy servants; but so turn thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our transgressions, and truly repent us of our faults, and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TURN thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, Be favourable to thy people, Who turn to thee in weeping, fasting, and praying. For thou art a merciful God, Full of compassion, Long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, And in thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Spare thy people, good Lord, spare them, And let not thine heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy is great, And after the multitude of thy mercies look upon us; Through the merits and mediation of thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive; Receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us; for the honour of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

THE Lord bless us, and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. Amen.

At Morning Prayer.

The Venite is not said on this day.

Ps. 32, 143; Isa. 58:1-12; Heb. 12:1-14

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 102, 130; Jonah 3 & 4; Luke 15:10ff

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Collect is to be said every day in Lent, after the Collect appointed for the day, until Palm Sunday.

For the Epistle. Joel 2:12-17.

TURN ye even to me, saith the Lord, with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: and 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. Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the Lord your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?

The Gospel. Matthew 6:16-21.

WHEN ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly. Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

The same Collect, Epistle, and Gospel shall be used until the next Sunday, except upon the feast of St. Matthias (February 24).

LENT I.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 50; *Isa. 58; Matt. 6:1-18

Ps. 3, 62; Mic. 7:1-9; Rom. 7:14ff

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 15, 92; Jer. 17:5-14; 1 Cor. 10:1-13

Ps. 69:1-19, 30-37; Dan. 9:3-10; Luke 5:33-6:10

The Collects.

O LORD, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights; Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly

motions in righteousness, and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. 2 Corinthians 6:1-10.

WE then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.) Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed: but in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; by pureness, by knowledge, by long-suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet alway

rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

The Gospel. Matthew 4:1-11.

THEN was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, and saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

Ember Wednesday ✙

Ps. 26; Ezek. 2; Matt. 9:1-13

Ps. 4, 16; Ezek. 3:16ff; 2 Cor. 4

Ember Friday ✙

Ps. 95 & 84; Ezek. 34:1-16; Matt. 10:24ff

Ps. 77; Ezek. 37:1-14; 1 Tim. 4

Ember Saturday ✙

Ps. 101; Ezek. 34:17ff; 2 Tim. 2:1-15

Ps. 19, 23; Ezek. 37:21bff; 1 Tim. 6:6

LENT II.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 86, 142; *1 Kings 8:37-43; Col. 3:12-17

Ps. 30, 32; Ezek. 18:1-4, 25-32; Matt. 5:27-37

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 26, 119:1-16; 2 Sam. 12:1-14; 1 Cor. 6:9ff

Ps. 31; Hab. 2:1-14; Luke 18:1-8

The Collects.

ALMIGHTY God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8.

WE beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more. For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God: that no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.

The Gospel. Matthew 15:21-28.

JESUS went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. And she said. Truth Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O

woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt.
And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

LENT III.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 25; *Deut. 6:1-9,20-25; 1 Cor. 3

Ps. 34; Zech. 1:1-6,12-17; Mark 8:27-9:1

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 119:113-128 & 143; Amos 5:4-15; Gal. 5:16-24

Ps. 27; Prov. 4:7-18; Luke 11:29-36

The Collects.

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Ephesians 5:1-14.

BE ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour. But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named

among you, as becometh saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them. For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

The Gospel. Luke 11:14-28.

JESUS was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered. But some of them said, He casteth out devils through Beelzebub the chief of the devils. And others, tempting him, sought of him a sign from heaven. But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth. If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his

kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out devils through Beelzebub. And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your sons cast them out? therefore shall they be your judges. But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you. When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: but when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils. He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth. When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out. And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked. But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

LENT IV,

commonly called Lætare Sunday, Mid-Lent Sunday, and Refreshment Sunday.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 147; Exod. 16:4-15; John 6:27-40

Ps. 18:1-20; *Ezek. 39:21ff; 2 Cor. 3:12ff

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 116; Isa. 55; John 6:41-51

Ps. 46, 122; Prov. 3:1-26; Rev. 3:1-12

The Collects.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Galatians 4:21-31.

TELL me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law? For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bond-maid, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bond woman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath

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an husband. Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now. Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

The Gospel. John 6:1-14.

JESUS went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias. And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased. And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples. And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh. When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little. One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many? And Jesus said, Make the men sit down, Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand; And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. When they were filled, he

said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten. Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

PASSIONTIDE.

Passiontide is a name for the last two weeks of Lent, when the focus of the prayers and readings shifts from fasting and repentance to the Crucifixion, which is fast approaching.

A Hymn.

THERE is a green hill far away,
Outside a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified
Who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell,
What pains he had to bear,
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiv'n,
He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to heav'n,
Saved by his precious blood.

There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin,
He only could unlock the gate

Of heav'n, and let us in.

O dearly, dearly has he loved!

And we must love him too,

And trust in his redeeming blood,

And try his works to do.

—*Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848, CM*

Another Hymn.

THE royal banners forward go,

The cross shines forth in mystic glow;

Where he in flesh, our flesh who made,

Our sentence bore, our ransom paid.

There whilst he hung, his sacred side

By soldier's spear was opened wide,

To cleanse us in the precious flood

Of water mingled with his blood.

Fulfilled is now what David told

In true prophetic song of old,

How God the heathen's King should be;

For God is reigning from the tree.

O tree of glory, tree most fair,

Ordained those holy limbs to bear,

How bright in purple robe it stood,

The purple of a Savior's blood!

Upon its arms, like balance true,

He weighed the price for sinners due,

The price which none but he could pay,

And spoiled the spoiler of his prey.

To thee, eternal Three in One,
Let homage meet by all be done:
As by the cross thou dost restore,
So rule and guide us evermore.

—6th C., tr. J. M. Neale. LM

PASSION SUNDAY.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 51; *Isa. 1:10-20; 1 Pet. 4:12ff

Ps. 71; Deut. 18:15ff; Luke 20:9-18

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 42, 43; Hosea 6:1-6; Heb. 10:1-25

Ps. 40:1-16; Jer. 14:7-21; John 10:17-38

The Collects.

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Hebrews 9:11-15.

CHRIST being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with

hands, that is to say, not of this building; neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

The Gospel. John 8:46-59.

JESUS said, Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God. Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil? Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me. And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth. Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death. Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, if a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death. Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself? Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is

nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God: yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you; but I know him, and keep his saying. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I AM. Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple.

PALM SUNDAY.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 24, 97.; *Zech. 9:9-12; Mark 11:1-11

Ps.22; Isa. 52:13-53:12; Matt. 26

A Hymn,

particularly appropriate for use at Morning Prayer.

ALL glory, laud, and honour

To Thee, Redeemer, King!

To Whom the lips of children

Made sweet Hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel

Thou David's Royal Son,

Who in the Lord's name comest,

The King and Blessèd One.

All glory, &c.

The company of Angels

Is praising Thee on high,

And mortal men, and all things
Created make reply.

All glory, &c.

The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went
Our praise and prayers and anthems
Before Thee we present.

All glory, &c.

To Thee before Thy Passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee now high exalted
Our melody we raise.

All glory, &c.

Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the praise we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King.

All glory, &c.

—9th C., tr. J. M. Neale, 1851, 76.76.R.

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 130, 138; Jer. 8:9-15, 18-9:1; 1 Cor. 1:17ff

Ps. 77; Isa. 59:1-3, 9-21; John 12:20-36

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who of thy tender love
towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus
Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon
the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his
great humility; Mercifully grant, that we may both follow

the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Collect is to be said every day, after the Collect appointed for the day, until Good Friday.

The Epistle. Philippians 2:5-11.

LET this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Gospel. Matthew 27:1-54.

WHEN the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death: and when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor. Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and

went and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value and gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me. And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest. And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee? And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly. Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would. And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas. Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ? For he knew that for envy they had delivered him. When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him. But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They

said, Barabbas. Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified. And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified. When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children. Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail. King of the Jews! And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him. And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross. And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull, they gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink. And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots. And sitting down they

watched him there; and set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left. And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, and saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God. The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth. Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias. And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him. Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. Now when the centurion, and they that were

with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

MONDAY BEFORE EASTER. ✚

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 71; Isa. 42:1-7; John 14:1-14

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 42, 43; Lam. 1:7-12; John 14:15ff

The Collects.

ALMIGHTY God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified; Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Epistle. Isaiah 63:1-19.

WHO is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in

righteousness, mighty to save. Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat? I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment. For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come. And I looked, and there was none, to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury it upheld me. And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth. I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses. For he said, Surely they are my people, children that will not lie: so he was their Saviour. In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old. But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit; therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them. Then he remembered the days of old, Moses, and his people, saying, Where is he that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? where is he that put his holy Spirit within him? that led them by the right hand of Moses with his glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make himself an

everlasting name? that led them through the deep, as an horse in the wilderness, that they should not stumble? As a beast goeth down into the valley, the spirit of the Lord caused him to rest: so didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself a glorious name. Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory: where is thy zeal and thy strength, the sounding of thy bowels and of thy mercies toward me? are they restrained? Doubtless thou art our father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not, thou, O Lord, art our father our redeemer; thy name is from everlasting. O Lord, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways, and hardened our heart from thy fear? Return for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine inheritance. The people of thy holiness have possessed it but a little while: our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary. We are thine: thou never barest rule over them; they were not called by thy name.

The Gospel. Mark 14.

AFTER two days was the feast of the passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put him to death. But they said, Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar of the people. And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head. And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made? for it might have been sold for more than three

hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her. And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me. For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always. She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying. Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her. And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray him unto them. And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray him. And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and prepare that thou mayest eat the passover? And he sendeth forth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him. And wheresoever he shall go in, say ye to the goodman of the house, The Master saith, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? And he will shew you a large upper room furnished and prepared: there make ready for us. And his disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover. And in the evening he cometh with the twelve. And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me. And they began to be sorrowful, and to say unto him one by one, Is it I? and another said, Is it I? And

he answered and said unto them, It is one of the twelve, that
dippeth with me in the dish. The Son of man indeed goeth,
as it is written of him: but woe to that man by whom the
Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had
never been born. And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and
blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take,
eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and when he had
given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it.
And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new
testament, which is shed for many. Verily I say unto you, I
will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day
that I drink it new in the kingdom of God. And when they
had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.
And Jesus saith unto them, All ye shall be offended
because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the
shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered. But after that I
am risen I will go before you into Galilee. But Peter said
unto him, Although all shall be offended, yet will not I.
And Jesus saith unto him, Verily I say unto thee, that this
day even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou
shalt deny me thrice. But he spake the more vehemently, If
I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise.
Likewise also said they all. And they came to a place which
was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye
here, while I shall pray. And he taketh with him Peter and
James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be
very heavy; and saith unto them, My soul is exceeding
sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch. And he
went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed
that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And

he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt. And he cometh. And findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour? Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak. And again he went away, and prayed, and spake the same words. And when he returned, he found them asleep again, (for their eyes were heavy,) neither wist they what to answer him. And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand. And immediately, while he yet spake, cometh Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. And he that betrayed him had given them a token, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; take him, and lead him away safely. And as soon as he was come, he goeth straightway to him, and saith, Master, master; and kissed him. And they laid their hands on him, and took him. And one of them that stood by drew a sword, and smote a servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. And Jesus answered and said unto them, Are ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and with staves, to take me? I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but the scriptures must be fulfilled. And they all forsook him, and fled. And there followed him a certain young man, having a linen cloth cast about his naked body; and the young men laid hold on him: and he left the linen

cloth, and fled from them naked. And they led Jesus away to the high priest: and with him were assembled all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes. And Peter followed him afar off, even into the palace of the high priest: and he sat with the servants, and warmed himself at the fire. And the chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put him to death; and found none. For many bare false witness against him, but their witness agreed not together. And there arose certain, and bare false witness against him, saying, We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands. But neither so did their witness agree together. And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What need we any further witnesses? ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye? And they all condemned him to be guilty of death. And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him, Prophecy: and the servants did strike him with the palms of their hands. And as Peter was beneath in the palace, there cometh one of the maids of the high priest: and when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked upon him, and said, And thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth. But he denied, saying, I

know not, neither understand I what thou sayest. And he went out into the porch; and the cock crew. And a maid saw him again, and began to say to them that stood by, This is one of them. And he denied it again. And a little after, they that stood by said again to Peter, Surely thou art one of them: for thou art a Galilæan, and thy speech agreeth thereto. But he began to curse and to swear, saying, I know not this man of whom ye speak. And the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept.

TUESDAY BEFORE EASTER. ✚

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 6,12; Hosea 14; John 15:1-16

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 51; Lam. 2:10,13-19; John 15:17

The Collects.

O LORD God, whose blessed Son, our Saviour, gave his back to the smiters and hid not his face from shame; Grant us grace to take joyfully the sufferings of the present time, in full assurance of the glory that shall be revealed; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; Mercifully grant, that we may both follow

the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Epistle. Isaiah 50:5-11.

THE Lord God hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back. I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting. For the Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint and I know that I shall not be ashamed. He is near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand together: who is mine adversary? let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord God will help me; who is he that shall condemn me? lo, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up. Who is among you that feareth the Lord that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God. Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass yourselves about with sparks: walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks that ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.

The Gospel. Mark 15:1-39.

AND straightway in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him to Pilate. And Pilate asked him, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answering said unto him, Thou sayest it. And the chief priests accused him of many things:

but he answered nothing. And Pilate asked him again, saying, Answerest thou nothing? behold how many things they witness against thee. But Jesus yet answered nothing; so that Pilate marvelled. Now at that feast he released unto them one prisoner, whomsoever they desired. And there was one named Barabbas, which lay bound with them that had made insurrection with him, who had committed murder in the insurrection. And the multitude crying aloud began to desire him to do as he had ever done unto them. But Pilate answered them, saying, Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews? For he knew that the chief priests had delivered him for envy. But the chief priests moved the people, that he should rather release Barabbas unto them. And Pilate answered and said again unto them, What will ye then that I shall do unto him whom ye call the King of the Jews? And they cried out again, Crucify him. Then Pilate said unto them, Why, what evil hath he done? And they cried out the more exceedingly, Crucify him, And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified. And the soldiers led him away into the hall, called Prætorium; and they called together the whole band. And they clothed him with purple, and platted a crown of thorns, and put it about his head, and began to salute him, Hail, King of the Jews! And they smote him on the head with a reed, and did spit upon him, and bowing their knees worshipped him. And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple from him, and put his own clothes on him, and led him out to crucify him. And they compel one Simon a Cyrenian, who passed by, coming out of the

country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to bear his cross. And they bring him unto the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull. And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh: but he received it not. And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take. And it was the third hour, and they crucified him. And the superscription of his accusation was written over, THE KING OF THE JEWS. And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left. And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors. And they that passed by railed on him, wagging their heads, and saying, Ah, thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thy self, and come down from the cross. Likewise also the chief priests mocking said among themselves with the scribes, He saved others; himself he cannot save. Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe. And they that were crucified with him reviled him. And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold, he calleth Elias. And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take him down. And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost. And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the

top to the bottom. And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.

WEDNESDAY BEFORE EASTER. ✚

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 94; Zech. 12:9-10 & 13:1,7-9; John 16:1-15

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 74; Lam. 3:1,14-33; John 16:16ff

The Collects.

ASSIST us mercifully with thy help, O Lord God of our salvation; that we may enter with joy upon the meditation of those mighty acts, whereby thou hast given unto us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Hebrews 9:16-28.

WHERE a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth. Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood. For when Moses had spoken

every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book and all the people, saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. Moreover, he sprinkled likewise with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For 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: nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; for then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

The Gospel. Luke 22:1-71.

NOW the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover. And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him; for they feared the people. Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve. And he went his way, and

communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them. And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money. And he promised, and sought opportunity to betray him unto them in the absence of the multitude. Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed. And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat. And they said unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare? And he said unto them, Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in. And ye shall say unto the goodman of the house, The Master saith unto thee, Where is the guest-chamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? And he shall shew you a large upper room furnished: there make ready. And they went, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover. And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer: for I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: for I say unto you I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you. But, behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me

on the table. And truly the Son of man goeth, as it was determined: but woe unto that man by whom he is betrayed! And they began to enquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing. And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest. And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors. But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve. For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth. Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations. And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; that ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom. And sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not; and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death. And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me. And he said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing. Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one. For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he

was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end. And they said, Lord, behold, here are two swords. And he said unto them, It is enough. And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him. And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation. And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow, and said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. And while he yet spake behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him. But Jesus said unto him. Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss? When they which were about him saw what would follow, they said unto him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword? And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear. And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him. Then Jesus said unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and the elders, which were come to him, Be ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and staves? When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is

your hour, and the power of darkness. Then took they him, and led him, and brought him into the high priest's house. And Peter followed afar off. And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them. But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked upon him, and said, This man was also with him. And he denied him, saying, Woman, I know him not. And after a little while another saw him, and said, Thou art also of them. And Peter said, Man, I am not. And about the space of one hour after another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this fellow also was with him: for he is a Galilæan. And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew. And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And Peter went out, and wept bitterly. And the men that held Jesus mocked him, and smote him. And when they had blindfolded him, they struck him on the face, and asked him, saying, Prophesy, who is it that smote thee? And many other things blasphemously spake they against him. And as soon as it was day the elders of the people and the chief priests and the scribes came together, and led him into their council, saying, Art thou the Christ? tell us. And he said unto them, If I tell you, ye will not believe: and if I also ask you, ye will not answer me, nor let me go. Hereafter shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God. Then said they all, Art thou then the Son of God? And he said unto them, Ye say that I am. And they said, What need we any

further witness? for we ourselves have heard of his own mouth.

MAUNDY THURSDAY. ✝

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 116; Jer. 31:31-34; John 13:18ff

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 142, 143; Lam. 3:40-58; John 17

The Collects.

ALMIGHTY Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, did institute the Sacrament of his Body and Blood; Mercifully grant that we may thankfully receive the same in remembrance of him, who in these holy mysteries giveth us a pledge of life eternal; the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.

IN this that I declare unto you I praise you not, that ye come together not for the better, but for the worse. For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that

there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it. For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you. When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper. For in eating every one taketh before other his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken. What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not. For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

The Gospel. John 13:16-14:31.

VERILY, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them. I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me. Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake. Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake. He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it? Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly. Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him. For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor. He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night. Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and

God is glorified in him. If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered him, Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards. Peter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake. Jesus answered him, Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice. Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath

seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which

ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe. Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

GOOD FRIDAY. †

At Morning Prayer.

Sentences.

IS it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow which is done unto me, wherewith the Lord hath afflicted me.—*Lam.*

1:12

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.—*Eph. 1:7*

The Venite is not said on this day.

Ps. 22, 40:1-16, 54; Gen. 22:1-18; John 18

The Litany shall be said on this day.

At Evening Prayer.

Sentence.

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*

Ps. 69:1-22 & 88; Isa. 52:13-53:12; 1 Pet. 2:11ff

The Solemn Collects.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

O MERCIFUL God, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made, nor desirest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live; Have mercy upon all who know thee not as thou art revealed in the Gospel of thy Son. Take from them all

ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy fold, that they may be made one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; We beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Hebrews 10:1-25.

THE law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou

wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: in burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: but this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; from henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin. Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; and having an high priest over the house of God; let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful

that promised;) and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

The Gospel. John 19:1-37.

PILATE therefore took Jesus, and scourged him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, and said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands. Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him. Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man! When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him. The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid; and went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer. Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin. And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release

him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Cæsar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king, speaketh against Cæsar. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Cæsar. Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away. And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. And Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS. This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city; and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin. Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews. Pilate answered, What I have written I have written. Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for

my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did. Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home. After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost. The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, the brake not his legs: but one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.

*In place of the Collect after the Prayer for the Whole State
(Assist us mercifully, &c.), this Collect shall be said.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in thy Son's Name; We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ears to us that have made now our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant, that those things, which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In place of the Grace, the following shall be said.

LORD Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray thee to set thy passion, cross, and death between thy judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to thy holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Ghost thou livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.

EASTER EVEN, ✙

or Holy Saturday.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 14, 16; Job 14:1-14; John 19:38ff *or* Heb. 4

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 27; Job 19:21-27a; Rom. 6:3-11

The Collect.

GRANT, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of thy blessed Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with him; and that through the grave, and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for his merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Epistle. 1 Peter 3:17-22.

IT is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing. For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: by which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; which sometime were disobedient, when once the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

The Gospel. Matthew 27:57-66.

WHEN the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathæa, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: he went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tombs which he had

hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed. And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre. Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first. Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can. So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

EASTERTIDE.

Easter is both the oldest and the most important holiday observed by Christians. If Christmas is the founding-day of the Kingdom of God, Easter is its victory day. The anthems said at Morning Prayer on Easter morning tell us its importance: “death hath no more dominion over him,” “reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed to sin,” and “in Christ shall all be made alive.” The Son of God, revealed in meek humanity at Christmas, is now revealed in the power of his divinity by his Resurrection.

At Morning Prayer.

Sentences.

HE is risen. The Lord is risen indeed.

—*Mark 16:6; Luke 24:34*

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice
and be glad in it.—*Psalm 128:24*

Antiphon at the Venite.

ALLELUIA. The Lord is risen indeed: *

O come let us adore him. Alleluia.

At Evening Prayer.

Sentences.

THANKS be to God, which giveth us the victory through
our Lord Jesus Christ. —*1 Cor. 15:57*

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are
above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of
God.—*Col. 3:1*

EASTER DAY.

At Morning Prayer.

Instead of the Venite, the following Anthems shall be said.

CHRIST our Passover is sacrificed for us, * therefore let us
keep the feast,

Not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and
wickedness, * but with the unleavened bread of
sincerity and truth. —*1 Cor. 5:7-8*

CHRIST being raised from the dead dieth no more: * death
hath no more dominion over him.

For in that he died, he died unto sin once, * but in that he
liveth, he liveth unto God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto
sin, * but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.
—*Rom. 6:9-11*

CHRIST is risen from the dead * and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death, * by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, * even so in Christ shall all be made alive. —1 Cor. 15:20-22

GLORY be, &c.

Ps. 93, 111; * Isa. 25:1-9; Matt. 28:1-10, 16-20

Ps. 57; Exod. 12:1-14; Rev. 14:1-7, 12-13

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 98, 114; Isa. 51:9-16; Luke 24:13-35

Ps. 118; Isa. 12; John 20:11-18

At Dawn.

Neither the Summary of the Law nor the Decalogue are said on this day.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; We humbly beseech thee that, as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

This Collect is to be said daily throughout Easter Week.

The Epistle. Colossians 3:1-4.

IF ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

The Gospel. John 20:1-10.

THE first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him. Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre. And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in. Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie, and the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together. in a place by itself. Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed. For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.

The Preface.

BUT chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life.

In the Day.

Neither the Summary of the Law nor the Decalogue are said on this day.

The Collect.

O GOD, who for our redemption didst give thine only-begotten Son to the death of the Cross, and by his glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy; Grant us so to die daily from sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; We humbly beseech thee that, as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Epistle. 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8.

KNOW ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The Gospel. Mark 16:1-8.

WHEN the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre? And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. And entering into the sepulchre, they saw, a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you. And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they anything to any man; for they were afraid.

The Preface.

BUT chiefly, &c.

A Hymn.

JESUS Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation hath procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
Praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

—14th C., tr. Tate & Brady, C. Wesley. 77.77 w/ Alleluias

Another Hymn.

ALLELUIA, alleluia!
Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise.
He, who on the cross a Victim,
For the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
Now is risen from the dead.

Now the iron bars are broken,
Christ from death to life is born,
Glorious life, and life immortal,
On the holy Easter morn.
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer
By his mighty enterprise:
We with him to life eternal
By his resurrection rise.

Christ is risen, Christ, the first fruits
Of the holy harvest field,
Which will all its full abundance
At His second coming yield:
Then the golden ears of harvest
Will their heads before him wave,
Ripened by his glorious sunshine
From the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen! We are risen!
Shed upon us heav'nly grace,
Rain and dew and gleams of glory
From the brightness of thy face;
That we, with our hearts in heaven,
Here on earth may fruitful be,
And by angel hands be gathered,
And be ever, Lord, with thee.

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia! to the Savior
Who has gained the victory;
Alleluia! to the Spirit,
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Fount of love and sanctity:

Alleluia, alleluia!

To the Triune Majesty. —*C. Wordsworth. 87.87D*

EASTER MONDAY.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 2; Isa. 61:1-3, 10-11; Luke 24:1-12

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 103; Exod. 15:1-13; John 20:1-10

The Collects.

O GOD, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread; Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold thee in all thy works; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; We humbly beseech thee that, as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

For the Epistle. Acts 10:34-43.

PETER opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)

that word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judæa, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly; not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

The Gospel. Luke 24:13-35.

BEHOLD, two of his disciples went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were holden that they should not know him. And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad? And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days? And he

said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him. But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done. Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre; and when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive. And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not. Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further. But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them. And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures? And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven

gathered together, and them that were with them, saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.

EASTER TUESDAY.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 30; Dan. 12:1-4,13; 1 Thess. 4:13ff

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 115; Isa. 30:18-21; John 20:11-18

The Collects.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with reverence the Paschal feast, may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; We humbly beseech thee that, as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

For the Epistle. Acts 13:26-41.

MEN and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent. For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor yet the voices

of the prophets which are read every sabbath day, they have fulfilled them in condemning him. And though they found no cause of death in him, yet desired they Pilate that he should be slain. And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a sepulchre. But God raised him from the dead: and he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people. And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers, God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee. And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David. Wherefore he saith also in another psalm, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption: but he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption. Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: and by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses. Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets: Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you.

The Gospel. Luke 24:36-48.

JESUS himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And he took it, and did eat before them. And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, and said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things.

EASTER I,

commonly called Low Sunday.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 66; Deut. 11:1-15; Rom. 1:1-12

Ps. 103; *Isa. 43:1-12; Luke 24:36-49

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 33; Zeph. 3:14ff; John 20:19ff
Ps. 30, 121; 2 Kings 4:18-37; Rev. 1:4-18

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. 1 John 5:4-12.

WHATSOEVER is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son hath not life.

The Gospel. John 20:19-23.

THE same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

EASTER II,

or Good Shepherd Sunday.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 23, 146; *Isa. 40:1-11; John 10:1-10

Ps. 34; Eccles. 9; Phil. 3:7-16

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 145; Ezek. 34:11-16,30-31; John 21:1-19

Ps. 16, 100; Ezek. 20:1-20; 1 Cor. 15:12-23

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his

most holy life; through the same thy son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. 1 Peter 2:19-25.

THIS is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not: but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray: but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

The Gospel. John 10:11-16.

JESUS said, I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them

also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one flock, and one shepherd.

EASTER III.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 36:5 & 138; 2 Sam. 12:15b-23 John 14:1-14

Ps. 113, 124; *1 Sam. 2:1b-10; Acts 2:22-36

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 68:1-20; Isa. 26:12-16,19; 2 Cor. 5

Ps. 115; Neh. 1; Luke 20:27-39

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, who showest to them that are in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; Grant unto all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion, that they may avoid those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Epistle. 1 Peter 2:11-17.

DEARLY beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation. Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well

doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: as free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

The Gospel. John 16:16-22.

JESUS said to his disciples, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father. Then said some of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me: and, Because I go to the Father? They said therefore, What is this that he saith, A little while? we cannot tell what he saith. Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do ye enquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me? Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour it come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

EASTER IV.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 116; *Job 19:21-27a; John 12:44ff

Ps. 107:1-16; Ezek. 37:1-14; Acts 3:1-21

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 18:1-20; Dan. 12:1-4,13; 1 Thess. 4:13ff

Ps. 27; Isa. 60:13ff; John 8:12-30

The Collect.

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. James 1:17-21.

EVERY good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

The Gospel. John 16:5-15.

JESUS said unto his disciples, Now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will

send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

EASTER V,

commonly called Rogation Sunday.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 65, 67; *Ezek. 34:25ff; Luke 11:1-13

Ps. 118; Deut. 28:1-14; Acts 4:1-13,33

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 147; Isa. 48:12-21; Rev. 5

Ps. 144; Ezek. 36:25ff; Mark 11:22-26

The Collect.

O LORD, from whom all good things do come; Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Epistle. James 1:22-27.

BE ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

The Gospel. John 16:23b-33.

VERILY, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father. At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you: for the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father. His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb. Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest

not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God. Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe? Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace In the world ye shall have tribulation but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

The Rogation Days.

The three days before Ascension Day were kept as days of prayer and fasting, originally for the blessing of fields around planting time. Since agriculture isn't a dominant part of our culture anymore, this book reimagines the Rogation Days as days of prayer for work and workers in general.

Monday. ✙

Ps. 104; Deut. 8:1-20; Matt. 6:5-15
Ps. 34; Deut. 28:1-14; James 1:1-17

Tuesday. ✙

Ps. 80; Deut. 11:10-17; Matt. 6:24
Ps. 65, 67; 1 Kings 8:22-30; James 4:8

Wednesday. ✙

Ps. 144; Jer. 14:1-9; 1 John 5:5-15
(Evening Prayer: see Ascension Eve, below)

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, Lord of heaven and earth; We beseech thee to pour forth thy blessing upon this land, and to give

us a fruitful season; that we, constantly receiving thy bounty, may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Epistle. Ezekiel 34:25-31.

I WILL make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods. And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing. And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am the Lord, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them. And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid. And I will raise up for them a plant of renown, and they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land, neither bear the shame of the heathen any more. Thus shall they know that I the Lord their God am with them, and that they, even the house of Israel, are my people, saith the Lord God. And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord God.

The Gospel. Luke 11:5-13.

JESUS said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine in his

journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? and he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth. And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

One or more of the following prayers may be said each day.

For the Increase of the Ministry.

O ALMIGHTY God, look mercifully upon the world which thou hast redeemed by the blood of thy dear Son, and incline the hearts of many to dedicate themselves to the sacred ministry of thy Church; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Commerce & Industry.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who in thy earthly life didst share man's toil, and hallow the labour of his hands: Prosper our

brethren who maintain the commerce and industries of this land, and give to all who labour pride in their work, a just reward for their labours, and joy both in supplying need and in serving thee; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

For Right Relations in Industry.

O GOD, who hast ordained that men should live and work together as brethren: We beseech thee to bless the industries of this land, that there be no strife among those who are engaged in the varied tasks of industry and commerce. Grant that all, seeking only what is right, may ever continue in brotherly union and concord, to their own well-being and the good of their fellow men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For those who are obliged to work on the Lord's Day.

O LORD, have mercy upon all those who are required to continue in their work upon thy holy day. Draw their thoughts to thyself, and make them partakers of the benefits of the prayers and intercessions of thy holy Church. And grant to their employers grace to consider the needs of those whom thou hast made in thine image; that they who toil may fail not finally to attain to that rest which remaineth for the people of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Fruitful Seasons.

O GRACIOUS Father, who openest thine hand and fillest all things living with plenteousness; We beseech thee of thine infinite goodness to hear us, who now make our
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prayers and supplications unto thee. Remember not our sins, but thy promises of mercy. Vouchsafe to bless the lands and multiply the harvests of the world. Let thy breath go forth that it may renew the face of the earth. Show thy loving-kindness, that our land may give her increase; and so fill us with good things that the poor and needy may give thanks unto thy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Fisheries.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast made the sea, and all that move therein: Bestow thy blessing on the harvest of the waters, that it may be abundant in its season, and on our sailors and fishermen, that they may be safe in every peril of the deep; so that we all with thankful hearts may acknowledge thee, who art Lord of the sea and of the dry land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Miners.

ALMIGHTY God, to whom darkness and light are both alike; Look upon all thy children who labor under the earth; keep them mindful of thy presence and protect them in their labor; let no evil come near them; save them from all accident and suffering; and grant that they may serve thee so faithfully in this life, and in the darkness of their labor, that they may at last attain to the brightness of thy glory, through him who gave himself to labor and suffer for them, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Retail & Service Workers.

O LORD our heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless, we beseech thee, all who labour to supply the needs of others; that with wisdom and

patience they may serve in his name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Engineers & Artisans.

O GOD, we pray thee to have mercy upon all artisans, and grant that the intelligence which they employ on earthly objects for the benefit of society may be enlightened by thy Holy Spirit to a clear perception of the things of heaven, guiding them, amidst all their industry, to work out their own salvation with reverence and godly fear; through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Schools, Colleges, & Universities.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech thee, with thy gracious favour, to behold our universities, colleges, and schools, that knowledge may be increased among us, and all good learning flourish and abound; bless all who teach and all who learn; and grant that in humility of heart they may ever look unto thee, who art the fountain of all wisdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Medical Professions.

ALMIGHTY God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ went about doing good, and healing all manner of sickness and disease: Continue, we beseech thee, this his gracious work among us; grant to physicians, surgeons, and nurses wisdom, skill, sympathy, and patience; and send down thy blessing upon all who labor to prevent suffering; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For those in Hazardous Occupations.

PROTECT and prosper, O Lord, all those who labour at tasks of danger and difficulty, that they may be preserved in safety and health; and grant that, knowing the dangers which beset them, they may ever take thought one for another, and be sustained by a sure trust in thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Writers, Artists, Broadcasters.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast proclaimed thine eternal truth by the voice of prophets and evangelists: Direct and bless, we beseech thee, those who in this our generation speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of the people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honour of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Unemployed.

O LORD, our Heavenly Father, we commend to thy care and compassion the men and women of our land now suffering distress through lack of work; support and strengthen them, we beseech thee; and so prosper the counsels of those who are engaged in the ordering of our industrial life, that thy people may be set free from want and fear, and be enabled to labour in security and peace, for the relief of their necessities and for the well-being of this realm; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ASCENSIONTIDE.

Ascension Eve.

Ps. 99; Hab. 3; Luke 24:44ff

ASCENSION DAY.

At Morning Prayer.

Sentence.

SEEING 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.

—*Heb. 4:14, 16*

Antiphon at the Venite.

ALLELUIA. Christ the Lord ascended into heaven: *

O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

Ps. 96; Dan. 7:9-10,13-14; Eph. 4:1-16

At Evening Prayer.

Sentence.

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.

—*Heb. 9:24*

Ps. 24, 47; Isa. 33:5-6,17,20-22; Heb. 4:14-5:10

The Collect.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

This Collect is to be said daily throughout the Octave.

For the Epistle. Acts 1:1-11.

THE former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: to whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: and, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But 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. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

The Gospel. Luke 24:49-53.

JESUS said, Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God.

The same Collect, Epistle, and Gospel shall serve for every day after unto the next Sunday, except upon the Feast of St. Philip and St. James (May 1).

The Preface.

THROUGH thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who, after his most glorious Resurrection, manifestly appeared to all his Apostles, and in their sight ascended up into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, thither we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory.

A Hymn.

SEE! the Conq'ror mounts in triumph;
See the King in royal state,
Riding on the clouds, his chariot,
To his heav'nly palace gate!
Hark! the choirs of angel voices
Joyful alleluias sing,
And the portals high are lifted
To receive their heav'nly King.

Who is this that comes in glory,
With the trump of jubilee?
Lord of battles, God of armies,
He hath gained the victory!
He who on the cross did suffer,
He who from the grave arose,
He has vanquished sin and Satan;
He by death has spoiled his foes.

While he raised his hands in blessing,
He was parted from his friends
While their eager eyes behold him,
He upon the clouds ascends;
He who walked with God and pleased him,
Preaching truth and doom to come,
He, our Enoch, is translated
To his everlasting home.

Now our heav'nly Aaron enters,
With his blood, within the veil;
Joshua now is come to Canaan,
And the kings before him quail;
Now he plants the tribes of Israel
In their promised resting-place;
Now our great Elijah offers
Double portion of his grace.

Thou hast raised our human nature
On the clouds to God's right hand:
There we sit in heav'nly places,
There with thee in glory stand.
Jesus reigns, adored by angels;

Man with God is on the throne;
Mighty Lord, in thine Ascension,
We by faith behold our own. —*C. Wordsworth. 87.87D*

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 21:1-6 & 24; *Isa. 33:5,17,20-22; John 17

Ps. 8, 108:1-5; Isa. 4:2ff; Heb. 4:14-5:10

Ps. 72; Isa. 65:17ff; Rev. 21:1-14,21-27

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 93, 96; Zeph. 3:8-17; Eph. 1

Ps. 46, 47; Isa. 32:1-4,15-20; John 3:16-21,31-36a

Ps. 97, 110; Dan. 7:9-10,13-14; Rev. 22

The Collects.

O GOD, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven; We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Epistle. 1 Peter 4:7-11.

THE end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

The Gospel. John 15:26-16:4.

WHEN the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: and ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning. These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them.

WHITSUNTIDE.

Whitsunday, the Day of Pentecost, the day our Lord sent the Holy Ghost, "the Comforter," just as he promised to before his Ascension, is the birthday of the Church.

At Morning Prayer.

Sentences.

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*

Because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.—*Gal. 4:6*

Antiphon at the Venite.

ALLELUIA. The Spirit of the Lord filleth the world: *

O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

At Evening Prayer.

Sentences.

THERE is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High. —*Psalms 46:4*

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. —*Rev. 22:17*

Whitsun Eve.

Ps. 46, 133; Deut. 16:9-12; Rom. 8:12-18

WHITSUNDAY,

being the Day of Pentecost.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 68 or 18:1-20; Num. 11:16-29; John 4:19-26

Ps. 145; *Joel 2:28; Rom. 8:1-11

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 104; Ezek. 11:14-20; 1 Cor. 2

Ps. 48, 122; Isa. 11:1-9; John 6:53-69

At Dawn.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, grant, we beseech thee, that by the indwelling of thy Holy Spirit, we may be enlightened and strengthened for thy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Epistle. 1 Corinthians 12:4-14.

NOW there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: but all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or

free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many.

The Gospel. Luke 11:9-13.

JESUS said to his disciples, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

The Preface.

THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose most true promise, the Holy Ghost came down as at this time from heaven, lighting upon the Apostles, to teach them, and to lead them into all truth; giving them boldness with fervent zeal constantly to preach the Gospel unto all nations; whereby we have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of thee, and of thy Son Jesus Christ.

In the Day.

The Collect.

O GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;

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through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

This Collect is to be said daily throughout the Octave.

For the Epistle. Acts 2:1-11.

WHEN the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilæans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, where in we were born? Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judæa, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome. Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

The Gospel. John 14:15-31.

JESUS said unto his disciples, If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall

give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world can not receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us. And not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. And now I have told you be fore it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe. Hereafter I will not talk much

with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do.

The Preface.

THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord, &c.

A Hymn.

COME, thou Holy Spirit, come,
And from thy celestial home
Shed a ray of light divine;
Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come, thou source of all our store,
Come within our hearts to shine.

Thou of comforters the best,
Thou the soul's most welcome guest,
Sweet refreshment here below;
In our labour rest most sweet,
Grateful coolness in the heat,
Solace in the midst of woe.

O most blessèd Light divine,
Shine within these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill;
Where thou art not, man hath naught,
Nothing good in deed or thought,
Nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds; our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;

Wash the stains of guilt away;
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

On the faithful, who adore
And confess thee, evermore
In thy sev'nfold gifts descend:
Give them virtue's sure reward,
Give them thy salvation, Lord,
Give them joys that never end.

—13th C., tr. Edward Caswall, 1849, 77.77.77

WHITMONDAY.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 139; Isa. 55:6-13; 1 Cor. 3:9-17

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 103; Jer. 31:31-34; Acts 4:13-22

The Collects.

SEND, we beseech thee, Almighty God, thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, that he may direct and rule us according to thy will, comfort us in all our afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

O GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;

through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

For the Epistle. Acts 10:34-48.

THEN Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:) that word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judæa, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly; not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was

poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

The Gospel. John 3:16-21.

GOD so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

TUESDAY IN WHITSUN WEEK.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 148; Ezek. 36:22-28; 1 Cor. 12:1-13

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 145; Num. 11:16-17,24-30; Acts 4:23ff

The Collects.

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

O GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

For the Epistle. Acts 8:14-17.

WHEN the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (for as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

The Gospel. John 10:1-10.

VERILY, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice; and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he

putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them. Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Ember Wednesday. ✙

Ps. 132; Ezek. 11:14-21; 1 Cor. 2

Ps. 84; Isa. 32:1-19; Acts 5:12-28

Ember Friday. ✙

Ps. 122, 125; Isa. 61:1-9; 2 Cor. 3

Ps. 43, 134; Isa. 52:1-10; Acts 6

Ember Saturday. ✙

Ps. 19; Micah 3:5-8; 2 Tim. 1:1-14

(Evening Prayer: see Trinity Eve)

TRINITY SEASON.

After Ascension Day completes the cycle of Christ's earthly ministry, and Whitsunday introduces the Holy Spirit to us, the long Trinity season explores what that means for us. The 17th-Century priest Anthony Sparrow linked the

readings for this season back to Whitsunday and forward to Advent, calling them “echoes and reflections upon the life of the Spirit,” and “trumpets for preparation to meet our Lord at his second coming.”

Trinity Eve.

Ps. 111, 113; Num. 6:22ff; 2 Cor. 13:5ff

TRINITY SUNDAY.

At Morning Prayer.

Sentence.

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. —*Rev. 4:8*

Ps. 29, 99; *Isa. 6:1-8; 1 Pet. 1:1-12

Ps. 33; Gen. 1:1-2:3; John 1:1-18

At Evening Prayer.

Sentence.

HOLY, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. —*Isaiah 6:3*

Ps. 98, 100; Exod. 34:1-10; Eph. 4:1-16

Ps. 148, 150; Job 38:1-18 & 42:1-6; John 1:29-34

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity; We beseech thee that thou wouldest keep us stedfast in this

faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.

For the Epistle. Revelation 4:1-11.

AFTER this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be here after. And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes before and behind. And the first was like a lion, and the second like a calf, and the third had a face as a man, and the fourth was like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, the four and

twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

The Gospel. John 3:1-15.

THERE was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: the same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If

I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

The Preface.

WHO, with thine only-begotten Son, and the Holy Ghost, art one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance. For that which we believe of thy glory, O Father, the same we believe of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, without any difference of inequality.

A Hymn.

HOLY, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and
sea;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

—*Reginald Heber, 1826. 11.12.12.10*

Another Hymn.

HOLY Father, great Creator,
Source of mercy, love, and peace,
Look upon the Mediator,
Clothe us with his righteousness;
Heav'nly Father, heav'nly Father,
Through the Saviour hear and bless.

Holy Jesus, Lord of glory,
Whom angelic hosts proclaim,
While we hear thy wondrous story,
Meet and worship in thy Name,
Dear Redeemer, dear Redeemer,
In our hearts thy peace proclaim.

Holy Spirit, Sanctifier,
Come with unction from above,
Raise our hearts to raptures higher,
Fill them with the Saviour's love!
Source of comfort, Source of comfort,
Cheer us with the Saviour's love.

God the Lord, through every nation
Let thy wondrous mercies shine!
In the song of thy salvation
Ev'ry tongue and race combine!

Great Jehovah, great Jehovah,
Form our hearts and make them thine.
—*Alexander V. Griswold, ca. 1835. 87.87D*

TRINITY I.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 73; *Jer. 23:23-32; Matt. 7:13ff

Ps. 89:1-19; Isa. 5:8-24; James 5

Ps. 90; Gen. 3; Rom. 5

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 119:33-48; Deut. 30:11ff; John 13:1-17,34-35

Ps. 49; Job 21:17-33; Luke 16:19ff

Ps. 85; 1 Sam. 1:1-20; Acts 6

The Collect.

O GOD, the strength of all those who put their trust in thee;
Mercifully accept our prayers; and because, through the
weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing
without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping
thy commandments we may please thee, both in will and
deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. 1 John 4:7-21.

BELOVED, let us love one another: for love is of God: and
every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He
that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this
was manifested the love of God toward us, because that
God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we
might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved
God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the
propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we

ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him, because he first loved us. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

The Gospel. Luke 16:19-31.

THERE was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: and there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

and in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: for I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

TRINITY II.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 15, 19; Job 31:13-28; 1 Cor. 13

Ps. 76, 125; *Deut. 20:1-9; Luke 9:57

Ps. 11, 12; Gen. 6:5-8,13-22; Matt. 24:32-42

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 112, 113; 1 Sam. 20:1-7,12-42; 1 Pet. 1:17

Ps. 138, 146; 2 Kings 4:8-17; Luke 14:12-24

Ps. 147; 1 Sam. 3:1-18; Acts 7:44-8:4

The Collect.

O LORD, who never failest to help and govern those whom thou dost bring up in thy stedfast fear and love; Keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. 1 John 3:13-24.

MARVEL not, my brethren, if the world hate you. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment. And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And

hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

The Gospel. Luke 14:16-24.

A CERTAIN man made a great supper, and bade many: and sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say unto you that none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

TRINITY III.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 145; *Jer 31:1-14; Matt. 9:9-13

Ps. 25; Prov. 16:18ff; Phil. 1:27-2:4

Ps. 27; Gen. 9:1-17; 1 Pet. 3:17-4:6

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 32, 36:5ff; Jer. 23:1-8; Luke 19:2-10

Ps. 103; Ezek. 34:20-24; Luke 15:1-10

Ps. 72; 1 Sam. 8; Acts 8:5-25

The Collect.

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may, by thy mighty aid, be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. 1 Peter 5:5b-11.

ALL of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

The Gospel. Luke 15:1-10.

THEN drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him. And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them. And he spake this parable unto them, saying, What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after

that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance. Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle. And sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it? And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost. Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

TRINITY IV.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 91; *Lam 3:22-33; Matt. 10:24-39

Ps. 75, 82; Deut. 32:1-4,34-39; Rom. 2:1-16

Ps. 22:23ff & 67; Gen. 12:1-9; Gal. 3:1-9

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 51; Isa. 29:9-15; Matt. 15:1-20

Ps. 139; Prov. 27:1,10-12; Luke 6:36-42

Ps. 80; 1 Sam. 9:1-10:1; Acts 8:26

The Collect.

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and

guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Romans 8:18-23.

I RECKON that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

The Gospel. Luke 6:36-42.

BE ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch? The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as

his master. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye.

TRINITY V.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 62, 63; *Eccles. 2:1-11, 18-23; Matt. 19:16ff

Ps. 34; Prov. 15:1-10, 26; James 3

Ps. 1, 121; Gen. 17:1-8; Heb. 11:1-16

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 66; Prov. 3:1-7, 11-12; Luke 14:25ff

Ps. 65; Judges 6:11-23; Luke 5:1-11

Ps. 97, 98; 1 Sam. 11; Acts 9:1-20

The Collect.

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. 1 Peter 3:8-15a.

BE ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. For he that will love life, and see good days, let

him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it. For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; but sanctify the Lord God in your hearts.

The Gospel. Luke 5:1-11.

IT came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, and saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. For he was astonished, and all

that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: and so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

TRINITY VI.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 85; 2 Sam. 19:16-23; Matt. 5:38ff

Ps. 16, 111; *Isa. 57:13b-19; 2 Tim. 2:7-13

Ps. 71; Gen. 18:1-16; Rom. 4:13ff

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 57, 130; Exod. 24:1-11, 16-18; Heb. 9:18ff

Ps. 94:1-22; Gen. 4:1-16; Matt. 5:20-26

Ps. 104; 1 Sam. 16:1-13; Acts 11:1-18

The Collect.

O GOD, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding; Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Epistle. Romans 6:3-11.

KNOW ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we

shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Gospel. Matthew 5:20-26.

JESUS said unto his disciples, Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: but I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into

prison. Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

TRINITY VII.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 18:1-20; *Hosea 14; Rom. 6:12-18

Ps. 133, 134, 138; 2 Kings 22; John 15:12ff

Ps. 40:1-16; Gen. 22:1-18; Heb. 6

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 50; Dan. 5:1-9,13-30; Rom. 1:17-32

Ps. 116; Micah 7:14ff; Mark 8:1-21

Ps. 24, 29; 1 Sam. 17:1-11,32,40-50; Acts 11:19ff

The Collect.

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Romans 6:19-23.

I SPEAK after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the

end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Gospel. Mark 8:1-9.

IN those days the multitude being very great, and having nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples unto him, and saith unto them, I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now been with me three days, and have nothing to eat: and if I send them away fasting to their own houses, they will faint by the way: for divers of them came from far. And his disciples answered him, From whence can a man satisfy these men with bread here in the wilderness? And he asked them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven. And he commanded the people to sit down on the ground: and he took the seven loaves, and gave thanks, and brake, and gave to his disciples to set before them; and they did set them before the people. And they had a few small fishes: and he blessed, and commanded to set them also before them. So they did eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets. And they that had eaten were about four thousand: and he sent them away.

TRINITY VIII.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 119:33-48; *Prov. 1:1-9; John 7:14-24

Ps. 126, 127; Zech. 4:1-10; Gal. 3:24-4:7

Ps. 84; Gen. 24:1-27; Eph. 5:22ff

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 25; Gen. 18:20-33; Luke 10:38ff

Ps. 92; Prov. 11:24ff; Matt. 7:15-21
Ps. 148, 150; 1 Sam. 26; Acts 12:1-17

The Collect.

O GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Romans 8:12-17.

BRETHREN, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

The Gospel. Matthew 7:15-21.

BEWARE of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree can not bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Therefore

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by their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

TRINITY IX.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 115; Ezek. 14:1-11; 1 Thess. 4:1-12

Ps. 103; *Prov. 8:1-21; John 8:1-11

Ps. 91; Gen. 28:10ff; 2 Cor. 9

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 119:9-24; Prov. 4:1-4,20-27; Heb. 12:1-13

Ps. 51; Lam. 3:40-58; Luke 15:11ff

Ps. 93, 96; 1 Sam. 31; Acts 13:1-3,14-31,38,44-49

The Collect.

GRANT to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. 1 Corinthians 10:1-13.

BRETHREN, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and did all eat the same spiritual meat; and did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these

things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

The Gospel. Luke 15:11-32.

JESUS said, A certain man had two sons: and the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto

him. And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! 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: make me as one of thy hired servants. And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: and bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry. Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and dancing. And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant. And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound. And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him. And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends: but as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf. And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.

It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

TRINITY X.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 145; *Josh. 24:14-24; John 8:25-36

Ps. 147; Jer. 26:1-7,10-15; Matt. 23:34ff

Ps. 144; Gen. 32:22-31; 2 Cor. 4:7ff

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 15, 46; Isa. 44:1-8,21-23; Rom. 12:1-9

Ps. 42, 43; Lam. 1:1-12; Luke 19:41ff

Ps. 47, 48; 2 Sam. 1:17ff; Acts 14:8ff

The Collect.

LET thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and, that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. 1 Corinthians 12:1-11.

CONCERNING spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. Ye know that ye were Gentiles. carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led. Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit

is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: but all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

The Gospel. Luke 19:41-47a.

AND when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, and shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; be cause thou knewest not the time of thy visitation. And he went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold therein, and them that bought; saying unto them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves. And he taught daily in the temple.

TRINITY XI.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 124, 125; *Isa. 26:12-16,19; Rom. 8:26ff

Ps. 33; Job 5:8-18; Matt. 23:13-31

Ps. 62, 63; Gen. 37:3-4,12-35; James 1:1-15

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 123, 142; Deut. 15:7-18; Mark 12:38ff

Ps. 100, 101; Eccles. 5:1-7; Luke 18:9-14

Ps. 30, 121; 2 Sam. 7:18ff; Acts 15:1-21

The Collect.

O GOD, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity; Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. 1 Corinthians 15:1-11.

BRETHREN, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; by which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: and that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: after that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in

vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore whether it were I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed.

The Gospel. Luke 18:9-14.

JESUS spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

TRINITY XII.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 139; *Deut. 11:8-21; Phil. 2:12-18

Ps. 102:15ff & 146 2 Chr. 24:4-16; Luke 4:31ff

Ps. 72; Gen. 41:1a,8,14-40; Col. 3:22-4:6

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 27 Exod. 15:1-18; Rom. 15:14-21

Ps. 32, 126; Isa. 29:18; Mark 7:31ff

Ps. 67, 122; 2 Sam. 15:1-23; Acts 15:36-16:15

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. 2 Corinthians 3:4-9.

SUCH trust have we through Christ to God-ward: not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: how shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious? For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.

The Gospel. Mark 7:31-37.

JESUS, departing from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, came unto the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the coasts of Decapolis. And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him. And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and

touched his tongue; and looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened. And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain. And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published it; and were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

TRINITY XIII.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 104; *Josh. 24:14-28; Mark 3:20-21,31-35

Ps. 73; Hab. 1:12-2:4,14; Heb. 10:35ff

Ps. 118; Gen. 43; Heb. 13:1-21

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 11, 12; Deut. 15:7-15; Matt. 26:6-13

Ps. 112, 113; Deut. 24:10ff; Luke 10:23-37

Ps. 20, 23; 2 Sam. 18; Acts 16:16-34

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service; Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Galatians 3:16-22.

TO Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to

thy seed, which is Christ. And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise. Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator. Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one. Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

The Gospel. Luke 10:23-37.

BLESSED are the eyes which see the things that ye see: for I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them. And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? And

Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

TRINITY XIV.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 19, 24; *Micah 6:1-8; Phil. 4:4-13

Ps. 65; 1 Chron. 29:10-17; Luke 17:5-10

Ps. 85; Gen. 45:1-15, 25-28; Rom. 12:9ff

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 50; Jer. 7:1-11; Luke 13:18-30

Ps. 92; Deut. 8:1-14, 17-20; Luke 17:11-19

Ps. 42, 43; 1 Kings 3:4-15; Acts 17:16ff

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Galatians 5:16-24.

I SAY then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

The Gospel. Luke 17:11-19.

AND it came to pass, as Jesus went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: and they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves

unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

TRINITY XV.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 49 *Prov. 26:1-12; Luke 12:13-21

Ps. 103; Deut. 7:6-13; Gal. 2:15-20

Ps. 1, 15; Exod. 2:1-22; James 4

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 26, 128; Eccles. 5:8ff; 1 Tim. 6:1-10

Ps. 34; Joel 2:21-27; Matt. 6:24ff

Ps. 84; 1 Kings 8:22-30, 54-63; Acts 18:1-17

The Collect.

KEEP, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Galatians 6:11-18.

YE see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand. As many as desire to make a fair shew in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they

should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh. But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

The Gospel. Matthew 6:24-34.

NO man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall

he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (for after all these things do the Gentiles seek;) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

TRINITY XVI.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 116; *Isa. 12; John 11:21-44

Ps. 91; Jer. 32:36-42; Rom. 11:25ff

Ps. 145; Exod. 3:1-15; 1 Pet. 5:1-11

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 90; Ezek. 33:1-9; Matt. 24:37

Ps. 142, 146; 1 Kings 17:8ff; Luke 7:11-17

Ps. 66; 1 Kings 12:1-20; Acts 19:21ff

The Collect.

O LORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Ephesians 3:13-21.

I DESIRE that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family

in heaven and earth is named, that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

The Gospel. Luke 7:11-17.

AND it came to pass the day after, that Jesus went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people. Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother. And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people. And this rumour of him went forth throughout all Judæa, and throughout all the region round about.

TRINITY XVII.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 25; *Jer. 13:15-21; Mark 10:35-45

Ps. 10 Prov. 26:13-28; 2 Tim. 2:19ff

Ps. 107:1-16; Exod. 5:1-9, 19-6:1; Heb. 3

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 36:5ff & 130; Mal. 2:1-10; Luke 13:10-17

Ps. 33 Prov. 16:1-9, 16-19; Luke 14:1-11

Ps. 144; 1 Kings 18:1-2, 17-39; Acts 20:17ff

The Collect.

LORD, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Ephesians 4:1-6.

I THEREFORE, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

The Gospel. Luke 14:1-11.

IT came to pass, as Jesus went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat bread on the sabbath day, that they watched him. And, behold, there was a certain man before him which had the dropsy. And Jesus answering spake unto

the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day? And they held their peace. And he took him, and healed him, and let him go and answered them, saying, Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the sabbath day? And they could not answer him again to these things. And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them, When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him; and he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room. But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee. For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

TRINITY XVIII.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 48, 112; Prov. 2:1-9; 1 Tim. 3:14-4:16

Ps. 62, 63; *Amos 8:4-12; John 7:37ff

Ps. 77:11ff & 114; Exod. 14:5ff; Heb. 11:23-29, 32-40

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 147; Deut. 11:18ff; Gal. 1:1-12

Ps. 119:89-104; Deut. 5:1-21; Matt. 22:34ff

Ps. 139; 1 Kings 19; Acts 21:7ff

The Collect.

LORD, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil; and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. 1 Corinthians 1:4-8.

I THANK my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ: that in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: so that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel. Matthew 22:34-46.

WHEN the Pharisees had heard that Jesus had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together. Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question. tempting him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The son of David. He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit

thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? If David then call him Lord, how is he his Son? And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.

TRINITY XIX.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 72; *Job 24:1-17; Titus 2

Ps. 34; Jer. 30:12-22; John 5:1-16

Ps. 29, 99; Exod. 19:1-20:3; Rom. 3:1-2, 19-31

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 80; Jer. 5:7-19; 2 Cor. 13

Ps. 103 Job 34:10-28; Matt. 9:1-8

Ps. 19, 46; 1 Kings 21:1-22; Acts 22:24-23:11

The Collect.

O GOD, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; Mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[O ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord; Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.]

The Epistle. Ephesians 4:17-32.

THIS I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But ye have not so learned Christ; if so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: that ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: neither give place to the devil. Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

The Gospel. Matthew 9:1-8.

JESUS entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city. And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee. And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house. And he arose, and departed to his house. But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

TRINITY XX.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 11, 12; Mal. 2:14ff; Matt. 19:3-9a, 13-15

Ps. 1, 15; *Eccles. 9:4-10; Eph. 6:1-9

Ps. 115; Exod. 32; 1 Cor. 10:14-22

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 145; Jer. 31:31-37; John 13:31-35

Ps. 84; Jer. 2:1-9, 13; Matt. 22:1-14

Ps. 111, 112; 2 Kings 2:1-15; Acts 24:10ff

The Collect.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that

may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things which thou commandest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[O ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord; Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.]

The Epistle. Ephesians 5:15-21.

SEE then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

The Gospel. Matthew 22:1-14.

JESUS said, The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, and sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. But they

made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: and the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: and he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.

TRINITY XXI.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 76, 121; *Isa. 59:15bff; 2 Cor. 10:1-7, 17-18

Ps. 27 Prov. 3:13-26; John 9:1-38

Ps. 91; Exod. 33:1, 12-23; Heb. 4:1-13

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 25; Gen. 15:1-6; Rom. 4:1-8

Ps. 30, 146; 2 Kings 5:1-15a; John 4:46bff

Ps. 118; 2 Kings 6:8-23; Acts 25:1-22

The Collect.

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

[O ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord; Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.]

The Epistle. Ephesians 6:10-20.

MY brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching

thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; and for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

The Gospel. John 4:46-54.

THERE was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judæa into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death. Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way: thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth. Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house. This is again the second miracle that Jesus did, when he was come out of Judæa into Galilee.

TRINITY XXII.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 32, 43 *Prov. 25:8-24; Matt. 18:7-20

Ps. 147 Zech. 3; John 2:24ff

Ps. 71; Num. 20:14ff; 2 Tim. 1:3-14

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 51; 1 Kings 8:46-53; Luke 7:36ff

Ps. 7; Zech. 7:8ff; Matt. 18:21ff

Ps. 65; 2 Kings 9; Acts 26

The Collect.

LORD, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[O ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord; Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.]

The Epistle. Philippians 1:3-11.

I THANK my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace. For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ. And this I pray, that your love may abound

yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; that ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

The Gospel. Matthew 18:21-35.

PETER said unto Jesus, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven. Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. Then his lord, after that he had

called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

TRINITY XXIII.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 33; Jer. 29:1,4-14; Titus 3:1-8

Ps. 8, 138; *Isa. 64; Matt. 23:1-12

Ps. 23, 102:15ff; Deut. 34; 2 Tim. 4:1-8

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 19, 67; Ezek. 33:30ff; 1 Cor. 4:8-16

Ps. 72 Esther 6:10-7:10; Matt. 22:15-22

Ps. 99, 100; 2 Kings 23; Acts 27

The Collect.

O GOD, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness; Be ready, we beseech thee, to hear the devout prayers of thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[O ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord; Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may

come to those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.]

The Epistle. Philippians 3:17-21.

BRETHREN, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.) For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

The Gospel. Matthew 22:15-22.

THEN went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk. And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men. Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Cæsar, or not? But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? They say unto him, Cæsar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's; and unto God the things that are

God's. When they had heard these words, they marvelled, and left him, and went their way.

TRINITY XXIV.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 66; *Mal 3:13-4:3; Luke 10:17-24

Ps. 20, 28 Lam. 3:19-33; 1 Tim. 2:1-8

Ps. 136; Joshua 23:1-3, 11-16; Luke 13:1-9

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 139; Deut. 33:1-3, 26-29; Jude 1-4, 17-25

Ps. 86; 2 Kings 4:18-37; Matt. 9:18-26

Ps. 73; 2 Chron. 36:11ff; Acts 28:16ff

The Collect.

O LORD, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

[O ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord; Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.]

The Epistle. Colossians 1:3-12.

WE give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints, for the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth: as ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellow-servant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ; who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit. For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.

The Gospel. Matthew 9:18-26.

WHILE Jesus spake these things unto John's disciples, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples. And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his

garment: for she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour. And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise, he said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose. And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.

THE END OF THE CHURCH YEAR.

The last Sunday before Advent has its own Collect, Epistle, and Gospel to close off the church year. Morning and Evening Prayer have special readings for the weeks leading up to that day as well, though the Collects, Epistles, and Gospels are simply what would be used on the particular Sunday after Trinity (or Epiphany; more on that later). For example 2023, there are 25 Sundays after Trinity. The weekly readings and prayers would look like this:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Office</i>	<i>Holy Communion</i>
Nov. 5*	Trinity 22	Trinity 22
Nov. 12	3rd Before Advent	Trinity 23
Nov. 19	2nd Before Advent	Trinity 24
Nov. 26	Next Before Advent	Next Before Advent

In 2038, there are only 22 Sundays after Trinity, because of how late in the year Trinity Sunday is. The Sunday Before Advent is always exactly that, so Trinity 23 and 24 are not read that year.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Office</i>	<i>Holy Communion</i>
Oct. 31	M: Trinity 19 E: All Hallows' Eve	Trinity 19
Nov. 7*	3rd Before Advent	Trinity 20
Nov. 14	2nd Before Advent	Trinity 21
Nov. 21	Next Before Advent	Next Before Advent

Going in the opposite direction, if there are “extra” Sundays after Trinity, the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for Epiphany 6 (and Epiphany 5, when necessary) are read in the “empty” week(s). For example in 2035, there are 27 Sundays after Trinity.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Office</i>	<i>Holy Communion</i>
Nov. 4*	Trinity 22	Trinity 24
Nov. 11	3rd Before Advent	Epiphany 5
Nov. 18	2nd Before Advent	Epiphany 6
Nov. 25	Next Before Advent	Next Before Advent

**Being the first week of November, the material for All Saints' Day may be used instead.*

THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 15, 85; Ruth 1:1-17; Col. 3:5-11

Ps. 112, 113; *Hab. 1:12-2:4,9-14; Luke 12:35-48

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 21, 22:23; Joel 3:9-17; Matt. 13:36-52

Ps. 7; Amos 5:14-24; Gal. 6:1-10

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 75, 138; Isa. 2:6-19; Matt. 25:14-29

Ps. 93, 98; *Isa. 66:1-23; 2 Thess. 1

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 9; Gen. 19:1-28; Luke 17:20ff

Ps. 76, 96 Deut. 4:23-31; 2 Pet. 3

THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT,

also called Stir-Up Sunday.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 39; Jer. 4:23ff; Matt. 25:31ff

Ps. 145; *Jer. 3:14-18; 1 Cor. 11:17-32

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 90; Eccles. 11:9-12:8,13-14; Heb. 13:1-21

Ps. 103; Isa. 25:1-9; John 5:17-29

The Collect.

STIR up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Epistle. Jeremiah 23:5-8.

BEHOLD, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that they shall no more say, The Lord liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; but, The Lord liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.

The Gospel. John 6:5-14.

WHEN Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, Two hundred penny-worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little. One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many? And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. When they were filled, he

said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten. Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

COLLECTS & LESSONS FOR THE FIXED HOLY DAYS.

Why keep saints' days?

While all believers are saints (at least in training), the term “saint’s day” specifically refers to a day to celebrate and thank God for the witness of a particular Christian who has gone on to heaven. The Church is seen lifting up heroes of the faith even in the pages of Scripture, naming Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Rahab, the Judges, Samuel, King David, and the Prophets as human monuments of faith (Hebrews 11) and exhorting us to follow the example of this “great cloud of witnesses” (12:1). In the Old Testament, too, the Psalmist says, “the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance” (Ps. 112:6b), and King Solomon agrees, “the memory of the just is blessed” (Prov. 10:7). In addition to being times of celebration and joy, which are good in themselves, saints’ days are also a time to take inspiration and encouragement to pursue holiness in your own life and in your own circumstances, just as they did.

Anglicanism has never had a formal process for naming someone as a saint: in fact, only one person has been officially given that title since the Reformation. Because of this, names of post-Biblical figures are added tentatively to the calendar. Observance of their feast days is not mandatory, and often just boils down to slipping their name into the Litany, or reflecting on their life.

An optional collect and set of lessons is given for commemorating saints who are not on the calendar,

whether they're culturally significant (like Hermano Pedro in the Guatemalan community), or even just personally significant (like a righteous, departed grandparent).

JANUARY.

Eve of the Conversion of St. Paul.

January 24.

Ps. 1, 19; Isa. 43:10-15; Gal. 1:1-5, 11-24†

† *After Septuagesima, read Acts 22:1-21.*

THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL.

January 25.

At Morning Prayer.

Antiphon at the Venite.

THE Lord is glorious in his saints: *

O come, let us adore him.

Ps. 66; Isa. 45:18ff; 2 Cor. 12:1-9

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 67, 138; Jer. 1:4-10; Acts 26:1-23

The Collect.

O GOD, who, through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Saint Paul, hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world; Grant, we beseech thee, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same, by following the holy doctrine which he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Epistle. Acts 9:1-22.

AND Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, and desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem. And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: and he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man. And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus. And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink. And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And, he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, and hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight. Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at

Jerusalem: and here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name. But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: for I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake. And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house: and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized. And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus. And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God. But all that heard him were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests? But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ.

The Gospel. Matthew 19:27-30.

PETER answered and said unto Jesus, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of

Israel. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.

FEBRUARY.

Candlemas Eve.

Ps. 113, 122; Exod. 13:11-16; Heb. 10:1-10

CANDLEMAS,

or the Presentation of Christ, or the Purification of the Virgin Mary.

February 2.

At Morning Prayer.

Antiphon at the Venite.

THE Word was made flesh: * O come, let us adore him.

Ps. 84; 1 Sam. 1:21ff; Gal. 4:1-7†

Ps. 48, 134; Haggai 2:1-9; John 3:1-8

† *After Septuagesima, read Rom. 8:14-21.*

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Epistle. Malachi 3:1-5.

BEHOLD, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall

suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' sope: and he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years. And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the Lord of hosts.

The Gospel. Luke 2:22-40.

AND when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord; (as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;) and to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons. And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came

by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, 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; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken to him. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; and she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord. And spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem. And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

The Preface.

BECAUSE in the Mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the

knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

St. Valentine,
Martyr at Rome.
February 14.

A Collect.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who didst enkindle the flame of thy love in the heart of thy holy martyr Valentine: Grant unto us, thy humble servants, a like faith and power of love, that we who rejoice in his triumph may profit by his example; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

[ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.]

Eve of St. Matthias.

February 23.

Ps. 33; 1 Sam. 16:1-13; 1 John 2:15ff

ST. MATTHIAS.

February 24.

At Morning Prayer.

Antiphon at the Venite.

THE Lord is glorious in his saints: *

O come, let us adore him.

Ps. 15, 24; 1 Sam. 2:27-35; Matt. 7:15-27

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 145; 1 Sam. 12:1-5; Acts 20:17-35

The Collect.

O ALMIGHTY God, who into the place of the traitor Judas didst choose thy faithful servant Matthias to be of the number of the twelve Apostles; Grant that thy Church, being alway preserved from false Apostles, may be ordered and guided by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.]

For the Epistle. Acts 1:15-26.

IN those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,) Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the

mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus. For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry. Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling head long, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out. And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood. For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take. Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection. And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen, that he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place. And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

The Gospel. Matthew 11:25-30.

AT that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight. All things are delivered unto me of my Father:

and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

MARCH.

St. Patrick,
Apostle of Ireland.
March 17.

At Morning Prayer.
Antiphon at the Venite.

THE Lord is glorious in his saints: *
O come, let us adore him.

Ps. 98; Isa. 8:10-9:2; Acts 16:6-10

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 96; Isa. 51:1-11; 2 Cor. 4

The Collects.

O ALMIGHTY God, who in thy providence didst choose thy servant Patrick to be an apostle to the people of Ireland, to bring those who were wandering in darkness and error to the true light and knowledge of thee: Grant us so to walk in that light, that we may come at last to the light of everlasting life; through the merits of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. 1 Thessalonians 2:2b-12.

WE were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention. For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile: but as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts. For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness: nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children: so being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us. For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God. Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe: as ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged everyone of you, as a father doth

his children, that ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

The Gospel. Matthew 5:43-48.

YE have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Eve of St. Joseph.

March 18.

Ps. 89:1-8; 2 Sam. 7:4-13; Rom. 4:13-18

ST. JOSEPH,

Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

March 19,

April 3 in 2035 & 2046, and April 4 in 2062.

At Morning Prayer.

Antiphon at the Venite.

THE Lord is glorious in his saints: *

O come, let us adore him.

Ps. 132; Isa. 63:7-16; Matt. 1:18ff

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 34; 2 Chr. 6:12-17; Eph. 3:14ff

The Collect.

O GOD, who didst call blessed Joseph to be the faithful guardian of thine only-begotten Son, and the spouse of his virgin Mother: Give us grace to follow his example in constant worship of thee and obedience to thy commands, that our homes may be sanctified by thy presence, and our children nurtured in thy fear and love; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.]

For the Epistle. Isaiah 63:7-16.

I WILL mention the lovingkindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses. For he said, Surely they are my people, children that will not lie: so he was their Saviour. In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old. Doubtless thou art our father, though Abraham

be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: thou, O Lord, art our father, our redeemer; thy name is from everlasting.

The Gospel. Matthew 1:18-25.

NOW the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: and knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

Or this.

Luke 2:41-52.

Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child

Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him. And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Annunciation Eve.

March 24,

April 7 in 2024; April 4 in 2027 & 2032;

April 8 in 2029 & 2040; April 5 in 2043, 2054, & 2065;

and April 6 in 2059.

Ps. 111, 131; Gen. 3:1–15; Rom. 5:12ff

ANNUNCIATION DAY.

March 25,

April 2 in 2035 & 2046;

April 8 in 2024; April 5 in 2027 & 2032;

*April 9 in 2029 & 2040; April 6 in 2043, 2054, & 2065;
and April 7 in 2059.*

At Morning Prayer.

Antiphon at the Venite.

THE Word was made flesh: * O come, let us adore him.

Ps. 8, 113; Isa. 52:7-10; Heb. 2:5ff†

† *After Easter, read 1 John 4:7-14.*

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 36:5 & 138; 1 Sam. 2:1-10; Matt. 1:18-23

The Collect.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts;
that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus
Christ by the message of an Angel, so by his cross and
passion we may be brought unto the glory of his
resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

[ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that
thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who
are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts,
that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging
our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.]

For the Epistle. Isaiah 7:10-15.

MOREOVER the Lord spake again unto Ahaz, saying, Ask thee a sign of the Lord thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the Lord. And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

The Gospel. Luke 1:26-38.

AND in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said

unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

The Preface.

BECAUSE in the Mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

APRIL.

Eve of St. Mark.

April 24.

Ps. 67, 96; Isa. 43:10-15; Acts 12:25-13:3

ST. MARK.

April 25.

At Morning Prayer.

Antiphon at the Venite.

THE Lord is glorious in his saints: *

O come, let us adore him.

Ps. 102:15ff; Isa. 62:6ff; Rom. 15:4-13

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 19, 112; Ezek. 1:21-2:10; 2 Tim. 4:1-11, 16-18

The Collect.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast instructed thy holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of thy Evangelist Saint Mark; Give us grace that. being not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth of thy holy Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Ephesians 4:7-16.

UNTO every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the

effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

The Gospel. John 15:1-11.

I AM the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them. And cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

Eve of Ss. Philip & James.

April 30.

Ps. 119:33-48; Prov. 4:7-19; John 12:20-36

MAY.

SS. PHILIP & JAMES.

May 1.

At Morning Prayer.
Antiphon at the Venite.

THE Lord is glorious in his saints: *

O come, let us adore him.

Ps. 139; Job 23:3-12; John 1:43ff

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 27; Isa. 30:18-21; John 17:1-8

The Collect.

O ALMIGHTY God, whom truly to know is ever-lasting life; Grant us perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life; that, following the steps of thy holy Apostles, Saint Philip and Saint James, we may stedfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. James 1:1-12.

JAMES, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting. My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and

tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways. Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted: but the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away. For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways. Blessed is the man that endureth temptations for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

The Gospel. John 14:1-14.

AND Jesus said unto his disciples, Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and bow sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? Believest thou

not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you, I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

Mother's Day.

Second Sunday in May.

As Mother's Day always falls on a Sunday, the Collect of the Day (and the Collect of the Ascension, if applicable) should be said first.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who in thy holy Incarnation didst hallow and sanctify motherhood, and even in thy Passion forsookest not thy blessed Mother, but didst entrust thy beloved Disciple with her care: Grant us so to honour our mothers, and likewise, that such as be called to motherhood may so love their children, teaching them wisdom and the law of kindness, that our days may be long, and thy grace increased among us, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.
Amen.

Memorial Day.

Last Monday in May.

Morning or Evening.

Ps. 148; Joshua 4; Heb. 11:32-12:2

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, in whose hands are the living and the dead; We give thee thanks for all those thy servants who have laid down their lives in the service of our country. Grant to them thy mercy and the light of thy presence, that the good work which thou hast begun in them may be perfected; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. Amen.

[GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.]

JUNE.

The First Book of Common Prayer.

June 10.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who didst guide thy servant Thomas Cranmer, with others, to render the worship of thy Church in a language understood of the people: Make us ever thankful for this our heritage, and help us so to pray in the Spirit and with the understanding also, that we may worthily magnify thy holy Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

[GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.]

The Epistle. Acts 2:38-42.

THEN Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

The Gospel. Matthew 6:5-15.

WHEN thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy

Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask them. After this manner therefore pray ye: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Eve of St. Barnabas.

June 10.

Ps. 112, 146; Deut. 33:8-11, 26-29; Acts 4:32ff

ST. BARNABAS.

June 11.

At Morning Prayer.

Antiphon at the Venite.

THE Lord is glorious in his saints: *

O come, let us adore him.

Ps. 1, 15; Job 29:11-16; Acts 9:26-31†

† *In the week of Trinity I, read Luke 14:25ff.*

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 97, 100; Isa. 42:5-12; Acts 14:8ff†

‡ *After Trinity III, read Rom. 10:1-15.*

The Collect.

O LORD God Almighty, who didst endue thy holy Apostle Barnabas with singular gifts of the Holy Ghost; Leave us not, we beseech thee, destitute of thy manifold gifts, nor yet of grace to use them alway to thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Epistle. Acts 11:22-30.

TIDINGS of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch. Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord. For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord. Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul. And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch. And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch. And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Cæsar. Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in

Judæa: which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

The Gospel. John 15:12-16.

THIS is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

Father's Day.

Third Sunday in June.

After the Collect of the Day.

O GOD our Father, from whom all fatherhood in heaven and on earth is named: Give to all fathers, we pray thee, grace to live as becometh this calling, not provoking their children to wrath, but bringing them up in thy nurture and admonition, through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Juneteenth,

also called Emancipation Day.

June 19.

For Social Justice.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast created man in thine own image; Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil,

and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice among men and nations, to the glory of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eve of St. John Baptist.

June 23.

Ps. 103; 1 Kings 21:17-29; Luke 1:5-23†

† *In the week after Trinity, read Matt. 21:23-27.*

ST. JOHN BAPTIST.

June 24.

At Morning Prayer.

Antiphon at the Venite.

THE Lord is glorious in his saints: *

O come, let us adore him.

Ps. 82, 98; Mal. 3:1-6; Matt. 3

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 24, 96; Mal. 4; Matt. 11:2-19

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, by whose providence thy servant John Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of thy Son our Saviour by preaching repentance; Make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Epistle. Isaiah 40:1-11.

COMFORT ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight. And the rough places plain: and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field: the grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever. O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

The Gospel. Luke 1:57-80.

ELISABETH'S full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son. And her neighbours and her cousins heard how the Lord had shewed great mercy upon her; and they rejoiced with her. And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his father. And his mother answered and said, Not so; but he shall be called John. And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name. And they made signs to his father how he would have him called. And he asked for a writing table, and wrote, saying, His name is John. And they marvelled all. And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed. And he spake, and praised God. And fear came on all that dwelt round about them: and all these sayings were noised abroad throughout all the hill country of Judæa. And all they that heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, What manner of child shall this be! And the hand of the Lord was with him. And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, and hath raised up an horn of 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; to perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; the oath which he sware to our father Abraham, that he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve

him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; to give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto Israel.

Eve of St. Peter.

June 28.

Ps. 118; Ezek. 3:4-11; Acts 4:8-20

ST. PETER.

June 29.

At Morning Prayer.

Antiphon at the Venite.

THE Lord is glorious in his saints: *

O come, let us adore him.

Ps. 22:23ff & 67; Ezek. 2:1-7; Acts 11:1-18†

† *Before Trinity III, read Acts 3.*

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 23, 146; Ezek. 34:11-16; John 21:15-22

The Collect.

O ALMIGHTY God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to thy Apostle Saint Peter many excellent gifts, and

commandedst him earnestly to feed thy flock; Make, we beseech thee, all Bishops and Pastors diligently to preach thy holy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Epistle. Acts 12:1-11.

ABOUT that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.) And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people. Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision. When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them

of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him. And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

The Gospel. Matthew 16:13-19.

WHEN Jesus came into the coasts of Cæsarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

JULY.

INDEPENDENCE DAY.

July 4.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 18:1-20; Isa. 26:1-12; John 8:31-36

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 121, 122; Deut. 4:1-14; Gal. 4:26-5:1

The Collect.

O ETERNAL God, through whose mighty power our fathers won their liberties of old; Grant, we beseech thee, that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain these liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Epistle. Deuteronomy 10:17-21.

THE Lord your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward: he doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment. Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt. Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God; him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou cleave, and swear by his name. He is thy praise, and he is thy God, that hath done for thee these great and terrible things, which thine eyes have seen.

The Gospel. Matthew 5:43-48.

JESUS said, Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans

the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

*For the President of the United States,
and all in Civil Authority.*

O LORD our Governor, whose glory is in all the world; We commend this nation to thy merciful care, that being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to the President of the United States, the Governor of this *State*, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

For Our Country.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage; We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favour and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honourable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogancy, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that,

through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eve of St. Mary Magdalene.

July 21.

Ps. 73:23-28;

ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

July 22.

At Morning Prayer.

Antiphon at the Venite.

THE Lord is glorious in his saints: *

O come, let us adore him.

Ps. 116; Zeph. 3:14-20; Mark 15:47-16:7

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 30, 149; Exod. 15:19-21; 2 Cor. 1:3-7

The Collect.

O ALMIGHTY God, whose blessed Son did sanctify Mary Magdalene, and call her to be a witness to his Resurrection: Mercifully grant that by thy grace we may be healed of all our infirmities, and serve thee in the power of his endless life; who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Epistle. 2 Corinthians 5:14-18.

FOR the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: and that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ.

The Gospel. John 20:1, 11-18

THE first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, and seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him. And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and

saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God. Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

Eve of St. James.

July 24.

Ps. 112, 113; Exod. 3:1-15; Mark 1:14-20

ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE.

July 25.

At Morning Prayer.

Antiphon at the Venite.

THE Lord is glorious in his saints: *

O come, let us adore him.

Ps. 34; Jer. 45; 1 Pet. 1:22-2:10

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 33; Jer. 26:8-15; Matt. 10:16-32

The Collect.

GRANT, O merciful God, that, as thine holy Apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, without delay was obedient unto the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him; so we, forsaking all worldly and carnal affections, may be evermore ready to follow thy holy commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Epistle. Acts 11:27-12:3.

IN these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch. And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Cæsar. Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judæa: which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul. Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also.

The Gospel. Matthew 20:20-28.

THEN came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him. And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom. But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able. And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father. And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren. But Jesus called them unto him,

and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

AUGUST.

Transfiguration Eve.

August 5.

Ps. 97, 99; 1 Kings 19:1-12; 2 Cor. 4:1-6

TRANSFIGURATION.

August 6.

At Morning Prayer.

Antiphon at the Venite.

THE Lord hath manifested forth his glory *

O come, let us adore him.

Ps. 27; Exod. 34:29ff; 2 Cor. 3

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 29, 93; Exod. 24:12ff; Phil. 3:13ff

The Collect.

O GOD, who on the mount didst reveal to chosen witnesses thine only-begotten Son wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening; Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may be permitted to behold the King in his beauty, who with thee,

O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Epistle. 2 Peter 1:13-18.

I THINK it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me. Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance. For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

The Gospel. Luke 9:28-36.

AND it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray. And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening. And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias: who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease, which he should accomplish at Jerusalem. But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him. And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Peter said unto Jesus,

Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: not knowing what he said. While he thus spake, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared as they entered into the cloud. And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him. And when the voice was past, Jesus was found alone. And they kept it close, and told no man in those days any of those things which they had seen.

The Preface.

BECAUSE in the Mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Eve of St. Mary.

August 14.

Ps. 138, 149; Zech. 2:10-13; 1 Cor. 1:26ff

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN.

August 15,

or December 8 or 12.

At Morning Prayer.

Antiphon at the Venite.

THE Word was made flesh: * O come, let us adore him.

Ps. 113, 115; 1 Sam. 2:1-10; John 2:1-12

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 45; Jer. 31:1-14; John 19:23-27

The Collect.

O GOD, who hast taken to thyself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of thine only Son: Grant that we who have been redeemed by his blood may share with her the glory of thine eternal kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

For the Epistle. Isaiah 61:7b-11.

THEREFORE in their land they shall possess a double portion: everlasting joy shall be unto them. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrong; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the Lord hath blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

The Gospel. Luke 1:46b-55.

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath

done to me great things; and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation. 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 seats, and exalted them of low degree. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy; as he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.

Eve of St. Bartholomew.

August 23.

Ps. 1, 15; Deut. 18:15-19; Luke 6:12-23

ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

August 24.

At Morning Prayer.

Antiphon at the Venite.

THE Lord is glorious in his saints: *

O come, let us adore him.

Ps. 91; Gen. 28:10-17; John 1:43ff

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 46, 102:15ff; Isa. 66:1-2, 18-23; 1 Pet. 5:1-11

The Collect.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who didst give to thine Apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach thy Word; Grant, we beseech thee, unto thy Church to love that Word which he believed, and both to preach

and receive the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

For the Epistle. Acts 5:12-16.

BY the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them. And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.) Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

The Gospel. Luke 22:24-30.

AND there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest. And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors. But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve. For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth. Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations. And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; that ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

SEPTEMBER.

Labor Day.

First Monday in September.

After the Sunday Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who declarest thy glory and showest forth thy handiwork in the heavens and in the earth; Deliver us, we beseech thee, in our several callings, from the service of mammon, that we may do the work which thou givest us to do, in truth, in beauty, and in righteousness, with singleness of heart as thy servants, and to the benefit of our fellow men; for the sake of him who came among us as one that serveth, thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Roodmas Eve.

September 13.

Ps. 46, 87; 1 Kings 8:22-30; Eph. 2:11-22

HOLY CROSS DAY,

also called Roodmas.

September 14.

At Morning Prayer.

Ps. 66; Num. 21:4-9; John 3:11-17

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 118; Gen. 3:1-15; 1 Pet. 3:17-22

The Collect.

O GOD, who by the passion of thy blessed Son hast made the instrument of shameful death to be unto us the sign of life and peace: Grant us so to glory in the Cross of Christ,

that we may gladly suffer shame and loss; for the sake of the same thy Son our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Philippians ii. 5.

LET this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Gospel. John xii. 31.

NOW is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die. The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man? Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light.

September Embertide.

Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after Holy Cross Day.

Ember Wednesday ✙

Ps. 1, 15; Deut. 18:15ff; 1 Cor. 1:1-18

Ps. 24, 26; Jer. 42:1-6; 1 Tim. 3

Ember Friday ✙

Ps. 48; 2 Kings 2:1-15; 1 Cor. 9:7ff

Ps. 84, 134; Ezek. 13:1-9; 2 Tim. 2:19ff

Ember Saturday ✙

Ps. 132; Ezek. 33:1-9; 2 Cor. 6:1-10

Ps. 100; Isa. 6:1-8; Heb. 13:7-21

Eve of St. Matthew.

September 20.

Ps. 1, 15; Deut. 18:15-19; Luke 6:12-23

ST. MATTHEW.

September 21.

At Morning Prayer.

Antiphon at the Venite.

THE Lord is glorious in his saints: *

O come, let us adore him.

Ps. 119:1-16; 1 Kings 19:15-21; Matt. 19:16ff

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 19, 112; Job 28:12ff; 1 Tim. 6:6-19

The Collect.

O ALMIGHTY God, who by thy blessed Son didst call Matthew from the receipt of custom to be an Apostle and Evangelist; Grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires, and inordinate love of riches, and to follow the same thy Son Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Epistle. 2 Corinthians 4:1-6.

THEREFORE seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; but have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Gospel. Matthew 9:9-13.

AND as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him. And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down

with him and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners? But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Michaelmas Eve.

September 28.

Ps. 148, 150; Dan. 12:1-3; Rev. 5

ST. MICHAEL.

September 29.

At Morning Prayer.

Antiphon at the Venite.

THE Lord is glorious in his saints: *

O come, let us adore him.

Ps. 8, 91; Job 38:1-7; Heb. 1:13-2:10

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 34; 2 Kings 6:8-17; Acts 12:1-11

The Collect.

O EVERLASTING God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order; Mercifully grant that, as thy holy Angels always do thee service in heaven, so, by thy appointment, they may succour and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Epistle. Revelation 12:7-12.

THERE was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

The Gospel. Matthew 18:1-10.

AT the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were

better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh! Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire. Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

OCTOBER.

Eve of St. Luke.

October 17.

Ps. 103; Ezek. 47:1-12; Luke 1:1-4

ST. LUKE.

October 18.

At Morning Prayer.

Antiphon at the Venite.

THE Lord is glorious in his saints: *

O come, let us adore him.

Ps. 67, 96; Isa. 52:7-10; Acts 1:1-8

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 147 Ezek. 1:1-14; Col. 4:2ff

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, who didst inspire thy servant Saint Luke the Physician, to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of thy Son; Manifest in thy Church the like power and love, to the healing of our bodies and our souls; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. 2 Timothy 4:5-15.

WATCH thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me: for Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry. And Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus. The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments. Alexander the copper-smith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works: of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our words.

The Gospel. Luke 10:1-7.

THE Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither

he himself would come. Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest. Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves. Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way. And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house. And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it; if not, it shall turn to you again. And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give; for the labourer is worthy of his hire.

Eve of Ss. Simon & Jude.

October 27.

Ps. 66; Isa. 4:2ff; Acts 1:6-14

SS. SIMON & JUDE.

October 28.

At Morning Prayer.

Antiphon at the Venite.

THE Lord is glorious in his saints: *

O come, let us adore him.

Ps. 118; Isa. 28:9-16; Eph. 2:11-18

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 62, 121; Deut. 32:1-4; John 14:15ff

The Collect.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner-stone; Grant us so to be

joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Ephesians 2:19-22.

NOW therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the house-hold of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

The Gospel. John 15:17-27.

THESE things I command you, that ye love I one another. If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me. If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin. He that hateth me hateth my Father also. If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me

without a cause. But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: and ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

All Hallows' Eve.

October 31.

Ps. 97, 112; Dan. 7:15-22; Heb. 11:32-12:2

NOVEMBER.

ALL SAINTS.

November 1.

At Morning Prayer.

Antiphon at the Venite.

THE Lord is glorious in his saints: *

O come, let us adore him.

Ps. 1, 15 Dan. 7:23-27; Rev. 19:1-46

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 148, 150 Deut. 33:1-5, 26-29; Rev. 21:1-4, 22-22:5

The Collect.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord; Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Collect is to be said daily throughout the Octave.

For the Epistle. Revelation 7:2, 9-17.

AND I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying. Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

The Gospel. Matthew 5:1-12.

JESUS seeing the multitudes, went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: and he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for

they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

The Preface.

WHO, in the multitude of thy saints, hast compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us, and together with them may receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away.

A Hymn.

I SING a song of the saints of God,
Patient and brave and true,
Who toiled and fought and lived and died
For the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
And one was a shepherdess on the green:
They were all of them saints of God—and I mean,
God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and
His love made them strong;
And they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,

The whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
And one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
And there's not any reason, no, not the least
Why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past,
There are hundreds of thousands still;
The world is bright with the joyous saints
Who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
In church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;
For the saints of God are just folk like me,
And I mean to be one too!
—*Lesbia Scott, 1929. Irregular: GRAND ISLE.*

THANKSGIVING DAY.

At Morning Prayer.

Sentences.

HONOUR the Lord with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.—*Prov. 3:9-10*

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.—*Prov. 3:19-20*

Instead of the Venite, the following Canticle shall be said.

O PRAISE the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises
unto our God; * yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to
be thankful.

The Lord doth build up Jerusalem, * and gather together
the outcasts of Israel.

He healeth those that are broken in heart, * and giveth
medicine to heal their sickness.

O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; * sing praises upon
the harp unto our God:

Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain
for the earth; * and maketh the grass to grow upon the
mountains, and herb for the use of men;

Who giveth fodder unto the cattle, * and feedeth the young
ravens that call upon him.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; * praise thy God, O Sion.

For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates, * and hath
blessed thy children within thee.

He maketh peace in thy borders, * and filleth thee with the
flour of wheat. —*from Psalm 147*

GLORY be, &c.

Ps. 65; Deut. 8:1-20; 1 Thess. 5:12-23

Ps. 145; Deut. 26:1-11; John 6:26-35

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 147; Isa. 12; Phil. 4:4-7

Ps. 104; Deut. 11:8-21; 1 Tim. 6:6-16

The Collect.

O MOST merciful Father, who hast blessed the labours of
the husbandman in the returns of the fruits of the earth; We
give thee humble and hearty thanks for this thy bounty;

beseeking thee to continue thy loving-kindness to us, that our land may still yield her increase, to thy glory and our comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. James 1:16-27.

DO not err, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

The Gospel. Matthew 6:25-34.

THEREFORE I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than food, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by being anxious can add one cubit unto the measure of his life? And why are ye anxious for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? There-fore be not anxious, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Be not therefore anxious for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

St. Andrew's Eve.

November 29.

Ps. 102:15 & 117; Isa. 49:1-6; 1 Cor. 4:1-16

ST. ANDREW.
November 30.

At Morning Prayer.
Antiphon at the Venite.

THE Lord is glorious in his saints: *
O come, let us adore him.

Ps. 34; Isa. 55:1–5; John 1:35–42

At Evening Prayer.
Ps. 96, 100; Zech. 8:20ff; John 12:20–36

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, who didst give such grace unto thy holy Apostle Saint Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him without delay; Grant unto us all, that we, being called by thy holy Word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil thy holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.]

The Epistle. Romans 10:9–21.

IF thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from
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the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you. But Esaias is very bold, and saith, I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me. But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.

The Gospel. Matthew 4:18-22.

JESUS, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them,

Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

DECEMBER.

St. Thomas' Eve.

December 20.

Ps. 23, 121; 2 Sam. 15:17–21; John 11:1–16

ST. THOMAS.

December 21.

At Morning Prayer.

Antiphon at the Venite.

THE Lord is glorious in his saints: *

O come, let us adore him.

Ps. 27; Job 42:1–6; John 14:1–7

At Evening Prayer.

Ps. 112, 113 Isa. 43:8–13 1 Pet. 1:3–9

The Collects.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who, for the greater confirmation of the faith, didst suffer thy holy Apostle Thomas to be doubtful in thy Son's resurrection; Grant us so perfectly, and without all doubt, to believe in thy Son Jesus Christ, that our faith in thy sight may never be reprov'd. Hear us, O Lord, through the same Jesus Christ,

to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and for evermore, Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

The Epistle. Hebrews 10:35-11:1.

CAST not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul. Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

The Gospel. John 20:24-31.

THOMAS, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them:

then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: but these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

Optional Collects & Lessons for other Saints' Days.

A Bishop.

Morning: Ps. 132; Isa. 61; Matt. 10:1-20

Evening: Ps. 111, 112; Isa. 52:1-10; John 20:19-23

On the Eve: Ps. 23, 100; Ezek. 34:11-16; John 21:15-17

A Martyr.

Morning: Ps. 30; Job 19:23-27; Luke 6:20-36

Evening: Ps. 116; Job 5:8-21; Rev. 7:9ff

On the Eve: Ps. 138, 146; Hab. 2:9-14; Luke 21:10-19

A Matron.

Morning: Ps. 85; Prov. 31:10ff; Rom. 12

Evening: Ps. 148; Esther 4:1, 5-17; Luke 23:50-24:10

On the Eve: Ps. 34; Isa. 49:14-21; 2 John

Other saints.

Morning: Ps. 3, 8; Jer. 15:15ff; Eph. 4:1-13

Evening: Ps. 118; Isa. 49:1-12; Acts 4:5-13

On the Eve: Ps. 121, 124; Deut. 6:3-9; Luke 12:1-12

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost enkindle the name of thy love in the hearts of the Saints; Grant to us, thy humble servants, the same faith and power of love; that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may profit by their examples; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or this.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast called us to faith in thee, and hast compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses; Grant that we, encouraged by the good examples of thy Saints, and especially of thy servant Saint *N.*, may persevere in running the race that is set before us, until at length, through thy mercy, we, with them, attain to thine eternal joy; through him who is the author and finisher of our faith, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Hebrews 12:1-2.

SEEING we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Gospel. Matthew 25:31-40.

WHEN the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of

his glory: and before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

SERVICES FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS.
ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF A WEDDING.

The Collect.

O GOD, who hast so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send thy blessing upon us as we begin another year, that we may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that our home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. Colossians 3:12-17.

PUT on, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

The Gospel. Matthew 19:4-6.

AND he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they

twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

FOR THE BIRTH OR ADOPTION OF A CHILD.

After the Birth of a Child.

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God, of his goodness, to give *N.* safe deliverance, and to preserve her in the great danger of childbirth, and to bless us with the gift of *N.* our *son*, let us therefore give hearty thanks unto God, and say:

After an Adoption.

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God, who hath given us the Spirit of adoption, that we who were strangers might become members of his household, to bless us with the gift of *N.* our *son*, let us therefore give hearty thanks unto God, and say:

Psalm 116 shall be said.

OUR Father, &c.

Prayer and Thanksgiving after a successful Delivery.

[O Lord, save this woman thy servant;

Who putteth her trust in thee.

Be thou to her a strong tower;

From the face of her enemy.

Lord, hear our prayer.

And let our cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY God, we give thee humble thanks for that thou hast been graciously pleased to preserve,

through the great pain and peril of child-birth, *N*, thy servant. Grant, we beseech thee, most merciful Father, that she, through thy help, may faithfully live according to thy will in this life, and also may be partaker of everlasting glory in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.]

GRANT, we beseech thee, O heavenly Father, that *N*. may daily increase in wisdom and stature, and grow in thy love and service, until *he* come to thy eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, who hast taught us through thy blessed Son that whosoever receives a little child in the Name of Christ receives Christ himself: We give thee thanks for the blessing thou hast bestowed upon this family in giving them this child. Confirm their joy by a lively sense of thy presence, and give them calm strength and patient wisdom as they seek to bring this child to love all that is true and noble, just and pure, lovable and gracious, excellent and admirable, following the example of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

For a Sibling or Siblings.

[O HEAVENLY Father, whose Son our Savior took young children into his arms and blessed them: Strengthen *N*. [&c.] to be *a* wholesome and godly *example*, *a companion*, and *an encourager* to his new *brother*. Preserve them from quarrel and strife, and through injury give them thy grace readily to forgive; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.]

For the Birth-parents of an Adopted Child.

[O HEAVENLY Father, we beseech thee to bless the birth-parents of this child. Reveal the fullness of thy love, both for them and for the child entrusted to this family; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.]

The grace, &c.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR AN ADULT.

I AM the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die.

I KNOW that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not as a stranger.

WE brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

Psalm 39, Psalm 90, or both shall be said. Psalm 90 is especially appropriate in memory of an elderly person.

The Lesson. 1 Corinthians 15:20-58.

NOW is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end,

when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? Thou foolish one, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: and that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: but God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed its own body. All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: it is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: it is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, The

first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthly, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

If Antecomunion is to be said, it shall begin here.

An Anthem.

MAN, that is born of a woman, hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down, like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay. In the midst of life we are in death; of whom may we seek for succour, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased? Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death. Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears to our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee.

Special remembrance of the Departed may be made here.

An Anthem.

I HEARD a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours.

OUR Father, &c.

REMEMBER thy servant, O Lord, according to the favour which thou bearest unto thy people, and grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, *he* may go from strength to strength, in the life of perfect service, in thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; We give thee hearty thanks for the good examples of all those thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labours. And we beseech thee, that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O MERCIFUL God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life; in whom whosoever believeth, shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth, and believeth in him, shall not die eternally; who also hath taught us, by his holy Apostle Saint Paul, not to be sorry, as men without hope, for those who sleep in him; We humbly beseech thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in him; and that, at the general Resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in thy sight; and receive that blessing, which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all who love and fear thee, saying, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Grant this, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who by thy death didst take 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 awake up after thy likeness; through thy mercy, who livest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we yield unto thee most high praise and hearty thanks, for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all thy saints, who have been the choice vessels of thy grace, and the lights of the world in their several generations; most humbly beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow the example of their stedfastness in thy faith, and obedience to thy holy commandments, that at the day of the general Resurrection, we, with all those who are of the mystical body of thy Son, may be set on his right hand, and hear that his most joyful voice: Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Grant this, O Father, for the sake of the same, thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

MAY the Almighty and Merciful Lord grant us, with all the faithful, light, peace and life everlasting. Amen.

The Collect.

O ETERNAL Lord God, who holdest all souls in life; Vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy peace; and grant that we, following the good examples of those who have served thee here and are now at rest, may at the last enter with them into thine unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

I WOULD not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

The Gospel. John 6:37-39.

JESUS said unto them, All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

When said in the Memorial Service, Antecommunion shall end with the Gospel. Otherwise, all that follows the Gospel shall be replaced with the latter part of the Memorial Service, beginning with the Anthem Man, that is born.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR A CHILD.

I AM the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die.

JESUS called them unto him and said, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

HE shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arms, and carry them in his bosom.

Psalm 23, Psalm 121, or both shall be said.

The Lesson. Matthew 18:1-5, 10.

AT the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

Antecommunion may be said here, as at the Memorial of an Adult.

An Anthem.

JESUS saith to his disciples, Ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

Special remembrance of the Departed may be made here.

An Anthem.

THEREFORE are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

THEY shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

FOR the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

OUR Father, &c.

BLESSED are the pure in heart;

For they shall see God.

Blessed be the name of the Lord;

Henceforth, world without end.

Lord, hear our prayer;

And let our cry come unto thee.

O MERCIFUL Father, whose face the angels of thy little ones do always behold in heaven; Grant us stedfastly to believe that this thy child hath been taken into the safe keeping of thine eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and merciful Father, who dost grant to children an abundant entrance into thy kingdom; Grant us grace so to conform our lives to their innocence and perfect faith, that at length, united with them, we may stand in thy presence in fulness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, whose most dear Son did take little children into his arms and bless them; Give us grace, we beseech thee, to entrust the soul of this child to thy neverfailing care and love, and bring us all to thy heavenly kingdom; through the same thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of mercies and giver of all comfort; Deal graciously, we pray thee, with all those who mourn, that, casting every care on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE grace, &c.

THE PSALTER.

Being the Word of God, the Psalms are the greatest verbal praise we can offer, finer than any hymn. For this reason, they have always formed the core of Christian worship. The Book of Common Prayer did not include the text of the Psalms in the same volume until 1662. This is because while the 1662 updated all of its language to match the wording of the KJV (which was now the only Bible translation approved for use in church), the English people resisted re-learning the Psalms, which they had been singing and reciting according to Coverdale's *Great Bible* of 1539 for generations, and which had given them hope and encouragement through the brutality of the English Civil War. As a compromise, Coverdale's Psalms were bound with the Book of Common Prayer from this date forward. The language is a little more antiquated than the KJV's in places, but also a little more singable and a little more lovely. The text in the 1928 Book of Common Prayer has been revised from the original Coverdale text in various places, mainly updating words that had come to mean different things than they did in 1539.

Singing the Psalms.

While saying the Psalms out loud as a congregation is good, the Psalms were intended to be sung. The English answer to this was Anglican chant: Psalms (and canticles and prose texts) would be set to simple melodies and sung together. Over time, composers wrote more and more elaborate chants, to the point that only trained choirs could render them well, and rhyming paraphrases called *metrical*

Psalms became popular, though eventually more among Presbyterians. If you find a good metrical Psalter and would rather use that, by all means, do so.

Chanting doesn't have to be complicated, though. A basic Anglican chant is only ten notes; someone of moderate musical ability can even improvise them. Here is a simple chant:



A Psalm would be sung to this chant like this:

A		E		F#m		D	
O praise the Lord,		all		ye		nations; *	
For his merciful kindness is ever more and		more		to		ward us; *	
Glory be to the Father, and		to		the		Son, *	
As it was in the beginning, is now, and		ev		er		shall be, *	
Bm		E		A/C#		D	
praise		him,		all		ye	
and the truth of the Lord endureth for		ev		er.		the	
and		to		the		ly	
world		with		out		end.	
						A	
						peoples.	
						Lord.	
						Ghost;	
						men.	

The first three measures cover the first half of a verse, and the next four measures cover the second half. Chant should have the rhythm of natural speech, but with pitches: the half and whole notes in the music don't convey any kind of beat or rhythm. You'll get a feel for where to change notes with practice. Plenty of chanted Psalms are available on CD and YouTube, and listening to them will help, too.

Choosing Psalms.

The Daily Lectionary for the 1928 Book of Common Prayer recommends Psalms for Morning and Evening Prayer for every day of the year. However, churches were never required to use only those, and your private devotions, even less so. The 1662 Prayer Book divided the Psalter into a 30-day cycle, so that reading both prayer services for a month would cover all 150 Psalms. The Psalms are divided by day and service in the text below, for those who would like to use this method. The following table lists Psalms with themes for your convenience.

God the Creator.	8, 19; 33; 65, 111; 104; 145; 147.
God the Redeemer.	33; 102:15ff; 103; 111, 126; 113, 114; 130, 138.
God the Judge.	1, 11; 7; 46, 97; 50; 62, 82; 75, 76; 90; 96; 98.
God's Glory.	18:1-20; 29, 99; 36:5ff, 46; 148, 150.
God's Sovereignty.	24, 93; 46, 47; 72; 89:1-19; 96, 97; 98, 99; 112, 146; 145.
God's Wisdom.	33; 104; 111, 113; 139; 145; 147.
God's Law.	19; 50; 62, 111; 119; 147.
God's Providence.	23, 121; 33; 34; 37:26ff, 124; 89:1-19; 139; 145; 146; 147.

God's Mercy.	23, 100; 32, 130; 57, 61; 62, 63; 73; 77; 85; 86; 103; 118; 145.
The Incarnation.	2, 110; 8, 113; 85, 111; 89:1-30; 102:15ff; 132.
The Passion.	22; 40:1-16; 42; 54, 130; 69:1-22, 30-37; 88; 116.
The Church.	46, 111; 48; 84; 122, 133; 147.
Worship.	5; 26, 43; 63, 65; 66; 67, 122; 84, 138; 96, 100; 102:15ff; 116.
Thanksgiving.	30, 67; 65; 92, 100; 98, 111; 103; 107; 116; 134, 138; 145; 147; 148, 150.
Prayer.	4, 5; 17; 20, 28; 31; 54, 61; 84; 86; 102:15ff; 141:1-4; 142.
Trust in God.	27; 31; 57, 146; 62, 63; 71; 73; 77; 91; 118; 121, 124, 125, 123, 143.
God our Refuge.	4, 20; 17; 37; 46; 49; 54, 61; 71; 91; 103; 121, 146.
Divine Guidance.	25; 43, 85; 80; 111, 112.
In Time of Trouble.	3, 11; 12, 13; 18:1-20; 20, 46; 30, 146; 40:1-16; 49; 57, 85; 62, 63; 80; 86; 90; 107:1-16; 118; 144.
Righteousness.	1, 15; 11, 12; 18:21-35; 19; 26; 34; 40:1-16; 92; 111, 112.

Peace.	29, 46; 76; 85; 98, 100; 124, 125, 126.
The Transitoriness of Life.	39; 49; 90; 102:15ff.
The Hope of Immortality.	16, 146; 30, 121; 42; 49; 66; 73; 103; 116; 139.
Morning.	3, 20; 5, 63; 90; 143.
Evening.	4, 31:1-6, 91, 134; 13, 121; 16, 17; 77.
Penitential Psalms.	6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143.
Preparation for Holy Communion.	23, 36:5ff; 25; 26, 43; 41; 63; 84, 122; 85; 86; 130, 133; 139.
Thanksgiving after Holy Communion.	8, 15; 18:1-20; 19; 27; 29, 30; 34; 100, 110; 103, 118; 145; 150.

THE FIRST DAY.

Morning Prayer.

Psalm 1.

BLESSED is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners, * and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.

2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; * and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side, * that will bring forth his fruit in due season.

4 His leaf also shall not wither; * and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.

5 As for the ungodly, it is not so with them; * but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.

6 Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgment, * neither the

sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

7 But the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous; * and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Psalm 2.

WHY do the heathen so furiously rage together? * and why do the people imagine a vain thing?

2 The kings of the earth stand up, and the rulers take counsel together * against the LORD, and against his Anointed:

3 Let us break their bonds asunder, * and cast away their cords from us.

4 He that dwelleth in heaven shall laugh them to scorn: * the Lord shall have them in derision.

5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, * and vex them in his sore displeasure:

6 Yet have I set my King * upon my holy hill of Sion.

7 I will rehearse the decree;
* the LORD hath said unto
me, Thou art my Son, this
day have I begotten thee.

8 Desire of me, and I shall
give thee the nations for
thine inheritance, * and the
utmost parts of the earth for
thy possession.

9 Thou shalt bruise them
with a rod of iron, * and
break them in pieces like a
potter's vessel.

10 Be wise now therefore,
O ye kings; * be instructed,
ye that are judges of the
earth.

11 Serve the LORD in fear, *
and rejoyce unto him with
reverence.

12 Kiss the Son, lest he be
angry, and so ye perish
from the right way, if his
wrath be kindled, yea but a
little. * Blessed are all they
that put their trust in him.

Psalms 3.

LORD, how are they
increased that trouble me! *

many are they that rise
against me.

2 Many one there be that
say of my soul, * There is
no help for him in his God.

3 But thou, O LORD, art my
defender; * thou art my
worship, and the lifter up of
my head.

4 I did call upon the LORD
with my voice, * and he
heard me out of his holy
hill.

5 I laid me down and slept,
and rose up again; * for the
LORD sustained me.

6 I will not be afraid for ten
thousands of the people, *
that have set themselves
against me round about.

7 UP, LORD, and help me, O
my God, * for thou smitest
all mine enemies upon the
cheek-bone; thou hast
broken the teeth of the
ungodly.

8 Salvation belongeth unto
the LORD; * and thy blessing
is upon thy people.

Psalm 4.

HEAR me when I call, O
God of my righteousness: *
thou hast set me at liberty
when I was in trouble; have
mercy upon me, and
hearken unto my prayer.

2 O ye sons of men, how
long will ye blaspheme
mine honour, * and have
such pleasure in vanity, and
seek after falsehood?

3 Know this also, that the
LORD hath chosen to himself
the man that is godly; *
when I call upon the LORD
he will hear me.

4 Stand in awe, and sin not;
* commune with your own
heart, and in your chamber,
and be still.

5 Offer the sacrifice of
righteousness, * and put
your trust in the LORD.

6 There be many that say, *
Who will show us any
good?

7 LORD, lift thou up * the
light of thy countenance
upon us.

8 Thou hast put gladness in
my heart; * yea, more than
when their corn and wine
and oil increase.

9 I will lay me down in
peace, and take my rest; *
for it is thou, LORD, only,
that makest me dwell in
safety.

Psalm 5.

PONDER my words, O
LORD, * consider my
meditation.

2 O hearken thou unto the
voice of my calling, my
King and my God: * for
unto thee will I make my
prayer.

3 My voice shalt thou hear
betimes, O LORD; * early in
the morning will I direct my
prayer unto thee, and will
look up.

4 For thou art the God that
hast no pleasure in
wickedness; * neither shall
any evil dwell with thee.

5 Such as be foolish shall
not stand in thy sight; * for

thou hatest all them that work iniquity.

6 Thou shalt destroy them that speak lies: * the LORD will abhor both the blood-thirsty and deceitful man.

7 But as for me, in the multitude of thy mercy I will come into thine house; * and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

8 Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness, because of mine enemies; * make thy way plain before my face.

9 For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; * their inward parts are very wickedness.

10 Their throat is an open sepulchre; * they flatter with their tongue.

11 Destroy thou them, O God; let them perish through their own imaginations; * cast them out in the multitude of their ungodliness; for they have rebelled against thee.

12 And let all them that put their trust in thee rejoice: * they shall ever be giving of thanks, because thou defendest them; they that love thy Name shall be joyful in thee;

13 For thou, LORD, wilt give thy blessing unto the righteous, * and with thy favourable kindness wilt thou defend him as with a shield.

Evening Prayer.

Psalm 6.

O LORD, rebuke me not in thine indignation, * neither chasten me in thy displeasure.

2 Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am weak; * O LORD, heal me, for my bones are vexed.

3 My soul also is sore troubled: * but, LORD, how long wilt thou punish me?

4 Turn thee, O LORD, and deliver my soul; * O save me, for thy mercy's sake.

5 For in death no man
remembereth thee; * and
who will give thee thanks in
the pit?

6 I am weary of my
groaning; * every night
wash I my bed, and water
my couch with my tears.

7 My beauty is gone for
very trouble, * and worn
away because of all mine
enemies.

8 Away from me, all ye that
work iniquity; * for the
LORD hath heard the voice
of my weeping.

9 The LORD hath heard my
petition; * the LORD will
receive my prayer.

10 All mine enemies shall
be confounded, and sore
vexed; * they shall be
turned back, and put to
shame suddenly.

Psalm 7.

O LORD my God, in thee
have I put my trust: * save
me from all them that

persecute me, and deliver
me;

2 Lest he devour my soul
like a lion, and tear it in
pieces, * while there is none
to help.

3 O LORD my God, if I have
done any such thing; * or if
there be any wickedness in
my hands;

4 If I have rewarded evil
unto him that dealt friendly
with me; * (yea, I have
delivered him that without
any cause is mine enemy;)

5 Then let mine enemy
persecute my soul, and take
me; * yea, let him tread my
life down upon the earth,
and lay mine honour in the
dust.

6 Stand up, O LORD, in thy
wrath, and lift up thyself,
because of the indignation
of mine enemies; * arise up
for me in the judgment that
thou hast commanded.

7 And so shall the
congregation of the peoples
come about thee: * for their

sakes therefore lift up
thyself again.

8 The LORD shall judge the
peoples: give sentence with
me, O LORD, * according to
my righteousness, and
according to the innocency
that is in me.

9 O let the wickedness of
the ungodly come to an end;
* but guide thou the just.

10 For the righteous God *
trieth the very hearts and
reins.

11 My help cometh of God,
* who preserveth them that
are true of heart.

12 God is a righteous Judge,
strong, and patient; * and
God is provoked every day.

13 If a man will not turn, he
will whet his sword; * he
hath bent his bow, and
made it ready.

14 He hath prepared for him
the instruments of death; *
he ordaineth his arrows
against the persecutors.

15 Behold, the ungodly
travaileth with iniquity; * he

hath conceived mischief,
and brought forth falsehood.

16 He hath graven and
dugged up a pit, * and is
fallen himself into the
destruction that he made for
other.

17 For his travail shall
come upon his own head, *
and his wickedness shall
fall on his own pate.

18 I will give thanks unto
the LORD, according to his
righteousness; * and I will
praise the Name of the
LORD Most High.

Psalm 8.

O LORD our Governor, how
excellent is thy Name in all
the world; * thou that hast
set thy glory above the
heavens!

2 Out of the mouth of very
babes and sucklings hast
thou ordained strength,
because of thine enemies, *
that thou mightest still the
enemy and the avenger.

3 When I consider thy heavens, even the work of thy fingers; * the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained;

4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? * and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

5 Thou madest him lower than the angels, * to crown him with glory and worship.

6 Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands; * and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet:

7 All sheep and oxen; * yea, and the beasts of the field;

8 The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea; * and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.

9 O LORD our Governor, * how excellent is thy Name in all the world!

THE SECOND DAY.

Morning Prayer.

Psalm 9.

I WILL give thanks unto thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; * I will speak of all thy marvellous works.

2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee; * yea, my songs will I make of thy Name, O thou Most Highest.

3 While mine enemies are driven back, * they shall fall and perish at thy presence.

4 For thou hast maintained my right and my cause; * thou art set in the throne that judgest right.

5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, and destroyed the ungodly; * thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.

6 O thou enemy, thy destructions are come to a perpetual end; * even as the cities which thou hast destroyed, whose memorial is perished with them.

7 But the LORD shall endure for ever; * he hath also prepared his seat for judgment.

8 For he shall judge the world in righteousness, * and minister true judgment unto the people.

9 The LORD also will be a defence for the oppressed, * even a refuge in due time of trouble.

10 And they that know thy Name will put their trust in thee; * for thou, LORD, hast never failed them that seek thee.

11 O praise the LORD which dwelleth in Sion; * show the people of his doings.

12 For when he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them, * and forgetteth not the complaint of the poor.

13 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; consider the trouble which I suffer of them that hate me, * thou that liftest

me up from the gates of death;

14 That I may show all thy praises within the gates of the daughter of Sion: * I will rejoice in thy salvation.

15 The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made; * in the same net which they hid privily is their foot taken.

16 The LORD is known to execute judgment; * the ungodly is trapped in the work of his own hands.

17 The wicked shall be turned to destruction, * and all the people that forget God.

18 For the poor shall not always be forgotten; * the patient abiding of the meek shall not perish for ever.

19 UP, LORD, and let not man have the upper hand; * let the heathen be judged in thy sight.

20 Put them in fear, O LORD, * that the heathen

may know themselves to be
but men.

Psalm 10.

WHY standest thou so far
off, O LORD, * and hidest
thy face in the needful time
of trouble?

2 The ungodly, for his own
lust, doth persecute the
poor: * let them be taken in
the crafty wiliness that they
have imagined.

3 For the ungodly hath
made boast of his own
heart's desire, * and
speaketh good of the
covetous, whom the LORD
abhorreth.

4 The ungodly is so proud,
that he careth not for God, *
neither is God in all his
thoughts.

5 His ways are alway
grievous; * thy judgments
are far above out of his
sight, and therefore defieth
he all his enemies.

6 For he hath said in his
heart, Tush, I shall never be

cast down, * there shall no
harm happen unto me.

7 His mouth is full of
cursing, deceit, and fraud; *
under his tongue is
ungodliness and vanity.

8 He sitteth lurking in the
thievish corners of the
streets, * and privily in his
lurking dens doth he murder
the innocent; his eyes are
set against the poor.

9 For he lieth waiting
secretly; even as a lion
lurketh he in his den, * that
he may ravish the poor.

10 He doth ravish the poor,
* when he getteth him into
his net.

11 He falleth down, and
humbleth himself, * that the
congregation of the poor
may fall into the hands of
his captains.

12 He hath said in his heart,
Tush, God hath forgotten; *
he hideth away his face, and
he will never see it.

13 Arise, O LORD God, and
lift up thine hand; * forget
not the poor.

14 Wherefore should the
wicked blaspheme God, *
while he doth say in his
heart, Tush, thou God carest
not for it?

15 Surely thou hast seen it;
* for thou beholdest
ungodliness and wrong, that
thou mayest take the matter
into thy hand.

16 The poor committeth
himself unto thee; * for
thou art the helper of the
friendless.

17 Break thou the power of
the ungodly and malicious;
* search out his
ungodliness, until thou find
none.

18 The LORD is King for
ever and ever, * and the
heathen are perished out of
the land.

19 LORD, thou hast heard
the desire of the poor; *
thou preparest their heart,
and thine ear hearkeneth;

20 To help the fatherless
and poor unto their right, *
that the man of the earth be
no more exalted against
them.

Psalms 11.

IN the LORD put I my trust;
* how say ye then to my
soul, that she should flee as
a bird unto the hill?

2 For lo, the ungodly bend
their bow, and make ready
their arrows within the
quiver, * that they may
privily shoot at them which
are true of heart.

3 If the foundations be
destroyed, * what can the
righteous do?

4 The LORD is in his holy
temple; * the LORD's seat is
in heaven.

5 His eyes consider the
poor, * and his eyelids try
the children of men.

6 The LORD approveth the
righteous: * but the
ungodly, and him that

delighteth in wickedness,
doth his soul abhor.

7 Upon the ungodly he shall
rain snares, fire and
brimstone, storm and
tempest: * this shall be their
portion to drink.

8 For the righteous LORD
loveth righteousness; * his
countenance will behold the
thing that is just.

Evening Prayer.

Psalm 12.

HELP me, LORD, for there
is not one godly man left; *
for the faithful are minished
from among the children of
men.

2 They talk of vanity every
one with his neighbour; *
they do but flatter with their
lips, and dissemble in their
double heart.

3 The LORD shall root out
all deceitful lips, * and the
tongue that speaketh proud
things;

4 Which have said, With
our tongue will we prevail;

* we are they that ought to
speak; who is lord over us?

5 Now, for the comfortless
troubles' sake of the needy,

* and because of the deep
sighing of the poor,

6 I will up, saith the LORD; *
and will help every one
from him that swelleth
against him, and will set
him at rest.

7 The words of the LORD are
pure words; * even as the
silver which from the earth
is tried, and purified seven
times in the fire.

8 Thou shalt keep them, O
LORD; * thou shalt preserve
them from this generation
for ever.

9 The ungodly walk on
every side: * when they are
exalted, the children of men
are put to rebuke.

Psalm 13.

HOW long wilt thou forget
me, O LORD; for ever? *
how long wilt thou hide thy
face from me?

2 How long shall I seek
counsel in my soul, and be
so vexed in my heart? *
how long shall mine enemy
triumph over me?

3 Consider, and hear me, O
LORD my God; * lighten
mine eyes, that I sleep not
in death;

4 Lest mine enemy say, I
have prevailed against him:
* for if I be cast down, they
that trouble me will rejoice
at it.

5 But my trust is in thy
mercy, * and my heart is
joyful in thy salvation.

6 I will sing of the LORD,
because he hath dealt so
lovingly with me; * yea, I
will praise the Name of the
Lord Most Highest.

Psalm 14.

THE fool hath said in his
heart, * There is no God.

2 They are corrupt, and
become abominable in their
doings; * there is none that
doeth good, no not one.

3 The LORD looked down
from heaven upon the
children of men, * to see if
there were any that would
understand, and seek after
God.

4 But they are all gone out
of the way, they are
altogether become
abominable; * there is none
that doeth good, no not one.
5 Have they no knowledge,
that they are all such
workers of mischief, *
eating up my people as it
were bread, and call not
upon the LORD?

6 There were they brought
in great fear, even where no
fear was; * for God is in the
generation of the righteous.

7 As for you, ye have made
a mock at the counsel of the
poor; * because he putteth
his trust in the LORD.

8 Who shall give salvation
unto Israel out of Sion? *
When the LORD turneth the
captivity of his people, then

shall Jacob rejoice, and
Israel shall be glad.

THE THIRD DAY.

Morning Prayer.

Psalm 15.

LORD, who shall dwell in
thy tabernacle? * or who
shall rest upon thy holy
hill?

2 Even he that leadeth an
uncorrupt life, * and doeth
the thing which is right, and
speaketh the truth from his
heart.

3 He that hath used no
deceit in his tongue, nor
done evil to his neighbour,
* and hath not slandered his
neighbour.

4 He that setteth not by
himself, but is lowly in his
own eyes, * and maketh
much of them that fear the
LORD.

5 He that sweareth unto his
neighbour, and
disappointeth him not, *
though it were to his own
hindrance.

6 He that hath not given his
money upon usury, * nor
taken reward against the
innocent.

7 Whoso doeth these things
* shall never fall.

Psalm 16.

PRESERVE me, O God; *
for in thee have I put my
trust.

2 O my soul, thou hast said
unto the LORD, * Thou art
my God; I have no good
like unto thee.

3 All my delight is upon the
saints that are in the earth, *
and upon such as excel in
virtue.

4 But they that run after
another god * shall have
great trouble.

5 Their drink-offerings of
blood will I not offer, *
neither make mention of
their names within my lips.

6 The LORD himself is the
portion of mine inheritance,
and of my cup; * thou shalt
maintain my lot.

7 The lot is fallen unto me
in a fair ground; * yea, I
have a goodly heritage.

8 I will thank the LORD for
giving me warning; * my
reins also chasten me in the
night season.

9 I have set the LORD alway
before me; * for he is on my
right hand, therefore I shall
not fall.

10 Wherefore my heart is
glad, and my glory
rejoiceth: * my flesh also
shall rest in hope.

11 For why? thou shalt not
leave my soul in hell; *
neither shalt thou suffer thy
Holy One to see corruption.

12 Thou shalt show me the
path of life: in thy presence
is the fulness of joy, * and
at thy right hand there is
pleasure for evermore.

Psalm 17.

HEAR the right, O LORD,
consider my complaint, *
and hearken unto my

prayer, that goeth not out-of
feigned lips.

2 Let my sentence come
forth from thy presence; *
and let thine eyes look upon
the thing that is equal.

3 Thou hast proved and
visited mine heart in the
night season; thou hast tried
me, and shalt find no
wickedness in me; * for I
am utterly purposed that my
mouth shall not offend.

4 As for the works of men,
* by the word of thy lips I
have kept me from the ways
of the destroyer.

5 O hold thou up my goings
in thy paths, * that my
footsteps slip not.

6 I have called upon thee, O
God, for thou shalt hear me:
* incline thine ear to me,
and hearken unto my words.

7 Show thy marvellous
loving-kindness, thou that
art the Saviour of them
which put their trust in thee,
* from such as resist thy
right hand.

8 Keep me as the apple of
an eye; * hide me under the
shadow of thy wings,
9 From the ungodly, that
trouble me; * mine enemies
compass me round about, to
take away my soul.
10 They are inclosed in
their own fat, * and their
mouth speaketh proud
things.
11 They lie waiting in our
way on every side, *
watching to cast us down to
the ground;
12 Like as a lion that is
greedy of his prey, * and as
it were a lion's whelp
lurking in secret places.
13 Up, LORD, disappoint
him, and cast him down; *
deliver my soul from the
ungodly, by thine own
sword;
14 Yea, by thy hand, O
LORD; from the men of the
evil world; * which have
their portion in this life,
whose bellies thou fillest
with thy hid treasure.

15 They have children at
their desire, * and leave the
rest of their substance for
their babes.

16 But as for me, I shall
behold thy presence in
righteousness; * and when I
awake up after thy likeness,
I shall be satisfied.

Evening Prayer.
Psalm 18.

I WILL love thee, O LORD,
my strength. * The LORD is
my stony rock, and my
defence;

2 My Saviour, my God, and
my might, in whom I will
trust; * my buckler, the horn
also of my salvation, and
my refuge.

3 I will call upon the LORD,
which is worthy to be
praised; * so shall I be safe
from mine enemies.

4 The sorrows of death
compassed me, * and the
overflowings of ungodliness
made me afraid.

5 The pains of hell came about me; * the snares of death overtook me.

6 In my trouble I called upon the LORD, * and complained unto my God:

7 So he heard my voice out of his holy temple, * and my complaint came before him; it entered even into his ears.

8 The earth trembled and quaked, * the very foundations also of the hills shook, and were removed, because he was wroth.

9 There went a smoke out in his presence, * and a consuming fire out of his mouth, so that coals were kindled at it.

10 He bowed the heavens also, and came down, * and it was dark under his feet.

11 He rode upon the Cherubim, and did fly; * he came flying upon the wings of the wind.

12 He made darkness his secret place, * his pavilion

round about him with dark water, and thick clouds to cover him.

13 At the brightness of his presence his clouds removed; * hailstones and coals of fire.

14 The LORD also thundered out of heaven, and the Highest gave his thunder; * hailstones and coals of fire.

15 He sent out his arrows, and scattered them; * he cast forth lightnings, and destroyed them.

16 The springs of waters were seen, and the foundations of the round world were discovered, * at thy chiding, O LORD, at the blasting of the breath of thy displeasure.

17 He sent down from on high to fetch me, * and took me out of many waters.

18 He delivered me from my strongest enemy, and from them which hate me; * for they were too mighty for me.

19 They came upon me in the day of my trouble; * but the LORD was my upholder.
20 He brought me forth also into a place of liberty; * he brought me forth, even because he had a favour unto me.

21 The LORD rewarded me after my righteous dealing, * according to the cleanness of my hands did he recompense me.

22 Because I have kept the ways of the LORD, * and have not forsaken my God, as the wicked doth.

23 For I have an eye unto all his laws, * and will not cast out his commandments from me.

24 I was also uncorrupt before him, * and eschewed mine own wickedness.

25 Therefore the LORD rewarded me after my righteous dealing, * and according unto the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.

26 With the holy thou shalt be holy, * and with a perfect man thou shalt be perfect.

27 With the clean thou shalt be clean, * and with the froward thou shalt be froward.

28 For thou shalt save the people that are in adversity, and shalt bring down the high looks of the proud.

29 Thou also shalt light my candle; * the LORD my God shall make my darkness to be light.

30 For in thee I shall discomfit an host of men, * and with the help of my God I shall leap over the wall.

31 The way of God is an undefiled way: * the word of the LORD also is tried in the fire; he is the defender of all them that put their trust in him.

32 For who is God, but the LORD? * or who hath any strength, except our God?

33 It is God that girdeth me
with strength of war, * and
maketh my way perfect.

34 He maketh my feet like
harts' feet, * and setteth me
up on high.

35 He teacheth mine hands
to fight, * and mine arms
shall bend even a bow of
steel.

36 Thou hast given me the
defence of thy salvation; *
thy right hand also shall
hold me up, and thy loving
correction shall make me
great.

37 Thou shalt make room
enough under me for to go,
* that my footsteps shall not
slide.

38 I will follow upon mine
enemies, and overtake
them; * neither will I turn
again till I have destroyed
them.

39 I will smite them, that
they shall not be able to
stand, * but fall under my
feet.

40 Thou hast girded me
with strength unto the
battle; * thou shalt throw
down mine enemies under
me.

41 Thou hast made mine
enemies also to turn their
backs upon me, * and I
shall destroy them that hate
me.

42 They shall cry, but there
shall be none to help them;
* yea, even unto the LORD
shall they cry, but he shall
not hear them.

43 I will beat them as small
as the dust before the wind:
* I will cast them out as the
clay in the streets.

44 Thou shalt deliver me
from the strivings of the
people, * and thou shalt
make me the head of the
nations; a people whom I
have not known shall serve
me.

45 As soon as they hear of
me, they shall obey me; *
the strangers shall feign
obedience unto me.

46 The strangers shall fail, *
and come trembling out of
their strongholds.

47 The LORD liveth; and
blessed be my strong
helper, * and praised be the
God of my salvation;

48 Even the God that seeth
that I be avenged, * and
subdueth the people unto
me.

49 It is he that delivereth
me from my cruel enemies,
and setteth me up above
mine adversaries: * thou
shalt rid me from the
wicked man.

50 For this cause will I give
thanks unto thee, O LORD,
among the Gentiles, * and
sing praises unto thy Name.

51 Great prosperity giveth
he unto his King, * and
showeth loving-kindness
unto David his anointed,
and unto his seed for
evermore.

THE FOURTH DAY.

Morning Prayer.

Psalm 19.

THE heavens declare the
glory of God; * and the
firmament showeth his
handy-work.

2 One day telleth another; *
and one night certifieth
another.

3 There is neither speech
nor language; * but their
voices are heard among
them.

4 Their sound is gone out
into all lands; * and their
words into the ends of the
world.

5 In them hath he set a
tabernacle for the sun; *
which cometh forth as a
bridegroom out of his
chamber, and rejoiceth as a
giant to run his course.

6 It goeth forth from the
uttermost part of the
heaven, and runneth about
unto the end of it again; *
and there is nothing hid
from the heat thereof.

7 The law of the LORD is an undefiled law, converting the soul; * the testimony of the LORD is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

8 The statutes of the LORD are right, and rejoice the heart; * the commandment of the LORD is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean, and endureth for ever; * the judgments of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; * sweeter also than honey, and the honeycomb.

11 Moreover, by them is thy servant taught; * and in keeping of them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how oft he offendeth? * O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.

13 Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion

over me; * so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.

14 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.

Psalm 20.

THE LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; * the Name of the God of Jacob defend thee:

2 Send thee help from the sanctuary, * and strengthen thee out of Sion:

3 Remember all thy offerings, * and accept thy burnt-sacrifice:

4 Grant thee thy heart's desire, * and fulfil all thy mind.

5 We will rejoice in thy salvation, and triumph in the Name of the Lord our God: * the LORD perform all thy petitions.

6 Now know I that the LORD
helpeth his anointed, and
will hear him from his holy
heaven, * even with the
wholesome strength of his
right hand.

7 Some put their trust in
chariots, and some in
horses; * but we will
remember the Name of the
LORD our God.

8 They are brought down
and fallen; * but we are
risen and stand upright.

9 Save, LORD; and hear us,
O King of heaven, * when
we call upon thee.

Psalm 21.

THE King shall rejoice in
thy strength, O LORD; *
exceeding glad shall he be
of thy salvation.

2 Thou hast given him his
heart's desire, * and hast
not denied him the request
of his lips.

3 For thou shalt meet him
with the blessings of
goodness, * and shalt set a

crown of pure gold upon his
head.

4 He asked life of thee; and
thou gavest him a long life,
* even for ever and ever.

5 His honour is great in thy
salvation; * glory and great
worship shalt thou lay upon
him.

6 For thou shalt give him
everlasting felicity, * and
make him glad with the joy
of thy countenance.

7 And why? because the
King putteth his trust in the
LORD; * and in the mercy of
the Most Highest he shall
not miscarry.

8 All thine enemies shall
feel thine hand; * thy right
hand shall find out them
that hate thee.

9 Thou shalt make them
like a fiery oven in time of
thy wrath: * the LORD shall
destroy them in his
displeasure, and the fire
shall consume them.

10 Their fruit shalt thou
root out of the earth, * and

their seed from among the children of men.

11 For they intended mischief against thee, * and imagined such a device as they are not able to perform.

12 Therefore shalt thou put them to flight, * and the strings of thy bow shalt thou make ready against the face of them.

13 Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength; * so will we sing, and praise thy power.

Evening Prayer.

Psalm 22.

MY God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me? * and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?

2 O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not; * and in the night season also I take no rest.

3 And thou continuest holy, * O thou Worship of Israel.

4 Our fathers hoped in thee; * they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.

5 They called upon thee, and were holpen; * they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.

6 But as for me, I am a worm, and no man; * a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the people.

7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn; * they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying,

8 He trusted in the LORD, that he would deliver him; * let him deliver him, if he will have him.

9 But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb; * thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.

10 I have been left unto thee ever since I was born; * thou art my God even from my mother's womb.

11 O go not from me; for trouble is hard at hand, *

and there is none to help me.

12 Many oxen are come about me; * fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.

13 They gape upon me with their mouths, * as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; * my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.

15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums, * and thou bringest me into the dust of death.

16 For many dogs are come about me, * and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.

17 They pierced my hands and my feet: I may tell all my bones: * they stand staring and looking upon me.

18 They part my garments among them, * and cast lots upon my vesture.

19 But be not thou far from me, O LORD; * thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.

20 Deliver my soul from the sword, * my darling from the power of the dog.

21 Save me from the lion's mouth; * thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.

22 I will declare thy Name unto my brethren; * in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

23 O praise the LORD, ye that fear him: * magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob; and fear him, all ye seed of Israel.

24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the low estate of the poor; * he hath not hid his face from him; but when he called unto him he heard him.

25 My praise is of thee in the great-congregation; * my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.

26 The poor shall eat, and be satisfied; they that seek after the LORD shall praise him: * your heart shall live for ever.

27 All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the LORD; * and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.

28 For the kingdom is the LORD's, * and he is the Governor among the nations.

29 All such as be fat upon earth * have eaten, and worshipped.

30 All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him; * and no man hath quickened his own soul.

31 My seed shall serve him: * they shall be counted unto the LORD for a generation.

32 They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness * unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.

Psalm 23.

THE LORD is my shepherd; * therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He shall feed me in a green pasture, * and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

3 He shall convert my soul, * and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; * for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them that trouble me; * thou

hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

6 Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; * and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

THE FIFTH DAY.

Morning Prayer.

Psalm 24.

THE earth is the LORD's, and all that therein is; * the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, * and stablished it upon the floods.

3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? * or who shall rise up in his holy place?

4 Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; * and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, * and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6 This is the generation of them that seek him; * even of them that seek thy face, O God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who is this King of glory? * It is the LORD strong and mighty, even the LORD mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; * and the King of glory shall come in.

10 Who is this King of glory? * Even the LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Psalm 25.

UNTO thee, O LORD, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee: * O let me not be confounded,

neither let mine enemies
triumph over me.

2 For all they that hope in
thee shall not be ashamed; *
but such as transgress
without a cause shall be put
to confusion.

3 Show me thy ways, O
LORD, * and teach me thy
paths.

4 Lead me forth in thy truth,
and learn me: * for thou art
the God of my salvation; in
thee hath been my hope all
the day long.

5 Call to remembrance, O
LORD, thy tender mercies, *
and thy loving-kindnesses,
which have been ever of
old.

6 O remember not the sins
and offences of my youth; *
but according to thy mercy
think thou upon me, O
LORD, for thy goodness.

7 Gracious and righteous is
the LORD; * therefore, will
he teach sinners in the way.

8 Them that are meek shall
he guide in judgment; * and

such as are gentle, them
shall he learn his way.

9 All the paths of the LORD
are mercy and truth, * unto
such as keep his covenant
and his testimonies.

10 For thy Name's sake, O
LORD, * be merciful unto
my sin; for it is great.

11 What man is he that
feareth the LORD? * him
shall he teach in the way
that he shall choose.

12 His soul shall dwell at
ease, * and his seed shall
inherit the land.

13 The secret of the LORD is
among them that fear him; *
and he will show them his
covenant.

14 Mine eyes are ever
looking unto the LORD; * for
he shall pluck my feet out
of the net.

15 Turn thee unto me, and
have mercy upon me; * for I
am desolate, and in misery.

16 The sorrows of my heart
are enlarged: * O bring thou
me out of my troubles.

17 Look upon my adversity
and misery, * and forgive
me all my sin.

18 Consider mine enemies,
how many they are; * and
they bear a tyrannous hate
against me.

19 O keep my soul, and
deliver me: * let me not be
confounded, for I have put
my trust in thee.

20 Let perfectness and
righteous dealing wait upon
me; * for my hope hath
been in thee.

21 Deliver Israel, O God, *
out of all his troubles.

Psalm 26.

BE thou my Judge, O LORD,
for I have walked
innocently: * my trust hath
been also in the LORD,
therefore shall I not fall.

2 Examine me, O LORD, and
prove me; * try out my reins
and my heart.

3 For thy loving-kindness is
ever before mine eyes; *
and I will walk in thy truth.

4 I have not dwelt with vain
persons; * neither will I
have fellowship with the
deceitful.

5 I have hated the
congregation of the wicked;
* and will not sit among the
ungodly.

6 I will wash my hands in
innocency, O LORD; * and
so will I go to thine altar;

7 That I may show the voice
of thanksgiving, * and tell
of all thy wondrous works.

8 LORD, I have loved the
habitation of thy house, *
and the place where thine
honour dwelleth.

9 O shut not up my soul
with the sinners, * nor my
life with the blood-thirsty;

10 In whose hands is
wickedness, * and their
right hand is full of gifts.

11 But as for me, I will
walk innocently: * O
deliver me, and be merciful
unto me.

12 My foot standeth right: *
I will praise the LORD in the
congregations.

Evening Prayer.

Psalm 27.

THE LORD is my light and
my salvation; whom then
shall I fear? * the LORD is
the strength of my life; of
whom then shall I be
afraid?

2 When the wicked, even
mine enemies and my foes,
came upon me to eat up my
flesh, * they stumbled and
fell.

3 Though an host of men
were laid against me, yet
shall not my heart be afraid;
* and though there rose up
war against me, yet will I
put my trust in him.

4 One thing have I desired
of the LORD, which I will
require; * even that I may
dwell in the house of the
LORD all the days of my life,
to behold the fair beauty of

the LORD, and to visit his
temple.

5 For in the time of trouble
he shall hide me in his
tabernacle; * yea, in the
secret place of his dwelling
shall he hide me, and set me
up upon a rock of stone.

6 And now shall he lift up
mine head * above mine
enemies round about me.

7 Therefore will I offer in
his dwelling an oblation,
with great gladness: * I will
sing and speak praises unto
the LORD.

8 Hearken unto my voice, O
LORD, when I cry unto thee;
* have mercy upon me, and
hear me.

9 My heart hath talked of
thee, Seek ye my face: *
Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

10 O hide not thou thy face
from me, * nor cast thy
servant away in displeasure.

11 Thou hast been my
succour; * leave me not,
neither forsake me, O God
of my salvation.

12 When my father and my
mother forsake me, * the
LORD taketh me up.

13 Teach me thy way, O
LORD, * and lead me in the
right way, because of mine
enemies.

14 Deliver me not over into
the will of mine adversaries:
* for there are false
witnesses risen up against
me, and such as speak
wrong.

15 I should utterly have
fainted, * but that I believe
verily to see the goodness
of the LORD in the land of
the living.

16 O tarry thou the LORD's
leisure; * be strong, and he
shall comfort thine heart;
and put thou thy trust in the
LORD.

Psalm 28.

UNTO thee will I cry, O
LORD, my strength: * think
no scorn of me; lest, if thou
make as though thou hearest

not, I become like them that
go down into the pit.

2 Hear the voice of my
humble petitions, when I
cry unto thee; * when I hold
up my hands towards the
mercyseat of thy holy
temple.

3 O pluck me not away,
neither destroy me with the
ungodly and wicked doers,
* which speak friendly to
their neighbours, but
imagine mischief in their
hearts.

4 Reward them according to
their deeds, * and according
to the wickedness of their
own inventions.

5 Recompense them after
the work of their hands; *
pay them that they have
deserved.

6 For they regard not in
their mind the works of the
LORD, nor the operation of
his hands; * therefore shall
he break them down, and
not build them up.

7 Praised be the LORD; * for he hath heard the voice of my humble petitions.

8 The LORD is my strength, and my shield; my heart hath trusted in him, and I am helped; * therefore my heart danceth for joy, and in my song will I praise him.

9 The LORD is my strength, * and he is the wholesome defence of his anointed.

10 O save thy people, and give thy blessing unto thine inheritance: * feed them, and set them up for ever.

Psalm 29.

ASCRIBE unto the LORD, O ye mighty, * ascribe unto the LORD worship and strength.

2 Ascribe unto the LORD the honour due unto his Name; * worship the LORD with holy worship.

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; * it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder.

4 It is the LORD that ruleth the sea; the voice of the LORD is mighty in operation; * the voice of the LORD is a glorious voice.

5 The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedar-trees; * yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.

6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf; * Lebanon also, and Sirion, like a young unicorn.

7 The voice of the LORD divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness; * yea, the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and strippeth bare the forests: * in his temple doth every thing speak of his honour.

9 The LORD sitteth above the water-flood, * and the LORD remaineth a King for ever.

10 The LORD shall give strength unto his people; * the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

THE SIXTH DAY.

Morning Prayer.

Psalm 30.

I WILL magnify thee, O LORD; for thou hast set me up, * and not made my foes to triumph over me.

2 O LORD my God, I cried unto thee; * and thou hast healed me.

3 Thou, LORD, hast brought my soul out of hell: * thou hast kept my life, that I should not go down into the pit.

4 Sing praises unto the LORD, O ye saints of his; * and give thanks unto him, for a remembrance of his holiness.

5 For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life; * heaviness may endure for a

night, but joy cometh in the morning.

6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed: * thou, LORD, of thy goodness, hast made my hill so strong.

7 Thou didst turn thy face from me, * and I was troubled.

8 Then cried I unto thee, O LORD; * and gat me to my LORD right humbly.

9 What profit is there in my blood, * when I go down into the pit?

10 Shall the dust give thanks unto thee? * or shall it declare thy truth?

11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; * LORD, be thou my helper.

12 Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy; * thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness:

13 Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing. * O my

God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

Psalm 31.

IN thee, O LORD, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion; * deliver me in thy righteousness.

2 Bow down thine ear to me; * make haste to deliver me.

3 And be thou my strong rock, and house of defence, * that thou mayest save me.

4 For thou art my strong rock, and my castle: * be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.

5 Draw me out of the net that they have laid privily for me; * for thou art my strength.

6 Into thy hands I commend my spirit; * for thou hast redeemed me, O LORD, thou God of truth.

7 I have hated them that hold of lying vanities, * and

my trust hath been in the LORD.

8 I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy; * for thou hast considered my trouble, and hast known my soul in adversities.

9 Thou hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy; * but hast set my feet in a large room.

10 Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble, * and mine eye is consumed for very heaviness; yea, my soul and my body.

11 For my life is waxen old with heaviness, * and my years with mourning.

12 My strength faileth me, because of mine iniquity, * and my bones are consumed.

13 I became a reproach among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours; * and they of mine acquaintance were afraid of me; and they that did see me without,

conveyed themselves from me.

14 I am clean forgotten as a dead man out of mind; * I am become like a broken vessel.

15 For I have heard the blasphemy of the multitude, and fear is on every side; * while they conspire together against me, and take their counsel to take away my life.

16 But my hope hath been in thee, O LORD; * I have said, Thou art my God.

17 My times are in thy hand; deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, * and from them that persecute me.

18 Show thy servant the light of thy countenance, * and save me for thy mercy's sake.

19 Let me not be confounded, O LORD, for I have called upon thee; * let the ungodly be put to

confusion, and be put to silence in the grave.

20 Let the lying lips be put to silence, * which cruelly, disdainfully, and despitefully speak against the righteous.

21 O how plentiful is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee, * and that thou hast prepared for them that put their trust in thee, even before the sons of men!

22 Thou shalt hide them in the covert of thine own presence from the plottings of men: * thou shalt keep them secretly in thy tabernacle from the strife of tongues.

23 Thanks be to the LORD; * for he hath showed me marvellous great kindness in a strong city.

24 But in my haste I said, * I am cast out of the sight of thine eyes.

25 Nevertheless, thou heardest the voice of my

prayer, * when I cried unto thee.

26 O love the LORD, all ye his saints; * for the LORD preserveth them that are faithful, and plenteously rewardeth the proud doer.

27 Be strong, and he shall establish your heart, * all ye that put your trust in the LORD.

Evening Prayer.

Psalm 32.

BLESSED is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven, * and whose sin is covered.

2 Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth no sin, * and in whose spirit there is no guile.

3 For whilst I held my tongue, * my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.

4 For thy hand was heavy upon me day and night, * and my moisture was like the drought in summer.

5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee; * and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.

6 I said, I will confess my sins unto the LORD; * and SO thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.

7 For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee, in a time when thou mayest be found; * surely the great water-floods shall not come nigh him.

8 Thou art a place to hide me in; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; * thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

9 I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go; * and I will guide thee with mine eye.

10 Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding; * whose mouths must be held with

bit and bridle, else they will not obey thee.

11 Great plagues remain for the ungodly; * but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD, mercy embraceth him on every side.

12 Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; * and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

Psalm 33.

REJOICE in the LORD, O ye righteous; * for it becometh well the just to be thankful.

2 Praise the LORD with harp; * sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.

3 Sing unto the Lord a new song; * sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.

4 For the word of the LORD is true; * and all his works are faithful.

5 He loveth righteousness and judgment; * the earth is

full of the goodness of the LORD.

6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; * and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an heap; * and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD: * stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.

9 For he spake, and it was done; * he commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought, * and maketh the devices of the people to be of none effect, and casteth out the counsels of princes.

11 The counsel of the LORD shall endure for ever, * and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.

12 Blessed are the people
whose God is the Lord
JEHOVAH; * and blessed are
the folk that he hath chosen
to him, to be his
inheritance.

13 The LORD looketh down
from heaven, and beholdeth
all the children of men; *
from the habitation of his
dwelling, he considereth all
them that dwell on the
earth.

14 He fashioneth all the
hearts of them, * and
understandeth all their
works.

15 There is no king that can
be saved by the multitude of
an host; * neither is any
mighty man delivered by
much strength.

16 A horse is counted but a
vain thing to save a man; *
neither shall he deliver any
man by his great strength.

17 Behold, the eye of the
LORD is upon them that fear
him, * and upon them that
put their trust in his mercy;

18 To deliver their soul
from death, * and to feed
them in the time of dearth.
19 Our soul hath patiently
tarried for the LORD; * for
he is our help and our
shield.

20 For our heart shall
rejoice in him; * because
we have hoped in his holy
Name.

21 Let thy merciful
kindness, O LORD, be upon
us, * like as we do put our
trust in thee.

Psalm 34.

I WILL alway give thanks
unto the LORD; * his praise
shall ever be in my mouth.

2 My soul shall make her
boast in the LORD; * the
humble shall hear thereof,
and be glad.

3 O praise the LORD with
me, * and let us magnify his
Name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he
heard me; * yea, he

delivered me out of all my fear.

5 They had an eye unto him, and were lightened; * and their faces were not ashamed.

6 Lo, the poor crieth, and the LORD heareth him; * yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD tarrieth round about them that fear him, * and delivereth them.

8 O taste, and see, how gracious the LORD is: * blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

9 O fear the LORD, ye that are his saints; * for they that fear him lack nothing.

10 The lions do lack, and suffer hunger; * but they who seek the LORD shall want no manner of thing that is good.

11 Come, ye children, and hearken unto me; * I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12 What man is he that lusteth to live, * and would fain see good days?

13 Keep thy tongue from evil, * and thy lips, that they speak no guile.

14 Eschew evil, and do good; * seek peace, and ensue it.

15 The eyes of the LORD are over the righteous, * and his ears are open unto their prayers.

16 The countenance of the LORD is against them that do evil, * to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth them, * and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, * and will save such as be of an humble spirit.

19 Great are the troubles of the righteous; * but the LORD delivereth him out of all.

20 He keepeth all his bones,
* so that not one of them is
broken.

21 But misfortune shall slay
the ungodly; * and they that
hate the righteous shall be
desolate.

22 The LORD delivereth the
souls of his servants; * and
all they that put their trust in
him shall not be destitute.

THE SEVENTH DAY.

Morning Prayer.

Psalm 35.

PLEAD thou my cause, O
LORD, with them that strive
with me, * and fight thou
against them that fight
against me.

2 Lay hand upon the shield
and buckler, * and stand up
to help me.

3 Bring forth the spear, and
stop the way against them
that pursue me: * say unto
my soul, I am thy salvation.

4 Let them be confounded,
and put to shame, that seek
after my soul; * let them be

turned back, and brought to
confusion, that imagine
mischief for me.

5 Let them be as the dust
before the wind, * and the
angel of the LORD scattering
them.

6 Let their way be dark and
slippery, * and let the angel
of the LORD pursue them.

7 For 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.

8 Let a sudden destruction
come upon him unawares,
and his net that he hath laid
privily catch himself; * that
he may fall into his own
mischief.

9 And my soul shall be
joyful in the LORD; * it shall
rejoice in his salvation.

10 All my bones shall say,
LORD, who is like unto thee,
who deliverest the poor
from him that is too strong
for him; * yea, the poor, and

him that is in misery, from
him that spoileth him?

11 False witnesses did rise
up: * they laid to my charge
things that I knew not.

12 They rewarded me evil
for good, * to the great
discomfort of my soul.

13 Nevertheless, when they
were sick, I put on
sackcloth, and humbled my
soul with fasting; * and my
prayer shall turn into mine
own bosom.

14 I behaved myself as
though it had been my
friend or my brother; * I
went heavily, as one that
mourneth for his mother.

15 But in mine adversity
they rejoiced, and gathered
themselves together; * yea,
the very abjects came
together against me
unawares, making mouths
at me, and ceased not.

16 With the flatterers were
busy mockers, * who
gnashed upon me with their
teeth.

17 Lord, how long wilt thou
look upon this? * O deliver
my soul from the calamities
which they bring on me,
and my darling from the
lions.

18 So will I give thee
thanks in the great
congregation; * I will praise
thee among much people.

19 O let not them that are
mine enemies triumph over
me ungodly; * neither let
them wink with their eyes,
that hate me without a
cause.

20 And why? their
communing is not for
peace; * but they imagine
deceitful words against
them that are quiet in the
land.

21 They gaped upon me
with their mouths, and said,
* Fie on thee! fie on thee!
we saw it with our eyes.

22 This thou hast seen, O
LORD; * hold not thy tongue
then; go not far from me, O
Lord.

23 Awake, and stand up to
judge my quarrel; * avenge
thou my cause, my God and
my Lord.

24 Judge me, O LORD my
God, according to thy
righteousness; * and let
them not triumph over me.

25 Let them not say in their
hearts, There! there! so
would we have it; * neither
let them say, We have
devoured him.

26 Let them be put to
confusion and shame
together, that rejoice at my
trouble; * let them be
clothed with rebuke and
dishonour, that boast
themselves against me.

27 Let them be glad and
rejoice, that favour my
righteous dealing; * yea, let
them say alway, Blessed be
the LORD, who hath pleasure
in the prosperity of his
servant.

28 And as for my tongue, it
shall be talking of thy

righteousness, * and of thy
praise, all the day long.

Psalm 36.

MY heart sheweth me the
wickedness of the ungodly,
* that there is no fear of
God before his eyes.

2 For he flattereth himself
in his own sight, * until his
abominable sin be found
out.

3 The words of his mouth
are unrighteous and full of
deceit: * he hath left off to
behave himself wisely, and
to do good.

4 He imagineth mischief
upon his bed, and hath set
himself in no good way; *
neither doth he abhor any
thing that is evil.

5 Thy mercy, O LORD,
reacheth unto the' heavens,
* and thy faithfulness unto
the clouds.

6 Thy righteousness
standeth like the strong
mountains: * thy judgments
are like the great deep.

7 Thou, LORD, shalt save both man and beast: how excellent is thy mercy, O God! * and the children of men shall put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

8 They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness of thy house; * and thou shalt give them drink of thy pleasures, as out of the river.

9 For with thee is the well of life; * and in thy light shall we see light.

10 O continue forth thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee, * and thy righteousness unto them that are true of heart.

11 O let not the foot of pride come against me; * and let not the hand of the ungodly cast me down.

12 There are they fallen, all that work wickedness; * they are cast down, and shall not be able to stand.

Evening Prayer.

Psalm 37.

FRET not thyself because of the ungodly; * neither be thou envious against the evil doers.

2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, * and be withered even as the green herb.

3 Put thou thy trust in the LORD, and be doing good; * dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

4 Delight thou in the LORD, * and he shall give thee thy heart's desire.

5 Commit thy way unto the LORD, and put thy trust in him, * and he shall bring it to pass.

6 He shall make thy righteousness as clear as the light, * and thy just dealing as the noon-day.

7 Hold thee still in the LORD, and abide patiently upon him: * but grieve not thyself at him whose way doth prosper, against the

man that doeth after evil
counsels.

8 Leave off from wrath, and
let go displeasure: * fret not
thyself, else shalt thou be
moved to do evil.

9 Wicked doers shall be
rooted out; * and they that
patiently abide the LORD,
those shall inherit the land.

10 Yet a little while, and the
ungodly shall be clean
gone: * thou shalt look after
his place, and he shall be
away.

11 But the meek-spirited
shall possess the earth, *
and shall be refreshed in the
multitude of peace.

12 The ungodly seeketh
counsel against the just, *
and gnasheth upon him with
his teeth.

13 The Lord shall laugh
him to-scorn; * for he hath
seen that his day is coming.

14 The ungodly have drawn
out the sword, and have
bent their bow, * to cast
down the poor and needy,

and to slay such as be
upright in their ways.

15 Their sword shall go
through their own heart, *
and their bow shall be
broken.

16 A small thing that the
righteous hath, * is better
than great riches of the
ungodly.

17 For the arms of the
ungodly shall be broken, *
and the LORD upholdeth the
righteous.

18 The LORD knoweth the
days of the godly; * and
their inheritance shall
endure for ever.

19 They shall not be
confounded in the perilous
time; * and in the days of
dearth they shall have
enough.

20 As for the ungodly, they
shall perish, and the
enemies of the LORD shall
consume as the fat of
lambs: * yea, even as the
smoke shall they consume
away.

21 The ungodly borroweth,
and payeth not again; * but
the righteous is merciful
and liberal.

22 Such as are blessed of
God, shall possess the land;
* and they that are cursed of
him, shall be rooted out.

23 The LORD ordereth a
good man's going, * and
maketh his way acceptable
to himself.

24 Though he fall, he shall
not be cast away; * for the
LORD upholdeth him with
his hand.

25 I have been young, and
now am old; * and yet saw I
never the righteous
forsaken, nor his seed
begging their bread.

26 The righteous is ever
merciful, and lendeth; * and
his seed is blessed.

27 Flee from evil, and do
the thing that is good; * and
dwell for evermore.

28 For the LORD loveth the
thing that is right; * he
forsaketh not his that be

godly, but they are
preserved for ever.

29 The unrighteous shall be
punished; * as for the seed
of the ungodly, it shall be
rooted out.

30 The righteous shall
inherit the land, * and dwell
therein for ever.

31 The mouth of the
righteous is exercised in
wisdom, * and his tongue
will be talking of judgment.

32 The law of his God is in
his heart, * and his goings
shall not slide.

33 The ungodly watcheth
the righteous, * and seeketh
occasion to slay him.

34 The LORD will not leave
him in his hand, * nor
condemn him when he is
judged.

35 Hope thou in the LORD,
and keep his way, and he
shall promote thee, that
thou shalt possess the land:
* when the ungodly shall
perish, thou shalt see it.

36 I myself have seen the
ungodly in great power, *
and flourishing like a green
bay-tree.

37 I went by, and lo, he was
gone: * I sought him, but
his place could no where be
found.

38 Keep innocency, and
take heed unto the thing that
is right; * for that shall
bring a man peace at the
last.

39 As for the transgressors,
they shall perish together; *
and the end of the ungodly
is, they shall be rooted out
at the last.

40 But the salvation of the
righteous cometh of the
LORD; * who is also their
strength in the time of
trouble.

41 And the LORD shall stand
by them, and save them: *
he shall deliver them from
the ungodly, and shall save
them, because they put their
trust in him.

THE EIGHTH DAY.

Morning Prayer.

Psalms 38.

PUT me not to rebuke, O
LORD, in thine anger; *
neither chasten me in thy
heavy displeasure:

2 For thine arrows stick fast
in me, * and thy hand
presseth me sore.

3 There is no health in my
flesh, because of thy
displeasure; * neither is
there any rest in my bones,
by reason of my sin.

4 For my wickednesses are
gone over my head, * and
are like a sore burden, too
heavy for me to bear.

5 My wounds stink, and are
corrupt, * through my
foolishness.

6 I am brought into so great
trouble and misery, * that I
go mourning all the day
long.

7 For my loins are filled
with a sore disease, * and
there is no whole part in my
body.

8 I am feeble and sore smitten; * I have roared for the very disquietness of my heart.

9 Lord, thou knowest all my desire; * and my groaning is not hid from thee.

10 My heart panteth, my strength hath failed me, * and the light of mine eyes is gone from me.

11 My lovers and my neighbours did stand looking upon my trouble, * and my kinsmen stood afar off.

12 They also that sought after my life laid snares for me; * and they that went about to do me evil talked of wickedness, and imagined deceit all the day long.

13 As for me, I was like a deaf man, and heard not; * and as one that is dumb, who doth not open his mouth.

14 I became even as a man that heareth not, * and in

whose mouth are no reproofs.

15 For in thee, O LORD, have I put my trust; * thou shalt answer for me, O Lord my God.

16 I have required that they, even mine enemies, should not triumph over me; * for when my foot slipt, they rejoiced greatly against me.

17 And I truly am set in the plague, * and my heaviness is ever in my sight.

18 For I will confess my wickedness, * and be sorry for my sin.

19 But mine enemies live, and are mighty; * and they that hate me wrongfully are many in number.

20 They also that reward evil for good are against me; * because I follow the thing that good is.

21 Forsake me not, O LORD my God; * be not thou far from me.

Psalm 39.

I SAID, I will take heed to
my ways, * that I offend not
in my tongue

2 I will keep my mouth as it
were with a bridle, * while
the ungodly is in my sight.

3 I held my tongue, and
spake nothing: * I kept
silence, yea, even from
good words; but it was pain
and grief to me.

4 My heart was hot within
me: and while I was thus
musing the fire kindled, *
and at the last I spake with
my tongue:

5 LORD, let me know mine
end, and the number of my
days; * that I may be
certified how long I have to
live.

6 Behold, thou hast made
my days as it were a span
long, and mine age is even
as nothing in respect of
thee; * and verily every
man living is altogether
vanity.

7 For man walketh in a vain
shadow, and disquieteth
himself in vain; * he
heapeth up riches, and
cannot tell who shall gather
them.

8 And now, Lord, what is
my hope? * truly my hope
is even in thee.

9 Deliver me from all mine
offences; * and make me
not a rebuke unto the
foolish.

10 I became dumb, and
opened not my mouth; * for
it was thy doing.

11 Take thy plague away
from me: * I am even
consumed by the means of
thy heavy hand.

12 When thou with rebukes
dost chasten man for sin,
thou makest his beauty to
consume away, like as it
were a moth fretting a
garment: * every man
therefore is but vanity.

13 Hear my prayer, O LORD,
and with thine ears consider

my calling; * hold not thy
peace at my tears;

14 For I am a stranger with
thee, and a sojourner, * as
all my fathers were.

15 O spare me a little, that I
may recover my strength, *
before I go hence, and be no
more seen.

Psalm 40.

I WAITED patiently for the
LORD, * and he inclined
unto me, and heard my
calling.

2 He brought me also out of
the horrible pit, out of the
mire and clay, * and set my
feet upon the rock, and
ordered my goings.

3 And he hath put a new
song in my mouth, * even a
thanksgiving unto our God.

4 Many shall see it, and
fear, * and shall put their
trust in the LORD.

5 Blessed is the man that
hath set his hope in the
LORD, * and turned not unto

the proud, and to such as go
about with lies.

6 O LORD my God, great are
the wondrous works which
thou hast done, like as be
also thy thoughts, which are
to us-ward; * and yet there
is no man that ordereth
them unto thee.

7 If I should declare them,
and speak of them, * they
should be more than I am
able to express.

8 Sacrifice and offering
thou wouldest not, * but
mine ears hast thou opened.

9 Burnt-offering and
sacrifice for sin hast thou
not required: * then said I,
Lo, I come;

10 In the volume of the
book it is written of me, that
I should fulfil thy will, O
my God: * I am content to
do it; yea, thy law is within
my heart.

11 I have declared thy
righteousness in the great
congregation: * lo, I will

not refrain my lips, O LORD,
and that thou knowest.

12 I have not hid thy
righteousness within my
heart; * my talk hath been
of thy truth, and of thy
salvation.

13 I have not kept back thy
loving mercy and truth *
from the great congregation.

14 Withdraw not thou thy
mercy from me, O LORD; *
let thy loving-kindness and
thy truth always preserve
me.

15 For innumerable troubles
are come about me; my sins
have taken such hold upon
me, that I am not able to
look up; * yea, they are
more in number than the
hairs of my head, and my
heart hath failed me.

16 O LORD, let it be thy
pleasure to deliver me; *
make haste, O LORD, to help
me.

17 Let them be ashamed,
and confounded together,
that seek after my soul to

destroy it; * let them be
driven backward, and put to
rebuke, that wish me evil.

18 Let them be desolate,
and rewarded with shame, *
that say unto me, Fie upon
thee! fie upon thee!

19 Let all those that seek
thee, be joyful and glad in
thee; * and let such as love
thy salvation, say always,
The LORD be praised.

20 As for me, I am poor and
needy; * but the Lord careth
for me.

21 Thou art my helper and
redeemer; * make no long
tarrying, O my God.

Evening Prayer.

Psalm 41.

BLESSED is he that
considereth the poor and
needy; * the LORD shall
deliver him in the time of
trouble.

2 The LORD preserve him,
and keep him alive, that he
may be blessed upon earth;

* and deliver not thou him
into the will of his enemies.

3 The LORD comfort him
when he lieth sick upon his
bed; * make thou all his bed
in his sickness.

4 I said, LORD, be merciful
unto me; * heal my soul, for
I have sinned against thee.

5 Mine enemies speak evil
of me, * When shall he die,
and his name perish?

6 And if he come to see me,
he speaketh vanity, * and
his heart conceiveth
falsehood within himself;
and when he cometh forth,
he telleth it.

7 All mine enemies whisper
together against me; * even
against me do they imagine
this evil.

8 An evil disease, say they,
cleaveth fast unto him; *
and now that he lieth, he
shall rise up no more.

9 Yea, even mine own
familiar friend whom I
trusted, * who did also eat

of my bread, hath laid great
wait for me.

10 But be thou merciful
unto me, O LORD; * raise
thou me up again, and I
shall reward them.

11 By this I know thou
favourest me, * that mine
enemy doth not triumph
against me.

12 And in my innocency
thou upholdest me, * and
shalt set me before thy face
for ever.

13 Blessed be the LORD God
of Israel, * world without
end. Amen.

Psalm 42.

LIKE as the hart desireth
the water-brooks, * so
longeth my soul after thee,
O God.

2 My soul is athirst for God,
yea, even for the living
God: * when shall I come to
appear before the presence
of God?

3 My tears have been my
meat day and night, * while

they daily say unto me,
Where is now thy God?
4 Now when I think
thereupon, I pour out my
heart by myself; * for I
went with the multitude,
and brought them forth into
the house of God;
5 In the voice of praise and
thanksgiving, * among such
as keep holy-day.
6 Why art thou so full of
heaviness, O my soul? *
and why art thou so
disquieted within me?
7 O put thy trust in God; *
for I will yet thank him,
which is the help of my
countenance, and my God.
8 My soul is vexed within
me; * therefore will I
remember thee from the
land of Jordan, from
Hermon and the little hill.
9 One deep calleth another,
because of the noise of thy
water-floods; * all thy
waves and storms are gone
over me.

10 The LORD will grant his
loving-kindness in the
daytime; * and in the night
season will I sing of him,
and make my prayer unto
the God of my life.

11 I will say unto the God
of my strength, Why hast
thou forgotten me? * why
go I thus heavily, while the
enemy oppresseth me?

12 My bones are smitten
asunder as with a sword, *
while mine enemies that
trouble me cast me in the
teeth;

13 Namely, while they say
daily unto me, * Where is
now thy God?

14 Why art thou so vexed,
O my soul? * and why art
thou so disquieted within
me?

15 O put thy trust in God; *
for I will yet thank him,
which is the help of my
countenance, and my God.

Psalm 43.

GIVE sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people;

* O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.

2 For thou art the God of my strength; why hast thou put me from thee? * and

why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?

3 O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me, * and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling;

4 And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness; * and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God, my God.

5 Why art thou so heavy, O my soul? * and why art thou so disquieted within me?

6 O put thy trust in God; * for I will yet give him thanks, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

THE NINTH DAY.

Morning Prayer.

Psalm 44.

WE have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us * what thou hast done in their time of old:

2 How thou hast driven out the heathen with thy hand, and planted our fathers in; * how thou hast destroyed the nations, and made thy people to flourish.

3 For they gat not the land in possession through their own sword, * neither was it their own arm that helped them;

4 But thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance; * because thou hadst a favour unto them.

5 Thou art my King, O God; * send help unto Jacob.

6 Through thee will we overthrow our enemies, *

and in thy Name will we
tread them under that rise
up against us.

7 For I will not trust in my
bow, * it is not my sword
that shall help me;

8 But it is thou that savest
us from our enemies, * and
puttest them to confusion
that hate us.

9 We make our boast of
God all day long, * and will
praise thy Name for ever.

10 But now thou art far off,
and puttest us to confusion,
* and goest not forth with
our armies.

11 Thou makest us to turn
our backs upon our
enemies, * so that they
which hate us spoil our
goods.

12 Thou lettest us be eaten
up like sheep, * and hast
scattered us among the
heathen.

13 Thou sellest thy people
for nought, * and takest no
money for them.

14 Thou makest us to be
rebuked of our neighbours,
* to be laughed to scorn,
and had in derision of them
that are round about us.

15 Thou makest us to be a
by-word among the nations,
* and that the peoples shake
their heads at us.

16 My confusion is daily
before me, * and the shame
of my face hath covered
me;

17 For the voice of the
slanderer and blasphemer, *
for the enemy and avenger.

18 And though all this be
come upon us, yet do we
not forget thee, * nor
behave ourselves frowardly
in thy covenant.

19 Our heart is not turned
back, * neither our steps
gone out of thy way;

20 No, not when thou hast
smitten us into the place of
dragons, * and covered us
with the shadow of death.

21 If we have forgotten the
Name of our God, and

holden up our hands to any strange god, * shall not God search it out? for he knoweth the very secrets of the heart.

22 For thy sake also are we killed all the day long, * and are counted as sheep appointed to be slain.

23 Up, Lord, why sleepest thou? * awake, and be not absent from us for ever.

24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, * and forgettest our misery and trouble?

25 For our soul is brought low, even unto the dust; * our belly cleaveth unto the ground.

26 Arise, and help us, * and deliver us, for thy mercy's sake.

Psalm 45.

MY heart overfloweth with a good matter; I speak the things which I have made concerning the King. * My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

2 Thou art fairer than the children of men; * full of grace are thy lips, because God hath blessed thee for ever.

3 Gird thee with thy sword upon thy thigh, O thou Most Mighty, * according to thy worship and renown.

4 Good luck have thou with thine honour: * ride on, because of the word of truth, of meekness, and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

5 Thy arrows are very sharp in the heart of the King's enemies, * and the people shall be subdued unto thee.

6 Thy seat, O God, endureth for ever; * the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

7 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; * wherefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

8 All thy garments smell of myrrh, aloes, and cassia; * out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

9 Kings' daughters are among thy honourable women; * upon thy right hand doth stand the queen in a vesture of gold, wrought about with divers colours.

10 Hearken, O daughter, and consider; incline thine ear; * forget also thine own people, and thy father's house.

11 So shall the King have pleasure in thy beauty; * for he is thy Lord, and worship thou him.

12 And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift; * like as the rich also among the people shall make their supplication before thee.

13 The King's daughter is all glorious within; * her clothing is of wrought gold.

14 She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needlework: * the virgins that be her fellows shall bear her company, and shall be brought unto thee.

15 With joy and gladness shall they be brought, * and shall enter into the King's palace.

16 Instead of thy fathers, thou shalt have children, * whom thou mayest make princes in all lands.

17 I will make thy Name to be remembered from one generation to another; * therefore shall the people give thanks unto thee, world without end.

Psalm 46.

GOD is our hope and strength, * a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved, * and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;

3 Though the waters thereof
rage and swell, * and
though the mountains shake
at the tempest of the same.

4 There is a river, the
streams whereof make glad
the city of God; * the holy
place of the tabernacle of
the Most Highest.

5 God is in the midst of her,
therefore shall she not be
removed; * God shall help
her, and that right early.

6 The nations make much
ado, and the kingdoms are
moved; * but God hath
showed his voice, and the
earth shall melt away.

7 The LORD of hosts is with
us; * the God of Jacob is
our refuge.

8 O come hither, and behold
the works of the LORD, *
what destruction he hath
brought upon the earth.

9 He maketh wars to cease
in all the world; * he
breaketh the bow, and
knappeth the spear in

sunder, and burneth the
chariots in the fire.

10 Be still then, and know
that I am God: * I will be
exalted among the nations,
and I will be exalted in the
earth.

11 The LORD of hosts is
with us; * the God of Jacob
is our refuge.

Evening Prayer.

Psalm 47.

CLAP your hands together,
all ye peoples: * O sing
unto God with the voice of
melody.

2 For the LORD is high, and
to be feared; * he is the
great King upon all the
earth.

3 He shall subdue the
peoples under us, * and the
nations under our feet.

4 He shall choose out an
heritage for us, * even the
excellency of Jacob, whom
he loved.

5 God is gone up with a merry noise, * and the LORD with the sound of the trump.

6 O sing praises, sing praises unto our God; * O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.

7 For God is the King of all the earth: * sing ye praises with understanding.

8 God reigneth over the nations; * God sitteth upon his holy seat.

9 The princes of the peoples are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham; * for God, which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.

Psalm 48.

GREAT is the LORD, and highly to be praised * in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.

2 The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth; * upon the north side lieth the city of

the great King: God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.

3 For lo, the kings of the earth * were gathered, and gone by together.

4 They marvelled to see such things; * they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.

5 Fear came there upon them; and sorrow, * as upon a woman in her travail.

6 Thou dost break the ships of the sea * through the east-wind.

7 Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God; * God upholdeth the same for ever.

8 We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God, * in the midst of thy temple.

9 O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end; * thy right hand is full of righteousness.

10 Let the mount Sion
rejoice, and the daughters of
Judah be glad, * because of
thy judgments.

11 Walk about Sion, and go
round about her; * and tell
the towers thereof.

12 Mark well her bulwarks,
consider her palaces, * that
ye may tell them that come
after.

13 For this God is our God
for ever and ever: * he shall
be our guide unto death.

Psalm 49.

O HEAR ye this, all ye
people; * ponder it with
your ears, all ye that dwell
in the world;

2 High and low, rich and
poor, * one with another.

3 My mouth shall speak of
wisdom, * and my heart
shall muse of
understanding.

4 I will incline mine ear to
the parable, * and show my
dark speech upon the harp.

5 Wherefore should I fear in
the days of evil, * when
wickedness at my heels
compasseth me round
about?

6 There be some that put
their trust in their goods, *
and boast themselves in the
multitude of their riches.

7 But no man may deliver
his brother, * nor give a
ransom unto God for him,

8 (For it cost more to
redeem their souls, * so that
he must let that alone for
ever;)

9 That he shall live alway, *
and not see the grave.

10 For he seeth that wise
men also die and perish
together, * as well as the
ignorant and foolish, and
leave their riches for other.

11 And yet they think that
their houses shall continue
for ever, and that their
dwelling-places shall
endure from one generation
to another; * and call the
lands after their own names.

12 Nevertheless, man being
in honour abideth not, *
seeing he may be compared
unto the beasts that perish;
13 This their way is very
foolishness; * yet their
posterity praise their saying.
14 They lie in the grave like
sheep; death is their
shepherd; and the righteous
shall have dominion over
them in the morning: * their
beauty shall consume in the
sepulchre, and have no
abiding.

15 But God hath delivered
my soul from the power of
the grave; * for he shall
receive me.

16 Be not thou afraid,
though one be made rich, *
or if the glory of his house
be increased;

17 For he shall carry
nothing away with him
when he dieth, * neither
shall his pomp follow him.

18 For while he lived, he
counted himself an happy
man; * and so long as thou

doest well unto thyself, men
will speak good of thee.

19 He shall follow the
generation of his fathers, *
and shall never see light.

20 Man that is in honour but
hath no understanding * is
compared unto the beasts
that perish.

THE TENTH DAY.

Morning Prayer.

Psalm 50.

THE LORD, even the Most
Mighty God, hath spoken, *
and called the world, from
the rising up of the sun unto
the going down thereof.

2 Out of Sion hath God
appeared * in perfect
beauty.

3 Our God shall come, and
shall not keep silence; *
there shall go before him a
consuming fire, and a
mighty tempest shall be
stirred up round about him.

4 He shall call the heaven
from above, * and the earth,

that he may judge his people.

5 Gather my saints together unto me; * those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.

6 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness; * for God is Judge himself.

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak; * I myself will testify against thee, O Israel; for I am God, even thy God.

8 I will not reprove thee because of thy sacrifices; * as for thy burnt-offerings, they are alway before me.

9 I will take no bullock out of thine house, * nor he-goats out of thy folds.

10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine, * and so are the cattle upon a thousand hills.

11 I know all the fowls upon the mountains, * and the wild beasts of the field are in my sight.

12 If I be hungry, I will not tell thee; * for the whole world is mine, and all that is therein.

13 Thinkest thou that I will eat bulls' flesh, * and drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer unto God thanksgiving, * and pay thy vows unto the Most Highest.

15 And call upon me in the time of trouble; * so will I hear thee, and thou shalt praise me.

16 But unto the ungodly saith God, * Why dost thou preach my laws, and takest my covenant in thy mouth;

17 Whereas thou hatest to be reformed, * and hast cast my words behind thee?

18 When thou sawest a thief, thou consentedst unto him; * and hast been partaker with the adulterers.

19 Thou hast let thy mouth speak wickedness, * and with thy tongue thou hast set forth deceit.

20 Thou sattest and spakest
against thy brother; * yea,
and hast slandered thine
own mother's son.

21 These things hast thou
done, and I held my tongue,
and thou thoughtest
wickedly, that I am even
such a one as thyself; * but
I will reprove thee, and set
before thee the things that
thou hast done.

22 O consider this, ye that
forget God, * lest I pluck
you away, and there be
none to deliver you.

23 Whoso offereth me
thanks and praise, he
honoureth me; * and to him
that ordereth his way aright,
will I show the salvation of
God.

Psalm 51.

HAVE mercy upon me, O
God, after thy great
goodness; * according to
the multitude of thy mercies
do away mine offences.

2 Wash me thoroughly from
my wickedness, * and
cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my
faults, * and my sin is ever
before me.

4 Against thee only have I
sinned, and done this evil in
thy sight; * that thou
mightest be justified in thy
saying, and clear when thou
shalt judge.

5 Behold, I was shapen in
wickedness, * and in sin
hath my mother conceived
me.

6 But lo, thou requirest truth
in the inward parts, * and
shalt make me to
understand wisdom
secretly.

7 Thou shalt purge me with
hyssop, and I shall be clean;
* thou shalt wash me, and I
shall be whiter than snow.

8 Thou shalt make me hear
of joy and gladness, * that
the bones which thou hast
broken may rejoice.

9 Turn thy face from my sins, * and put out all my misdeeds.

10 Make me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.

11 Cast me not away from thy presence, * and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

12 O give me the comfort of thy help again, * and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

13 Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked, * and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

14 Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health; * and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

15 Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord, * and my mouth shall show thy praise.

16 For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee; * but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

17 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: * a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

18 O be favourable and gracious unto Sion; * build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations; * then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

Psalm 52.

WHY boastest thou thyself, thou tyrant, * that thou canst do mischief;

2 Whereas the goodness of God * endureth yet daily?

3 Thy tongue imagineth wickedness, * and with lies thou cuttest like a sharp razor.

4 Thou hast loved unrighteousness more than goodness, * and falsehood more than righteousness.

5 Thou hast loved to speak
all words that may do hurt,

* O thou false tongue.

6 Therefore shall God
destroy thee for ever; * he
shall take thee, and pluck
thee out of thy dwelling,
and root thee out of the land
of the living.

7 The righteous also shall
see this, and fear, * and
shall laugh him to scorn:

8 Lo, this is the man that
took not God for his
strength; * but trusted unto
the multitude of his riches,
and strengthened himself in
his wickedness.

9 As for me, I am like a
green olive-tree in the house
of God; * my trust is in the
tender mercy of God for
ever and ever.

10 I will alway give thanks
unto thee for that thou hast
done; * and I will hope in
thy Name, for thy saints like
it well.

Evening Prayer.

Psalms 53.

THE foolish body hath said
in his heart, * There is no
God.

2 Corrupt are they, and
become abominable in their
wickedness; * there is none
that doeth good.

3 God looked down from
heaven upon the children of
men, * to see if there were
any that would understand,
and seek after God.

4 But they are all gone out
of the way, they are
altogether become
abominable; * there is also
none that doeth good, no
not one.

5 Are not they without
understanding that work
wickedness, * eating up my
people as if they would eat
bread? they have not called
upon God.

6 They were afraid where
no fear was; * for God hath
broken the bones of him
that besieged thee; thou hast

put them to confusion,
because God hath despised
them.

7 O that the salvation were
given unto Israel out of
Sion! * O that the Lord
would deliver his people out
of captivity!

8 Then should Jacob
rejoice, * and Israel should
be right glad.

Psalm 54.

SAVE me, O God, for thy
Name's sake, * and avenge
me in thy strength.

2 Hear my prayer, O God, *
and hearken unto the words
of my mouth.

3 For strangers are risen up
against me; * and tyrants,
which have not God before
their eyes, seek after my
soul.

4 Behold, God is my helper;
* the Lord is with them that
uphold my soul.

5 He shall reward evil unto
mine enemies: * destroy
thou them in thy truth.

6 An offering of a free heart
will I give thee, and praise
thy Name, O LORD; *
because it is so comfortable.
7 For he hath delivered me
out of all my trouble; * and
mine eye hath seen his
desire upon mine enemies.

Psalm 55.

HEAR my prayer, O God, *
and hide not thyself from
my petition.

2 Take heed unto me, and
hear me, * how I mourn in
my prayer, and am vexed;

3 The enemy crieth so, and
the ungodly cometh on so
fast; * for they are minded
to do me some mischief, so
maliciously are they set
against me.

4 My heart is disquieted
within me, * and the fear of
death is fallen upon me.

5 Fearfulness and trembling
are come upon me, * and an
horrible dread hath
overwhelmed me.

6 And I said, O that I had wings like a dove! * for then would I flee away, and be at rest.

7 Lo, then would I get me away far off, * and remain in the wilderness.

8 I would make haste to escape, * because of the stormy wind and tempest.

9 Destroy their tongues, O Lord, and divide them; * for I have spied unrighteousness and strife in the city.

10 Day and night they go about within the walls thereof: * mischief also and sorrow are in the midst of it.

11 Wickedness is therein; * deceit and guile go not out of her streets.

12 For it is not an open enemy that hath done me this dishonour; * for then I could have borne it;

13 Neither was it mine adversary that did magnify himself against me; * for

then peradventure I would have hid myself from him;

14 But it was even thou, my companion, * my guide, and mine own familiar friend.

15 We took sweet counsel together, * and walked in the house of God as friends.

16 Let death come hastily upon them, and let them go down alive into the pit; * for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them.

17 As for me, I will call upon God, * and the LORD shall save me.

18 In the evening, and morning, and at noon-day will I pray, and that instantly; * and he shall hear my voice.

19 It is he that hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me; * for there were many that strove with me.

20 Yea, even God, that endureth for ever, shall hear me, and bring them down; *

for they will not turn, nor fear God.

21 He laid his hands upon such as be at peace with him, * and he brake his covenant.

22 The words of his mouth were softer than butter, having war in his heart; * his words were smother than oil, and yet be they very swords.

23 O cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall nourish thee, * and shall not suffer the righteous to fall for ever.

24 And as for them, * thou, O God, shalt bring them into the pit of destruction.

25 The blood-thirsty and deceitful men shall not live out half their days: * nevertheless, my trust shall be in thee, O Lord.

THE ELEVENTH DAY.

Morning Prayer.

Psalms 56.

BE merciful unto me, O God, for man goeth about to devour me; * he is daily fighting, and troubling me.
2 Mine enemies are daily at hand to swallow me up; * for they be many that fight against me, O thou Most Highest.

3 Nevertheless, though I am sometime afraid, * yet put I my trust in thee.

4 I will praise God, because of his word: * I have put my trust in God, and will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

5 They daily mistake my words; * all that they imagine is to do me evil.

6 They hold all together, and keep themselves close, * and mark my steps, when they lay wait for my soul.

7 Shall they escape for their wickedness? * thou, O God,

in thy displeasure shalt cast them down.

8 Thou tellest my wanderings; put my tears into thy bottle: * are not these things noted in thy book?

9 Whensoever I call upon thee, then shall mine enemies be put to flight: * this I know; for God is on my side.

10 In God's word will I rejoice; * in the LORD's word will I comfort me.

11 Yea, in God have I put my trust; * I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

12 Unto thee, O God, will I pay my vows; * unto thee will I give thanks.

13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death, and my feet from falling, * that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

Psalm 57.

BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me; for my soul trusteth in thee; * and under the shadow of thy wings shall be my refuge, until this tyranny be overpast.

2 I will call unto the Most High God, * even unto the God that shall perform the cause which I have in hand.

3 He shall send from heaven, * and save me from the reproof of him that would eat me up.

4 God shall send forth his mercy and truth: * my soul is among lions;

5 And I lie even among the children of men, that are set on fire, * whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.

6 Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens; * and thy glory above all the earth.

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.

8 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; * I will sing and give praise.

9 Awake up, my glory; awake, lute and harp: * I myself will awake right early.

10 I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the peoples; * and I will sing unto thee among the nations.

11 For the greatness of thy mercy reacheth unto the heavens, * and thy truth unto the clouds.

12 Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens; * and thy glory above all the earth.

Psalm 58.

ARE your minds set upon righteousness, O ye congregation? * and do ye

judge the thing that is right, O ye sons of men?

2 Yea, ye imagine mischief in your heart upon the earth, * and your hands deal with wickedness.

3 The ungodly are froward, even from their mother's womb; * as soon as they are born, they go astray, and speak lies.

4 They are as venomous as the poison of a serpent, * even like the deaf adder, that stoppeth her ears;

5 Which refuseth to hear the voice of the charmer, * charm he never so wisely.

6 Break their teeth, O God, in their mouths; * smite the jaw-bones of the lions, O LORD.

7 Let them fall away like water that runneth apace; * when they shoot their arrows, let them be rooted out.

8 Let them consume away like a snail, and be like the untimely fruit of a woman;

* and let them not see the sun.

9 Or ever your pots be made hot with thorns, * he shall take them away with a whirlwind, the green and the burning alike.

10 The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance; * he shall wash his footsteps in the blood of the ungodly.

11 So that a man shall say, Verily there is a reward for the righteous; * doubtless there is a God that judgeth the earth.

Evening Prayer.

Psalm 59.

DELIVER me from mine enemies, O God; * defend me from them that rise up against me.

2 O deliver me from the wicked doers, * and save me from the blood-thirsty men.

3 For lo, they lie waiting for my soul; * the mighty men

are gathered against me, without any offence or fault of me, O LORD.

4 They run and prepare themselves without my fault; * arise thou therefore to help me, and behold.

5 Stand up, O LORD God of hosts, thou God of Israel, to visit all the heathen, * and be not merciful unto them that offend of malicious wickedness.

6 They go to and fro in the evening, * they grin like a dog, and run about through the city.

7 Behold, they speak with their mouth, and swords are in their lips; * for who doth hear?

8 But thou, O LORD, shalt have them in derision, * and thou shalt laugh all the heathen to scorn.

9 My strength will I ascribe unto thee; * for thou art the God of my refuge.

10 God sheweth me his goodness plenteously; * and

God shall let me see my
desire upon mine enemies.

11 Slay them not, lest my
people forget it; * but
scatter them abroad among
the people, and put them
down, O Lord our defence.

12 For the sin of their
mouth, and for the words of
their lips, they shall be
taken in their pride: * and
why? their talk is of cursing
and lies.

13 Consume them in thy
wrath, consume them, that
they may perish; * and
know that it is God that
ruleth in Jacob, and unto the
ends of the world.

14 And in the evening they
will return, * grin like a
dog, and will go about the
city.

15 They will run here and
there for meat, * and grudge
if they be not satisfied.

16 As for me, I will sing of
thy power, and will praise
thy mercy betimes in the
morning; * for thou hast

been my defence and refuge
in the day of my trouble.

17 Unto thee, O my
strength, will I sing; * for
thou, O God, art my refuge,
and my merciful God.

Psalm 60.

O GOD, thou hast cast us
out, and scattered us
abroad; * thou hast also
been displeased: O turn thee
unto us again.

2 Thou hast moved the land,
and divided it: * heal the
sores thereof, for it shaketh.

3 Thou hast showed thy
people heavy things; * thou
hast given us a drink of
deadly wine.

4 Thou hast given a token
for such as fear thee, * that
they may triumph because
of the truth.

5 Therefore were thy
beloved delivered; * help
me with thy right hand, and
hear me.

6 God hath spoken in his
holiness, I will rejoice, and

divide Shechem, * and mete
out the valley of Succoth.

7 Gilead is mine, and
Manasseh is mine; *
Ephraim also is the strength
of my head; Judah is my
law-giver;

8 Moab is my wash-pot;
over Edom will I cast out
my shoe; * Philistia, be thou
glad of me.

9 Who will lead me into the
strong city? * who will
bring me into Edom?

10 Hast not thou cast us out,
O God? * wilt not thou, O
God, go out with our hosts?

11 O be thou our help in
trouble; * for vain is the
help of man.

12 Through God will we do
great acts; * for it is he that
shall tread down our
enemies.

Psalms 61.

HEAR my crying, O God, *
give ear unto my prayer.

2 From the ends of the earth
will I call upon thee, *

when my heart is in
heaviness.

3 O set me up upon the rock
that is higher than I; * for
thou hast been my hope,
and a strong tower for me
against the enemy.

4 I will dwell in thy
tabernacle for ever, * and
my trust shall be under the
covering of thy wings.

5 For thou, O Lord, hast
heard my desires, * and hast
given an heritage unto those
that fear thy Name.

6 Thou shalt grant the King
a long life, * that his years
may endure throughout all
generations.

7 He shall dwell before God
for ever: * O prepare thy
loving mercy and
faithfulness, that they may
preserve him.

8 So will I always sing praise
unto thy Name, * that I may
daily perform my vows.

THE TWELFTH DAY.

Morning Prayer.

Psalm 62.

MY soul truly waiteth still
upon God; * for of him
cometh my salvation.

2 He verily is my strength
and my salvation; * he is
my defence, so that I shall
not greatly fall.

3 How long will ye imagine
mischief against every
man? * Ye shall be slain all
the sort of you; yea, as a
tottering wall shall ye be,
and like a broken hedge.

4 Their device is only how
to put him out whom God
will exalt; * their delight is
in lies; they give good
words with their mouth, but
curse with their heart.

5 Nevertheless, my soul,
wait thou still upon God; *
for my hope is in him.

6 He truly is my strength
and my salvation; * he is
my defence, so that I shall
not fall.

7 In God is my health and
my glory; * the rock of my
might; and in God is my
trust.

8 O put your trust in him
always, ye people; * pour out
your hearts before him, for
God is our hope.

9 As for the children of
men, they are but vanity;
the children of men are
deceitful; * upon the
weights they are altogether
lighter than vanity itself.

10 O trust not in wrong and
robbery; give not
yourselves unto vanity: * if
riches increase, set not your
heart upon them.

11 God spake once, and
twice I have also heard the
same, * that power
belongeth unto God;

12 And that thou, Lord, art
merciful; * for thou
rewardest every man
according to his work.

Psalm 63.

O GOD, thou art my God; *
early will I seek thee.

2 My soul thirsteth for thee,
my flesh also longeth after
thee, * in a barren and dry
land where no water is.

3 Thus have I looked for
thee in the sanctuary, * that
I might behold thy power
and glory.

4 For thy loving-kindness is
better than the life itself: *
my lips shall praise thee.

5 As long as I live will I
magnify thee in this
manner, * and lift up my
hands in thy Name.

6 My soul shall be satisfied,
even as it were with marrow
and fatness, * when my
mouth praiseth thee with
joyful lips.

7 Have I not remembered
thee in my bed, * and
thought upon thee when I
was waking?

8 Because thou hast been
my helper; * therefore

under the shadow of thy
wings will I rejoice.

9 My soul hangeth upon
thee; * thy right hand hath
upholden me.

10 These also that seek the
hurt of my soul, * they shall
go under the earth.

11 Let them fall upon the
edge of the sword, * that
they may be a portion for
foxes.

12 But the King shall
rejoice in God; all they also
that swear by him shall be
commended; * for the
mouth of them that speak
lies shall be stopped.

Psalm 64.

HEAR my voice, O God, in
my prayer; * preserve my
life from fear of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the
gathering together of the
froward, * and from the
insurrection of wicked
doers;

3 Who have whet their
tongue like a sword, * and

shoot out their arrows, even bitter words;

4 That they may privily shoot at him that is perfect: * suddenly do they hit him, and fear not.

5 They encourage themselves in mischief, * and commune among themselves, how they may lay snares; and say, that no man shall see them.

6 They imagine wickedness, and practise it; * that they keep secret among themselves, every man in the deep of his heart.

7 But God shall suddenly shoot at them with a swift arrow, * that they shall be wounded.

8 Yea, their own tongues shall make them fall; * insomuch that whoso seeth them shall laugh them to scorn.

9 And all men that see it shall say, This hath God done; * for they shall perceive that it is his work.

10 The righteous shall rejoice in the LORD, and put his trust in him; * and all they that are true of heart shall be glad.

Evening Prayer.
Psalm 65.

THOU, O God, art praised in Sion; * and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

2 Thou that hearest the prayer, * unto thee shall all flesh come.

3 My misdeeds prevail against me: * O be thou merciful unto our sins.

4 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and receivest unto thee: * he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

5 Thou shalt show us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation; * thou that art the hope of all the ends of the

earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.

6 Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains, * and is girded about with power.

7 Who stilleth the raging of the sea, * and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the peoples.

8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens, * thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.

9 Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it; * thou makest it very plenteous.

10 The river of God is full of water: * thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.

11 Thou waterest her furrows; thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof; * thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.

12 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; * and thy clouds drop fatness.

13 They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness; * and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.

14 The folds shall be full of sheep; * the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

Psalm 66.

O BE joyful in God, all ye lands; * sing praises unto the honour of his Name; make his praise to be glorious.

2 Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in thy works! * through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies bow down unto thee.

3 For all the world shall worship thee, * sing of thee, and praise thy Name.

4 O come hither, and behold the works of God; * how

wonderful he is in his doing
toward the children of men.

5 He turned the sea into dry
land, * so that they went
through the water on foot;
there did we rejoice thereof.

6 He ruleth with his power
for ever; his eyes behold the
nations: * and such as will
not believe shall not be able
to exalt themselves.

7 O praise our God, ye
peoples, * and make the
voice of his praise to be
heard;

8 Who holdeth our soul in
life; * and suffereth not our
feet to slip.

9 For thou, O God, hast
proved us; * thou also hast
tried us, like as silver is
tried.

10 Thou broughtest us into
the snare; * and laidest
trouble upon our loins.

11 Thou sufferedst men to
ride over our heads; * we
went through fire and water,
and thou broughtest us out
into a wealthy place.

12 I will go into thine house
with burnt-offerings, and
will pay thee my vows, *
which I promised with my
lips, and spake with my
mouth, when I was in
trouble.

13 I will offer unto thee fat
burnt-sacrifices, with the
incense of rams; * I will
offer bullocks and goats.

14 O come hither, and
hearken, all ye that fear
God; * and I will tell you
what he hath done for my
soul.

15 I called unto him with
my mouth, * and gave him
praises with my tongue.

16 If I incline unto
wickedness with mine heart,
* the Lord will not hear me.

17 But God hath heard me;
* and considered the voice
of my prayer.

18 Praised be God, who
hath not cast out my prayer,
* nor turned his mercy from
me.

Psalm 67.

GOD be merciful unto us,
and bless us, * and show us
the light of his countenance,
and be merciful unto us;
2 That thy way may be
known upon earth, * thy
saving health among all
nations.

3 Let the peoples praise
thee, O God; * yea, let all
the peoples praise thee.

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

5 Let the peoples praise
thee, O God; * yea, let all
the peoples praise thee.

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

7 God shall bless us; * and
all the ends of the world
shall fear him.

THE THIRTEENTH DAY.

Morning Prayer.

Psalm 68.

LET God arise, and let his
enemies be scattered; * let
them also that hate him flee
before him.

2 Like as the smoke
vanisheth, so shalt thou
drive them away; * and like
as wax melteth at the fire,
so let the ungodly perish at
the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be
glad, and rejoice before
God; * let them also be
merry and joyful.

4 O sing unto God, and sing
praises unto his Name;
magnify him that rideth
upon the heavens; * praise
him in his Name JAH, and
rejoice before him.

5 He is a Father of the
fatherless, and defendeth
the cause of the widows; *
even God in his holy
habitation.

6 He is the God that maketh
men to be of one mind in an

house, and bringeth the
prisoners out of captivity; *
but letteth the runagates
continue in scarceness.

7 O God, when thou
wentest forth before the
people; * when thou
wentest through the
wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the
heavens dropped at the
presence of God; * even as
Sinai also was moved at the
presence of God, who is the
God of Israel.

9 Thou, O God, sentest a
gracious rain upon thine
inheritance, * and
refreshedst it when it was
weary.

10 Thy congregation shall
dwell therein; * for thou, O
God, hast of thy goodness
prepared for the poor.

11 The Lord gave the word;
* great was the company of
women that bare the tidings.

12 Kings with their armies
did flee, and were
discomfited, * and they of

the household divided the
spoil.

13 Though ye have lain
among the sheep-folds, yet
shall ye be as the wings of a
dove * that is covered with
silver wings, and her
feathers like gold.

14 When the Almighty
scattered kings for their
sake, * then were they as
white as snow in Salmon.

15 As the hill of Bashan, so
is God's hill; * even an high
hill, as the hill of Bashan.

16 Why mock ye so, ye
high hills? this is God's hill,
in the which it pleaseth him
to dwell; * yea, the LORD
will abide in it for ever.

17 The chariots of God are
twenty thousand, even
thousands of angels; * and
the Lord is among them as
in the holy place of Sinai.

18 Thou art gone up on
high, thou hast led captivity
captive, and received gifts
from men; * yea, even from
thine enemies, that the LORD

God might dwell among them.

19 Praised be the Lord daily, * even the God who helpeth us, and poureth his benefits upon us.

20 He is our God, even the God of whom cometh salvation: * God is the Lord, by whom we escape death.

21 God shall wound the head of his enemies, * and the hairy scalp of such a one as goeth on still in his wickedness.

22 The Lord hath said, I will bring my people again, as I did from Bashan; * mine own will I bring again, as I did sometime from the deep of the sea.

23 That thy foot may be dipped in the blood of thine enemies, * and that the tongue of thy dogs may be red through the same.

24 It is well seen, O God, how thou goest; * how thou,

my God and King, goest in the sanctuary.

25 The singers go before, the minstrels follow after, * in the midst of the damsels playing with the timbrels.

26 Give thanks unto God the Lord in the congregation, * ye that are of the fountain of Israel.

27 There is little Benjamin their ruler, and the princes of Judah their council; * the princes of Zebulon, and the princes of Naphtali.

28 Thy God hath sent forth strength for thee; * stablish the thing, O God, that thou hast wrought in us,

29 For thy temple's sake at Jerusalem; * so shall kings bring presents unto thee.

30 Rebuke thou the dragon and the bull, with the leaders of the heathen, so that they humbly bring pieces of silver; * scatter thou the peoples that delight in war;

31 Then shall the princes
come out of Egypt; * the
Moriens' land shall soon
stretch out her hands unto
God.

32 Sing unto God, O ye
kingdoms of the earth; * O
sing praises unto the Lord;

33 Who sitteth in the
heavens over all, from the
beginning: * lo, he doth
send out his voice; yea, and
that a mighty voice.

34 Ascribe ye the power to
God over Israel; * his
worship and strength is in
the clouds.

35 O God, wonderful art
thou in thy holy places: *
even the God of Israel, he
will give strength and
power unto his people.
Blessed be God.

Evening Prayer.

Psalm 69.

SAVE me, O God; * for the
waters are come in, even
unto my soul.

2 I stick fast in the deep
mire, where no ground is; *
I am come into deep waters,
so that the floods run over
me.

3 I am weary of crying; my
throat is dry; * my sight
faileth me for waiting so
long upon my God.

4 They that hate me without
a cause are more than the
hairs of my head; * they
that are mine enemies, and
would destroy me guiltless,
are mighty.

5 I paid them the things that
I never took: * God, thou
knowest my simpleness,
and my faults are not hid
from thee.

6 Let not them that trust in
thee, O Lord God of hosts,
be ashamed for my cause; *
let not those that seek thee
be confounded through me,
O Lord God of Israel.

7 And why? for thy sake
have I suffered reproof; *
shame hath covered my
face.

8 I am become a stranger
unto my brethren, * even an
alien unto my mother's
children.

9 For the zeal of thine house
hath even eaten me; * and
the rebukes of them that
rebuked thee are fallen upon
me.

10 I wept, and chastened
myself with fasting, * and
that was turned to my
reproof.

11 I put on sackcloth also, *
and they jested upon me.

12 They that sit in the gate
speak against me, * and the
drunkards make songs upon
me.

13 But, LORD, I make my
prayer unto thee * in an
acceptable time.

14 Hear me, O God, in the
multitude of thy mercy, *
even in the truth of thy
salvation.

15 Take me out of the mire,
that I sink not; * O let me
be delivered from them that

hate me, and out of the deep
waters.

16 Let not the water-flood
drown me, neither let the
deep swallow me up; * and
let not the pit shut her
mouth upon me.

17 Hear me, O LORD, for
thy loving-kindness is
comfortable; * turn thee
unto me according to the
multitude of thy mercies.

18 And hide not thy face
from thy servant; for I am in
trouble: * O haste thee, and
hear me.

19 Draw nigh unto my soul,
and save it; * O deliver me,
because of mine enemies.

20 Thou hast known my
reproach, my shame, and
my dishonour: * mine
adversaries are all in thy
sight.

21 Reproach hath broken
my heart; I am full of
heaviness: * I looked for
some to have pity on me,
but there was no man,

neither found I any to
comfort me.

22 They gave me gall to eat;
* and when I was thirsty
they gave me vinegar to
drink.

23 Let their table be made a
snare to take themselves
withal; * and let the things
that should have been for
their wealth be unto them
an occasion of falling.

24 Let their eyes be blinded,
that they see not; * and ever
bow thou down their backs.

25 Pour out thine
indignation upon them, *
and let thy wrathful
displeasure take hold of
them.

26 Let their habitation be
void, * and no man to dwell
in their tents.

27 For they persecute him
whom thou hast smitten; *
and they talk how they may
vex them whom thou hast
wounded.

28 Let them fall from one
wickedness to another, *

and not come into thy
righteousness.

29 Let them be wiped out of
the book of the living, * and
not be written among the
righteous.

30 As for me, when I am
poor and in heaviness, * thy
help, O God, shall lift me
up.

31 I will praise the Name of
God with a song, * and
magnify it with
thanksgiving.

32 This also shall please the
LORD * better than a bullock
that hath horns and hoofs.

33 The humble shall
consider this, and be glad: *
seek ye after God, and your
soul shall live.

34 For the LORD heareth the
poor, * and despiseth not
his prisoners.

35 Let heaven and earth
praise him: * the sea, and
all that moveth therein.

36 For God will save Sion,
and build the cities of
Judah, * that men may

dwell there, and have it in possession.

37 The posterity also of his servants shall inherit it; * and they that love his Name shall dwell therein.

Psalm 70.

HASTE thee, O God, to deliver me; * make haste to help me, O LORD.

2 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul; * let them be turned backward and put to confusion that wish me evil.

3 Let them for their reward be soon brought to shame, * that cry over me, There! there!

4 But let all those that seek thee be joyful and glad in thee: * and let all such as delight in thy salvation say alway, The Lord be praised.

5 As for me, I am poor and in misery: * haste thee unto me, O God.

6 Thou art my helper, and my redeemer: * O LORD, make no long tarrying.

THE FOURTEENTH DAY.

Morning Prayer.

Psalm 71.

IN thee, O LORD, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion, * but rid me and deliver me in thy righteousness; incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

2 Be thou my stronghold, whereunto I may alway resort: * thou hast promised to help me, for thou art my house of defence, and my castle.

3 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the ungodly, * out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

4 For thou, O Lord God, art the thing that I long for: * thou art my hope, even from my youth.

5 Through thee have I been
holden up ever since I was
born: * thou art he that took
me out of my mother's
womb: my praise shall be
always of thee.

6 I am become as it were a
monster unto many, * but
my sure trust is in thee.

7 O let my mouth be filled
with thy praise, * that I may
sing of thy glory and
honour all the day long.

8 Cast me not away in the
time of age; * forsake me
not when my strength
faileth me.

9 For mine enemies speak
against me; * and they that
lay wait for my soul take
their counsel together,
saying,

10 God hath forsaken him;
* persecute him, and take
him, for there is none to
deliver him.

11 Go not far from me, O
God; * my God, haste thee
to help me.

12 Let them be confounded
and perish that are against
my soul; * let them be
covered with shame and
dishonour that seek to do
me evil.

13 As for me, I will
patiently abide always, * and
will praise thee more and
more.

14 My mouth shall daily
speak of thy righteousness
and salvation; * for I know
no end thereof.

15 I will go forth in the
strength of the Lord God, *
and will make mention of
thy righteousness only.

16 Thou, O God, hast
taught me from my youth
up until now; * therefore
will I tell of thy wondrous
works.

17 Forsake me not, O God,
in mine old age, when I am
gray-headed, * until I have
showed thy strength unto
this generation, and thy
power to all them that are
yet for to come.

18 Thy righteousness, O God, is very high, * and great things are they that thou hast done: O God, who is like unto thee!

19 O what great troubles and adversities hast thou showed me ! and yet didst thou turn and refresh me; * yea, and broughtest me from the deep of the earth again.

20 Thou hast brought me to great honour, * and comforted me on every side:

21 Therefore will I praise thee, and thy faithfulness, O God, playing upon an instrument of music: * unto thee will I sing upon the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.

22 My lips will be glad when I sing unto thee; * and so will my soul whom thou hast delivered.

23 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long; * for they are

confounded and brought unto shame that seek to do me evil.

Psalm 72.

GIVE the King thy judgments, O God, * and thy righteousness unto the King's son.

2 Then shall he judge thy people according unto right, * and defend the poor.

3 The mountains also shall bring peace, * and the little hills righteousness unto the people.

4 He shall keep the simple folk by their right, * defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong doer.

5 They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth, * from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like the rain upon the mown grass, * even as the drops that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; * yea,

and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

8 His dominion shall be also from the one sea to the other, * and from the River unto the world's end.

9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall kneel before him; * his enemies shall lick the dust.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall give presents; * the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.

11 All kings shall fall down before him; * all nations shall do him service.

12 For he shall deliver the poor when he crieth; * the needy also, and him that hath no helper.

13 He shall be favourable to the simple and needy, * and shall preserve the souls of the poor.

14 He shall deliver their souls from falsehood and wrong; * and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

15 He shall live, and unto him shall be given of the gold of Arabia; * prayer shall be made ever unto him, and daily shall he be praised.

16 There shall be an heap of corn in the earth, high upon the hills the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: * and they of the city shall flourish like grass upon the earth.

17 His Name shall endure for ever; his Name shall remain under the sun among the posterities, which shall be blessed in him; * and all the nations shall praise him.

18 Blessed be the LORD God, even the God of Israel, * which only doeth wondrous things;

19 And blessed be the Name of his majesty for ever: * and all the earth shall be filled with his majesty. Amen, Amen.

Evening Prayer.

Psalm 73.

TRULY God is loving unto Israel: * even unto such as are of a clean heart.

2 Nevertheless, my feet were almost gone, * my treadings had well-nigh slipt.

3 And why? I was grieved at the wicked: * I do also see the ungodly in such prosperity.

4 For they are in no peril of death; * but are lusty and strong.

5 They come in no misfortune like other folk; * neither are they plagued like other men.

6 And this is the cause that they are so holden with pride, * and cruelty covereth them as a garment.

7 Their eyes swell with fatness, * and they do even what they lust.

8 They corrupt other, and speak of wicked blasphemy;

* their talking is against the Most High.

9 For they stretch forth their mouth unto the heaven, * and their tongue goeth through the world.

10 Therefore fall the people unto them, * and thereout suck they no small advantage.

11 Tush, say they, how should God perceive it? * is there knowledge in the Most High?

12 Lo, these are the ungodly, * these prosper in the world, and these have riches in possession:

13 And I said, Then have I cleansed my heart in vain, * and washed my hands in innocency.

14 All the day long have I been punished, * and chastened every morning.

15 Yea, and I had almost said even as they; * but lo, then I should have condemned the generation of thy children.

16 Then thought I to
understand this; * but it was
too hard for me,

17 Until I went into the
sanctuary of God: * then
understood I the end of
these men;

18 Namely, how thou dost
set them in slippery places,
* and castest them down,
and destroyest them.

19 O how suddenly do they
consume, * perish, and
come to a fearful end!

20 Yea, even like as a
dream when one awaketh; *
so shalt thou make their
image to vanish out of the
city.

21 Thus my heart was
grieved, * and it went even
through my reins.

22 So foolish was I, and
ignorant, * even as it were a
beast before thee.

23 Nevertheless, I am always
by thee; * for thou hast
holden me by my right
hand.

24 Thou shalt guide me
with thy counsel, * and after
that receive me with glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven
but thee? * and there is
none upon earth that I
desire in comparison of
thee.

26 My flesh and my heart
faileth; * but God is the
strength of my heart, and
my portion for ever.

27 For lo, they that forsake
thee shall perish; * thou
hast destroyed all them that
are unfaithful unto thee.

28 But it is good for me to
hold me fast by God, to put
my trust in the Lord God, *
and to speak of all thy
works in the gates of the
daughter of Sion.

Psalm 74.

O GOD, wherefore art thou
absent from us so long? *
why is thy wrath so hot
against the sheep of thy
pasture?

2 O think upon thy congregation, * whom thou hast purchased, and redeemed of old.

3 Think upon the tribe of thine inheritance, * and Mount Sion, wherein thou hast dwelt.

4 Lift up thy feet, that thou mayest utterly destroy every enemy, * which hath done evil in thy sanctuary.

5 Thine adversaries roar in the midst of thy congregations, * and set up their banners for tokens.

6 He that hewed timber afore out of the thick trees, * was known to bring it to an excellent work.

7 But now they break down all the carved work thereof * with axes and hammers.

8 They have set fire upon thy holy places, * and have defiled the dwelling-place of thy Name, even unto the ground.

9 Yea, they said in their hearts, Let us make havoc

of them altogether: * thus have they burnt up all the houses of God in the land.

10 We see not our tokens; there is not one prophet more; * no, not one is there among us, that understandeth any more.

11 O God, how long shall the adversary do this dishonour? * shall the enemy blaspheme thy Name for ever?

12 Why withdrawest thou thy hand? * why pluckest thou not thy right hand out of thy bosom to consume the enemy?

13 For God is my King of old; * the help that is done upon earth, he doeth it himself.

14 Thou didst divide the sea through thy power; * thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.

15 Thou smotest the heads of leviathan in pieces, * and gavest him to be meat for

the people of the wilderness.

16 Thou broughtest out fountains and waters out of the hard rocks; * thou driedst up mighty waters.

17 The day is thine, and the night is thine; * thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

18 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth; * thou hast made summer and winter.

19 Remember this, O LORD, how the enemy hath rebuked; * and how the foolish people hath blasphemed thy Name.

20 O deliver not the soul of thy turtle-dove unto the multitude of the enemies; * and forget not the congregation of the poor for ever.

21 Look upon the covenant; * for all the earth is full of darkness and cruel habitations.

22 O let not the simple go away ashamed; * but let the poor and needy give praise unto thy Name.

23 Arise, O God, maintain thine own cause; * remember how the foolish man blasphemeth thee daily.

24 Forget not the voice of thine enemies: * the presumption of them that hate thee increaseth ever more and more.

THE FIFTEENTH DAY.
Morning Prayer.

Psalm 75.

UNTO thee, O God, do we give thanks; * yea, unto thee do we give thanks.

2 Thy Name also is so nigh; * and that do thy wondrous works declare.

3 In the appointed time, saith God, * I shall judge according unto right.

4 The earth is weak, and all the inhabitants thereof: * I bear up the pillars of it.

5 I said unto the fools, Deal not so madly; * and to the ungodly, Set not up your horn.

6 Set not up your horn on high, * and speak not with a stiff neck.

7 For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, * nor yet from the south.

8 And why? God is the Judge; * he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

9 For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine is red; * it is full mixt, and he poureth out of the same.

10 As for the dregs thereof, * all the ungodly of the earth shall drink them, and suck them out.

11 But I will talk of the God of Jacob, * and praise him for ever.

12 All the horns of the ungodly also will I break, * and the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

Psalm 76.

IN Judah is God known; * his Name is great in Israel.

2 At Salem is his tabernacle, * and his dwelling in Sion.

3 There brake he the arrows of the bow, * the shield, the sword, and the battle.

4 Thou art glorious in might, * when thou comest from the hills of the robbers.

5 The proud are robbed, they have slept their sleep; * and all the men whose hands were mighty have found nothing.

6 At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, * both the chariot and horse are fallen.

7 Thou, even thou art to be feared; * and who may stand in thy sight when thou art angry?

8 Thou didst cause thy judgment to be heard from heaven; * the earth trembled, and was still,

9 When God arose to judgment, * and to help all the meek upon earth.

10 The fierceness of man shall turn to thy praise; * and the fierceness of them shalt thou refrain.

11 Promise unto the LORD your God, and keep it, all ye that are round about him; * bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.

12 He shall refrain the spirit of princes, * and is wonderful among the kings of the earth.

Psalm 77.

I WILL cry unto God with my voice; * even unto God will I cry with my voice, and he shall hearken unto me.

2 In the time of my trouble I sought the Lord: * I stretched forth my hands unto him, and ceased not in the night season; my soul refused comfort.

3 When I am in heaviness, I will think upon God; * when my heart is vexed, I will complain.

4 Thou holdest mine eyes waking: * I am so feeble that I cannot speak.

5 I have considered the days of old, * and the years that are past.

6 I call to remembrance my song, * and in the night I commune with mine own heart, and search out my spirit.

7 Will the Lord absent himself for ever? * and will he be no more intreated?

8 Is his mercy clean gone for ever? * and is his promise come utterly to an end for evermore?

9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious? * and will he shut up his loving-kindness in displeasure?

10 And I said, It is mine own infirmity; * but I will remember the years of the

right hand of the Most
Highest.

11 I will remember the
works of the LORD, * and
call to mind thy wonders of
old time.

12 I will think also of all
thy works, * and my talking
shall be of thy doings.

13 Thy way, O God, is
holy: * who is so great a
God as our God?

14 Thou art the God that
doest wonders, * and hast
declared thy power among
the peoples.

15 Thou hast mightily
delivered thy people, * even
the sons of Jacob and
Joseph.

16 The waters saw thee, O
God, the waters saw thee,
and were afraid; * the
depths also were troubled.

17 The clouds poured out
water, the air thundered, *
and thine arrows went
abroad.

18 The voice of thy thunder
was heard round about: *

the lightnings shone upon
the ground; the earth was
moved, and shook withal.

19 Thy way is in the sea,
and thy paths in the great
waters, * and thy footsteps
are not known.

20 Thou leddest thy people
like sheep, * by the hand of
Moses and Aaron.

Evening Prayer.

Psalms 78.

HEAR my law, O my
people; * incline your ears
unto the words of my
mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a
parable; * I will declare
hard sentences of old;

3 Which we have heard and
known, * and such as our
fathers have told us;

4 That we should not hide
them from the children of
the generations to come; *
but to show the honour of
the LORD, his mighty and
wonderful works that he
hath done.

5 He made a covenant with Jacob, * and gave Israel a law, * which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children;
6 That their posterity might know it, * and the children which were yet unborn;
7 To the intent that when they came up, * they might show their children the same;
8 That they might put their trust in God; * and not to forget the works of God, but to keep his commandments;
9 And not to be as their forefathers, a faithless and stubborn generation; * a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit clave not stedfastly unto God;
10 Like as the children of Ephraim; * who being harnessed, and carrying bows, turned themselves back in the day of battle.

11 They kept not the covenant of God, * and would not walk in his law;
12 But forgat what he had done, * and the wonderful works that he had showed for them.
13 Marvellous things did he in the sight of our forefathers, in the land of Egypt, * even in the field of Zoan.
14 He divided the sea, and let them go through; * he made the waters to stand on an heap.
15 In the day-time also he led them with a cloud, * and all the night through with a light of fire.
16 He clave the hard rocks in the wilderness, * and gave them drink thereof, as it had been out of the great depth.
17 He brought waters out of the stony rock, * so that it gushed out like the rivers.
18 Yet for all this they sinned more against him, *

and provoked the Most
Highest in the wilderness.

19 They tempted God in
their hearts, * and required
meat for their lust.

20 They spake against God
also, saying, * Shall God
prepare a table in the
wilderness?

21 He smote the stony rock
indeed, that the water
gushed out, and the streams
flowed withal; * but can he
give bread also, or provide
flesh for his people?

22 When the LORD heard
this, he was wroth; * so the
fire was kindled in Jacob,
and there came up heavy
displeasure against Israel;

23 Because they believed
not in God, * and put not
their trust in his help.

24 So he commanded the
clouds above, * and opened
the doors of heaven.

25 He rained down manna
also upon them for to eat, *
and gave them food from
heaven.

26 So man did eat angels'
food; * for he sent them
meat enough.

27 He caused the east-wind
to blow under heaven; * and
through his power he
brought in the southwest-
wind.

28 He rained flesh upon
them as thick as dust, * and
feathered fowls like as the
sand of the sea.

29 He let it fall among their
tents, * even round about
their habitation.

30 So they did eat, and were
well filled; for he gave them
their own desire: * they
were not disappointed of
their lust.

31 But while the meat was
yet in their mouths, the
heavy wrath of God came
upon them, and slew the
wealthiest of them; * yea,
and smote down the chosen
men that were in Israel.

32 But for all this they
sinned yet more, * and

believed not his wondrous works.

33 Therefore their days did he consume in vanity, * and their years in trouble.

34 When he slew them, they sought him, * and turned them early, and inquired after God.

35 And they remembered that God was their strength, * and that the High God was their redeemer.

36 Nevertheless, they did but flatter him with their mouth, * and dissembled with him in their tongue.

37 For their heart was not whole with him, * neither continued they stedfast in his covenant.

38 But he was so merciful, that he forgave their misdeeds, * and destroyed them not.

39 Yea, many a time turned he his wrath away, * and would not suffer his whole displeasure to arise.

40 For he considered that they were but flesh, * and that they were even a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.

41 Many a time did they provoke him in the wilderness, * and grieved him in the desert.

42 They turned back, and tempted God, * and provoked the Holy One in Israel.

43 They thought not of his hand, * and of the day when he delivered them from the hand of the enemy;

44 How he had wrought his miracles in Egypt, * and his wonders in the field of Zoan.

45 He turned their waters into blood, * so that they might not drink of the rivers.

46 He sent flies among them, and devoured them up; * and frogs to destroy them.

47 He gave their fruit unto the caterpillar, * and their labour unto the grasshopper.
48 He destroyed their vines with hailstones, * and their mulberry-trees with the frost.

49 He smote their cattle also with hailstones, * and their flocks with hot thunderbolts.

50 He cast upon them the furiousness of his wrath, anger, displeasure, and trouble: * and sent evil angels among them.

51 He made a way to his indignation, and spared not their soul from death; * but gave their life over to the pestilence;

52 And smote all the firstborn in Egypt, * the most principal and mightiest in the dwellings of Ham.

53 But as for his own people, he led them forth like sheep, * and carried

them in the wilderness like a flock.

54 He brought them out safely, that they should not fear, * and overwhelmed their enemies with the sea.

55 And brought them within the borders of his sanctuary, * even to this mountain, which he purchased with his right hand.

56 He cast out the heathen also before them, * caused their land to be divided among them for an heritage, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

57 Yet they tempted and displeased the Most High God, * and kept not his testimonies.

58 They turned their backs, and fell away like their forefathers; * starting aside like a broken bow.

59 For they grieved him with their hill-altars, * and provoked him to displeasure with their images.

60 When God heard this, he
was wroth, * and took sore
displeasure at Israel;
61 So that he forsook the
tabernacle in Shiloh, * even
the tent that he had pitched
among men.
62 He delivered their power
into captivity, * and their
beauty into the enemy's
hand
63 He gave his people over
also unto the sword, * and
was wroth with his
inheritance.
64 The fire consumed their
young men, * and their
maidens were not given in
marriage.
65 Their priests were slain
with the sword, * and there
were no widows to make
lamentation.
66 So the Lord awaked as
one out of sleep, * and like
a giant refreshed with wine.
67 He drave his enemies
backward, * and put them to
a perpetual shame.

68 He refused the
tabernacle of Joseph, * and
chose not the tribe of
Ephraim;
69 But chose the tribe of
Judah, * even the hill of
Sion which he loved.
70 And there he built his
temple on high, * and laid
the foundation of it like the
ground which he hath made
continually.
71 He chose David also his
servant, * and took him
away from the sheep-folds:
72 As he was following the
ewes with their young he
took him, * that he might
feed Jacob his people, and
Israel his inheritance.
73 So he fed them with a
faithful and true heart, * and
ruled them prudently with
all his power.

THE SIXTEENTH DAY.
Morning Prayer.
Psalm 79.
O GOD, the heathen are
come into thine inheritance;

* thy holy temple have they defiled, and made Jerusalem an heap of stones.

2 The dead bodies of thy servants have they given to be meat unto the fowls of the air, * and the flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the land.

3 Their blood have they shed like water on every side of Jerusalem, * and there was no man to bury them.

4 We are become an open shame to our enemies, * a very scorn and derision unto them that are round about us.

5 LORD, how long wilt thou be angry? * shall thy jealousy burn like fire for ever?

6 Pour out thine indignation upon the heathen that have not known thee; * and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy Name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob, * and laid waste his dwelling-place.

8 O remember not our old sins, but have mercy upon us, and that soon; * for we are come to great misery.

9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy Name: * O deliver us, and be merciful unto our sins, for thy Name's sake.

10 Wherefore do the heathen say, * Where is now their God?

11 O let the vengeance of thy servants' blood that is shed, * be openly showed upon the heathen, in our sight.

12 O let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before thee; * according to the greatness of thy power, preserve thou those that are appointed to die.

13 And for the blasphemy wherewith our neighbours have blasphemed thee, *

reward thou them, O Lord,
sevenfold into their bosom.

14 So we, that are thy
people, and sheep of thy
pasture, shall give thee
thanks for ever, * and will
always be showing forth thy
praise from generation to
generation.

Psalm 80.

HEAR, O thou Shepherd of
Israel, thou that ledest
Joseph like a flock; * show
thyself also, thou that sittest
upon the Cherubim.

2 Before Ephraim,
Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up thy strength, and
come and help us.

3 Turn us again, O God; *
show the light of thy
countenance, and we shall
be whole.

4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long wilt thou be angry
with thy people that
prayeth?

5 Thou feedest them with
the bread of tears, * and

givest them plenteousness
of tears to drink.

6 Thou hast made us a very
strife unto our neighbours, *
and our enemies laugh us to
scorn.

7 Turn us again, thou God
of hosts; * show the light of
thy countenance, and we
shall be whole.

8 Thou hast brought a vine
out of Egypt; * thou hast
cast out the heathen, and
planted it.

9 Thou madest room for it;
* and when it had taken
root, it filled the land.

10 The hills were covered
with the shadow of it, * and
the boughs thereof were like
the goodly cedar-trees.

11 She stretched out her
branches unto the sea, * and
her boughs unto the River.

12 Why hast thou then
broken down her hedge, *
that all they that go by
pluck off her grapes?

13 The wild boar out of the
wood doth root it up, * and

the wild beasts of the field
devour it.

14 Turn thee again, thou
God of hosts, look down
from heaven, * behold, and
visit this vine;

15 And the place of the
vineyard that thy right hand
hath planted, * and the
branch that thou madest so
strong for thyself.

16 It is burnt with fire, and
cut down; * and they shall
perish at the rebuke of thy
countenance.

17 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.

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

19 Turn us again, O LORD
God of hosts; * show the
light of thy countenance,
and we shall be whole.

Psalm 81.

SING we merrily unto God
our strength; * make a
cheerful noise unto the God
of Jacob.

2 Take the psalm, bring
hither the tabret, * the
merry harp with the lute.

3 Blow up the trumpet in
the new moon, * even in the
time appointed, and upon
our solemn feast-day.

4 For this was made a
statute for Israel, * and a
law of the God of Jacob.

5 This he ordained in
Joseph for a testimony, *
when he came out of the
land of Egypt, and had
heard a strange language.

6 I eased his shoulder from
the burden, * and his hands
were delivered from making
the pots.

7 Thou calledst upon me in
troubles, and I delivered
thee; * and heard thee what
time as the storm fell upon
thee.

8 I proved thee also * at the waters of strife.

9 Hear, O my people; and I will assure thee, O Israel, * if thou wilt hearken unto me,

10 There shall no strange god be in thee, * neither shalt thou worship any other god.

11 I am the LORD thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt: * open thy mouth wide, and I shall fill it.

12 But my people would not hear my voice; * and Israel would not obey me;

13 So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lusts, * and let them follow their own imaginations.

14 O that my people would have hearkened unto me! * for if Israel had walked in my ways,

15 I should soon have put down their enemies, * and turned my hand against their adversaries.

16 The haters of the LORD should have submitted themselves unto him; * but their time should have endured for ever.

17 I would have fed them also with the finest wheatflour; * and with honey out of the stony rock would I have satisfied thee.

Evening Prayer.

Psalm 82.

GOD standeth in the congregation of princes; * he is a Judge among gods.

2 How long will ye give wrong judgment, * and accept the persons of the ungodly?

3 Defend the poor and fatherless; * see that such as are in need and necessity have right.

4 Deliver the outcast and poor; * save them from the hand of the ungodly.

5 They know not, neither do they understand, but walk on still in darkness: * all the

foundations of the earth are
out of course.

6 I have said, Ye are gods, *
and ye are all the children
of the Most Highest.

7 But ye shall die like men,
* and fall like one of the
princes.

8 Arise, O God, and judge
thou the earth; * for thou
shalt take all nations to
thine inheritance.

Psalm 83.

HOLD not thy tongue, O
God, keep not still silence:
* refrain not thyself, O God.

2 For lo, thine enemies
make a murmuring; * and
they that hate thee have lift
up their head.

3 They have imagined
craftily against thy people,
* and taken counsel against
thy secret ones.

4 They have said, Come,
and let us root them out,
that they be no more a
people, * and that the name

of Israel may be no more in
remembrance.

5 For they have cast their
heads together with one
consent, * and are
confederate against thee:

6 The tabernacles of the
Edomites, and the
Ishmaelites; * the Moabites,
and Hagarenes;

7 Gebal, and Ammon, and
Amalek; * the Philistines,
with them that dwell at
Tyre.

8 Assyria also is joined with
them; * they have holpen
the children of Lot.

9 But do thou to them as
unto the Midianites; * unto
Sisera, and unto Jabin at the
brook of Kishon;

10 Who perished at Endor,
* and became as the dung of
the earth.

11 Make them and their
princes like Oreb and Zeeb;
* yea, make all their princes
like as Zebah and
Zalmunna;

12 Who say, Let us take to ourselves * the houses of God in possession.

13 O my God, make them like unto the whirling dust, * and as the stubble before the wind;

14 Like as the fire that burneth up the forest, * and as the flame that consumeth the mountains;

15 Pursue them even so with thy tempest, * and make them afraid with thy storm.

16 Make their faces ashamed, O LORD, * that they may seek thy Name.

17 Let them be confounded and vexed ever more and more; * let them be put to shame, and perish.

18 And they shall know that thou, whose Name is JEHOVAH, * art only the Most Highest over all the earth.

Psalm 84.

O HOW amiable are thy dwellings, * thou LORD of hosts!

2 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the LORD; * my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young; * even thy altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; * they will be alway praising thee.

5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; * in whose heart are thy ways.

6 Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well; * and the pools are filled with water.

7 They will go from strength to strength, * and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

8 O LORD God of hosts,
hear my prayer; * hearken,
O God of Jacob.
9 Behold, O God our
defender, * and look upon
the face of thine anointed.
10 For one day in thy courts
* is better than a thousand.
11 I had rather be a door-
keeper in the house of my
God, * than to dwell in the
tents of ungodliness.
12 For the LORD God is a
light and defence; * the
LORD will give grace and
worship; and no good thing
shall he withhold from them
that live a godly life.
13 O LORD God of hosts, *
blessed is the man that
putteth his trust in thee.

Psalm 85.

LORD, thou art become
gracious unto thy land; *
thou hast turned away the
captivity of Jacob.
2 Thou hast forgiven the
offence of thy people, * and
covered all their sins.

3 Thou hast taken away all
thy displeasure, * and
turned thyself from thy
wrathful indignation.
4 Turn us then, O God our
Saviour, * and let thine
anger cease from us.
5 Wilt thou be displeased at
us for ever? * and wilt thou
stretch out thy wrath from
one generation to another?
6 Wilt thou not turn again,
and quicken us, * that thy
people may rejoice in thee?
7 Show us thy mercy, O
LORD, * and grant us thy
salvation.
8 I will hearken what the
LORD God will say; * for he
shall speak peace unto his
people, and to his saints,
that they turn not again unto
foolishness.
9 For his salvation is nigh
them that fear him; * that
glory may dwell in our land.
10 Mercy and truth are met
together: * righteousness
and peace have kissed each
other.

11 Truth shall flourish out of the earth, * and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.

12 Yea, the LORD shall show loving-kindness; * and our land shall give her increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, * and shall direct his going in the way.

THE SEVENTEENTH DAY.

Morning Prayer.

Psalm 86.

BOW down thine ear, O LORD, and hear me; * for I am poor, and in misery.

2 Preserve thou my soul, for I am holy: * my God, save thy servant that putteth his trust in thee.

3 Be merciful unto me, O Lord; * for I will call daily upon thee.

4 Comfort the soul of thy servant; * for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

5 For thou, Lord, art good and gracious, * and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

6 Give ear, LORD, unto my prayer, * and ponder the voice of my humble desires.

7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon thee; * for thou hearest me.

8 Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; * there is not one that can do as thou doest.

9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship thee, O Lord; * and shall glorify thy Name.

10 For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: * thou art God alone.

11 Teach me thy way, O LORD, and I will walk in thy truth: * O knit my heart unto thee, that I may fear thy Name.

12 I will thank thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart; * and will praise thy Name for evermore.

13 For great is thy mercy
toward me; * and thou hast
delivered my soul from the
nethermost hell.

14 O God, the proud are
risen against me; * and the
congregations of violent
men have sought after my
soul, and have not set thee
before their eyes.

15 But thou, O Lord God,
art full of compassion and
mercy, * long-suffering,
plenteous in goodness and
truth.

16 O turn thee then unto
me, and have mercy upon
me; * give thy strength unto
thy servant, and help the
son of thine handmaid.

17 Show some token upon
me for good; that they who
hate me may see it, and be
ashamed, * because thou,
LORD, hast holpen me, and
comforted me.

Psalm 87.

HER foundations are upon
the holy hills: * the LORD

loveth the gates of Sion
more than all the dwellings
of Jacob.

2 Very excellent things are
spoken of thee, * thou city
of God.

3 I will make mention of
Egypt and Babylon, *
among them that know me.

4 Behold, Philistia also; and
Tyre, with Ethiopia; * lo, in
Sion were they born.

5 Yea, of Sion it shall be
reported, this one and that
one were born in her; * and
the Most High shall stablish
her.

6 The LORD shall record it,
when he writeth up the
peoples; * lo, in Sion were
they born.

7 The singers also and
trumpeters shall make
answer: * All my fresh
springs are in thee.

Psalm 88.

O LORD God of my
salvation, I have cried day
and night before thee: * O

let my prayer enter into thy
presence, incline thine ear
unto my calling;

2 For my soul is full of
trouble, * and my life
draweth nigh unto the
grave.

3 I am counted as one of
them that go down into the
pit, * and I am even as a

man that hath no strength;
4 Cast off among the dead,
like unto them that are slain,
and lie in the grave, * who
are out of remembrance,
and are cut away from thy
hand.

5 Thou hast laid me in the
lowest pit, * in a place of
darkness, and in the deep.

6 Thine indignation lieth
hard upon me, * and thou
hast vexed me with all thy
storms.

7 Thou hast put away mine
acquaintance far from me, *
and made me to be abhorred
of them.

8 I am so fast in prison *
that I cannot get forth.

9 My sight faileth for very
trouble; * LORD, I have
called daily upon thee, I
have stretched forth my
hands unto thee.

10 Dost thou show wonders
among the dead? * or shall
the dead rise up again, and
praise thee?

11 Shall thy loving-
kindness be showed in the
grave? * or thy faithfulness
in destruction?

12 Shall thy wondrous
works be known in the
dark? * and thy
righteousness in the land
where all things are
forgotten?

13 Unto thee have I cried, O
LORD; * and early shall my
prayer come before thee.

14 LORD, why abhorrest
thou my soul, * and hidest
thou thy face from me?

15 I am in misery, and like
unto him that is at the point
to die; * even from my
youth up, thy terrors have I

suffered with a troubled mind.

16 Thy wrathful displeasure goeth over me, * and the fear of thee hath undone me.

17 They came round about me daily like water, * and compassed me together on every side.

18 My lovers and friends hast thou put away from me, * and hid mine acquaintance out of my sight.

Evening Prayer.

Psalm 89.

MY song shall be alway of the loving-kindness of the LORD; * with my mouth will I ever be showing thy truth from one generation to another.

2 For I have said, Mercy shall be set up for ever; * thy truth shalt thou stablish in the heavens.

3 I have made a covenant with my chosen; * I have

sworn unto David my servant:

4 Thy seed will I stablish for ever, * and set up thy throne from one generation to another.

5 O LORD, the very heavens shall praise thy wondrous works; * and thy truth in the congregation of the saints.

6 For who is he among the clouds, * that shall be compared unto the LORD?

7 And what is he among the gods, * that shall be like unto the LORD?

8 God is very greatly to be feared in the council of the saints, * and to be had in reverence of all them that are round about him.

9 O Lord God of hosts, who is like unto thee? * thy truth, most mighty LORD, is on every side.

10 Thou rulest the raging of the sea; * thou stillest the waves thereof when they arise.

11 Thou hast subdued Egypt, and destroyed it; * thou hast scattered thine enemies abroad with thy mighty arm.

12 The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine; * thou hast laid the foundation of the round world, and all that therein is.

13 Thou hast made the north and the south; * Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy Name.

14 Thou hast a mighty arm; * strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.

15 Righteousness and equity are the habitation of thy seat; * mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

16 Blessed is the people, O LORD, that can rejoice in thee; * they shall walk in the light of thy countenance.

17 Their delight shall be daily in thy Name; * and in

thy righteousness shall they make their boast.

18 For thou art the glory of their strength, * and in thy loving-kindness thou shalt lift up our horns.

19 For the LORD is our defence; * the Holy One of Israel is our King.

20 Thou spakest sometime in visions unto thy saints, and saidst, * I have laid help upon one that is mighty, I have exalted one chosen out of the people.

21 I have found David my servant; * with my holy oil have I anointed him.

22 My hand shall hold him fast, * and my arm shall strengthen him.

23 The enemy shall not be able to do him violence; * the son of wickedness shall not hurt him.

24 I will smite down his foes before his face, * and plague them that hate him.

25 My truth also and my mercy shall be with him; *

and in my Name shall his
horn be exalted.

26 I will set his dominion
also in the sea, * and his
right hand in the floods.

27 He shall call me, Thou
art my Father, * my God,
and my strong salvation.

28 And I will make him my
firstborn, * higher than the
kings of the earth.

29 My mercy will I keep for
him for evermore, * and my
covenant shall stand fast
with him.

30 His seed also will I make
to endure for ever, * and his
throne as the days of
heaven.

31 But if his children
forsake my law, * and walk
not in my judgments;

32 If they break my statutes,
and keep not my
commandments; * I will
visit their offences with the
rod, and their sin with
scourges.

33 Nevertheless, my loving-
kindness will I not utterly

take from him, * nor suffer
my truth to fail.

34 My covenant will I not
break, nor alter the thing
that is gone out of my lips:
* I have sworn once by my
holiness, that I will not fail
David.

35 His seed shall endure for
ever, * and his throne is like
as the sun before me.

36 He shall stand fast for
evermore as the moon, *
and as the faithful witness
in heaven.

37 But thou hast abhorred
and forsaken thine anointed,
* and art displeased at him.

38 Thou hast broken the
covenant of thy servant, *
and cast his crown to the
ground.

39 Thou hast overthrown all
his hedges, * and broken
down his strongholds.

40 All they that go by spoil
him, * and he is become a
reproach to his neighbours.

41 Thou hast set up the
right hand of his enemies, *

and made all his adversaries to rejoice.

42 Thou hast taken away the edge of his sword, * and givest him not victory in the battle.

43 Thou hast put out his glory, * and cast his throne down to the ground.

44 The days of his youth hast thou shortened, * and covered him with dishonour.

45 LORD, how long wilt thou hide thyself? for ever? * and shall thy wrath burn like fire?

46 O remember how short my time is; * wherefore hast thou made all men for nought?

47 What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? * and shall he deliver his soul from the power of the grave?

48 Lord, where are thy old loving-kindnesses, * which thou swarest unto David in thy truth?

49 Remember, Lord, the rebuke that thy servants have, * and how I do bear in my bosom the rebukes of many people;

50 Wherewith thine enemies have blasphemed thee, * and slandered the footsteps of thine anointed.

51 Praised be the LORD for evermore. * Amen, and Amen.

THE EIGHTEENTH DAY.
Morning Prayer.

Psalm 90.

LORD, thou hast been our refuge, * from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, * thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.

3 Thou turnest man to destruction; * again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.

4 For a thousand years in
thy sight are but as
yesterday when it is past, *
and as a watch in the night.

5 As soon as thou scatterest
them they are even as a
sleep; * and fade away
suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green,
and groweth up; * but in the
evening it is cut down, dried
up, and withered.

7 For we consume away in
thy displeasure, * and are
afraid at thy wrathful
indignation.

8 Thou hast set our
misdeeds before thee; * and
our secret sins in the light of
thy countenance.

9 For when thou art angry
all our days are gone: * we
bring our years to an end, as
it were a tale that is told.

10 The days of our age are
threescore years and ten;
and though men be so
strong that they come to
fourscore years, * yet is
their strength then but

labour and sorrow; so soon
passeth it away, and we are
gone.

11 But who regardeth the
power of thy wrath? * or
feareth aright thy
indignation?

12 So teach us to number
our days, * that we may
apply our hearts unto
wisdom.

13 Turn thee again, O LORD,
at the last, * and be gracious
unto thy servants.

14 O satisfy us with thy
mercy, and that soon: * so
shall we rejoice and be glad
all the days of our life.

15 Comfort us again now
after the time that thou hast
plagued us; * and for the
years wherein we have
suffered adversity.

16 Show thy servants thy
work, * and their children
thy glory.

17 And the glorious majesty
of the LORD our God be
upon us: * prosper thou the
work of our hands upon us;

O prosper thou our handy-work.

Psalm 91.

WHOSO dwelleth under the defence of the Most High, * shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say unto the LORD, Thou art my hope, and my stronghold; * my God, in him will I trust.

3 For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter, * and from the noisome pestilence.

4 He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers; * his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night, * nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

6 For the pestilence that walketh in darkness, * nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.

7 A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand; * but it shall not come nigh thee.

8 Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold, * and see the reward of the ungodly.

9 For thou, LORD, art my hope; * thou hast set thine house of defence very high.

10 There shall no evil happen unto thee, * neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, * to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee in their hands, * that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

13 Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder: * the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him; * I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.

15 He shall call upon me,
and I will hear him; * yea, I
am with him in trouble; I
will deliver him, and bring
him to honour.

16 With long life will I
satisfy him, * and show him
my salvation.

Psalm 92.

IT is a good thing to give
thanks unto the LORD, * and
to sing praises unto thy
Name, O Most Highest;

2 To tell of thy loving-
kindness early in the
morning, * and of thy truth
in the night season;

3 Upon an instrument of ten
strings, and upon the lute; *
upon a loud instrument, and
upon the harp.

4 For thou, LORD, hast made
me glad through thy works;
* and I will rejoice in giving
praise for the operations of
thy hands.

5 O LORD, how glorious are
thy works! * thy thoughts
are very deep.

6 An unwise man doth not
well consider this, * and a
fool doth not understand it.

7 When the ungodly are
green as the grass, and
when all the workers of
wickedness do flourish, *
then shall they be destroyed
for ever; but thou, LORD, art
the Most Highest for
evermore.

8 For lo, thine enemies, O
LORD, lo, thine enemies
shall perish; * and all the
workers of wickedness shall
be destroyed.

9 But my horn shall be
exalted like the horn of an
unicorn; * for I am anointed
with fresh oil.

10 Mine eye also shall see
his lust of mine enemies, *
and mine ear shall hear his
desire of the wicked that
arise up against me.

11 The righteous shall
flourish like a palm-tree, *
and shall spread abroad like
a cedar in Lebanon.

12 Such as are planted in
the house of the LORD, *
shall flourish in the courts
of the house of our God.
13 They also shall bring
forth more fruit in their age,
* and shall be fat and well-
liking;
14 That they may show how
true the LORD my strength
is, * and that there is no
unrighteousness in him.

Evening Prayer.

Psalm 93.

THE LORD is King, and hath
put on glorious apparel; *
the LORD hath put on his
apparel, and girded himself
with strength.

2 He hath made the round
world so sure, * that it
cannot be moved.

3 Ever since the world
began, hath thy seat been
prepared: * thou art from
everlasting.

4 The floods are risen, O
LORD, the floods have lift up

their voice; * the floods lift
up their waves.

5 The waves of the sea are
mighty, and rage horribly; *
but yet the LORD, who
dwelleth on high, is
mightier.

6 Thy testimonies, O LORD,
are very sure: * holiness
becometh thine house for
ever.

Psalm 94.

O LORD God, to whom
vengeance belongeth, *
thou God, to whom
vengeance belongeth, show
thyself.

2 Arise, thou Judge of the
world, * and reward the
proud after their deserving.

3 LORD, how long shall the
ungodly, * how long shall
the ungodly triumph?

4 How long shall all wicked
doers speak so disdainfully,
* and make such proud
boasting?

5 They smite down thy
people, O LORD, * and
trouble thine heritage.
6 They murder the widow
and the stranger, * and put
the fatherless to death.
7 And yet they say, Tush,
the LORD shall not see, *
neither shall the God of
Jacob regard it.
8 Take heed, ye unwise
among the people: * O ye
fools, when will ye
understand?
9 He that planted the ear,
shall he not hear? * or he
that made the eye, shall he
not see?
10 Or he that instructeth the
heathen, * it is he that
teacheth man knowledge;
shall not he punish?
11 The LORD knoweth the
thoughts of man, * that they
are but vain.
12 Blessed is the man
whom thou chastenest, O
LORD, * and teachest him in
thy law;

13 That thou mayest give
him patience in time of
adversity, * until the pit be
dugged up for the ungodly.
14 For the LORD will not fail
his people; * neither will he
forsake his inheritance;
15 Until righteousness turn
again unto judgment: * all
such as are true in heart
shall follow it.
16 Who will rise up with
me against the wicked? * or
who will take my part
against the evil doers?
17 If the LORD had not
helped me, * it had not
failed, but my soul had been
put to silence.
18 But when I said, My foot
hath slipt; * thy mercy, O
LORD, held me up.
19 In the multitude of the
sorrows that I had in my
heart, * thy comforts have
refreshed my soul.
20 Wilt thou have any thing
to do with the throne of
wickedness, * which

imagineth mischief as a law?

21 They gather them together against the soul of the righteous, * and condemn the innocent blood.

22 But the LORD is my refuge, * and my God is the strength of my confidence.

23 He shall recompense them their wickedness, and destroy them in their own malice; * yea, the LORD our God shall destroy them.

THE NINETEENTH DAY.
Morning Prayer.

Psalm 95.

O COME, let us sing unto the LORD; * let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; * and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

3 For the LORD is a great God; * and a great King above all gods.

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

5 The sea is his, and he made it; * and his hands prepared the dry land.

6 O come, let us worship and fall down, * and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

7 For he is the Lord our God; * and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

8 To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts * as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;

9 When your fathers tempted me, * proved me, and saw my works.

10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, * It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways:

11 Unto whom I swear in my wrath, * that they should not enter into my rest.

Psalm 96.

O SING unto the LORD a new song; * sing unto the LORD, all the whole earth.

2 Sing unto the LORD, and praise his Name; * be telling of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his honour unto the heathen, * and his wonders unto all peoples.

4 For the LORD is great, and cannot worthily be praised; * he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols; * but it is the LORD that made the heavens.

6 Glory and worship are before him; * power and honour are in his sanctuary.

7 Ascribe unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the peoples,

* ascribe unto the LORD worship and power.

8 Ascribe unto the LORD the honour due unto his Name; * bring presents, and come into his courts.

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

10 Tell it out among the heathen, that the LORD is King, and that it is he who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved; * and how that he shall judge the peoples righteously.

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; * let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.

12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it; * then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the LORD.

13 For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth; * and with righteousness to

judge the world, and the
peoples with his truth.

Psalm 97.

THE LORD is King, the
earth may be glad thereof; *
yea, the multitude of the
isles may be glad thereof.
2 Clouds and darkness are
round about him: *
righteousness and judgment
are the habitation of his
seat.

3 There shall go a fire
before him, * and burn up
his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings gave shine
unto the world: * the earth
saw it, and was afraid.

5 The hills melted like wax
at the presence of the LORD;
* at the presence of the
Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens have
declared his righteousness,
* and all the peoples have
seen his glory.

7 Confounded be all they
that worship carved images,
and that delight in vain

gods: * worship him, all ye
gods.

8 Sion heard of it, and
rejoiced; and the daughters
of Judah were glad, *
because of thy judgments,
O LORD.

9 For thou, LORD, art higher
than all that are in the earth:
* thou art exalted far above
all gods.

10 O ye that love the LORD,
see that ye hate the thing
which is evil: * the Lord
preserveth the souls of his
saints; he shall deliver them
from the hand of the
ungodly.

11 There is sprung up a
light for the righteous, * and
joyful gladness for such as
are true-hearted.

12 Rejoice in the LORD, ye
righteous; * and give thanks
for a remembrance of his
holiness.

Evening Prayer.

Psalm 98.

O SING unto the LORD a new song; * for he hath done marvellous things.

2 With his own right hand, and with his holy arm, * hath he gotten himself the victory.

3 The LORD declared his salvation; * his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

4 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.

5 Show yourselves joyful unto the LORD, all ye lands; * sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

6 Praise the LORD upon the harp; * sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

7 With trumpets also and shawms, * O show yourselves joyful before the LORD, the King.

8 Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is; * the round world, and they that dwell therein.

9 Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the LORD; * for he is come to judge the earth.

10 With righteousness shall he judge the world, * and the peoples with equity.

Psalm 99.

THE LORD is King, be the people never so impatient; * he sitteth between the Cherubim, be the earth never so unquiet.

2 The LORD is great in Sion, * and high above all people.

3 They shall give thanks unto thy Name, * which is great, wonderful, and holy.

4 The King's power loveth judgment; thou hast prepared equity, * thou hast executed judgment and righteousness in Jacob.

5 O magnify the LORD our God, and fall down before his footstool; * for he is holy.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call upon his Name: * these called upon the LORD, and he heard them.

7 He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar; * for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them.

8 Thou heardest them, O LORD our God; * thou forgavest them, O God, though thou didst punish their wicked doings.

9 O magnify the LORD our God, and worship him upon his holy hill; * for the LORD our God is holy.

Psalm 100.

O BE joyful in the LORD, all ye lands: * serve the LORD with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

2 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.

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

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

Psalm 101.

MY song shall be of mercy and judgment; * unto thee, O LORD, will I sing.

2 O let me have understanding * in the way of godliness!

3 When wilt thou come unto me? * I will walk in my house with a perfect heart.

4 I will take no wicked thing in hand; I hate the sins

of unfaithfulness; * there shall no such cleave unto me.

5 A froward heart shall depart from me; * I will not know a wicked person.

6 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, * him will I destroy.

7 Whoso hath also a haughty look and a proud heart, * I will not suffer him.

8 Mine eyes look upon such as are faithful in the land, * that they may dwell with me.

9 Whoso leadeth a godly life, * he shall be my servant.

10 There shall no deceitful person dwell in my house; * he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.

11 I shall soon destroy all the ungodly that are in the land; * that I may root out all wicked doers from the city of the LORD.

THE TWENTIETH DAY.
Morning Prayer.

Psalms 102.

HEAR my prayer, O LORD, * and let my crying come unto thee.

2 Hide not thy face from me in the time of my trouble; * incline thine ear unto me when I call; O hear me, and that right soon.

3 For my days are consumed away like smoke, * and my bones are burnt up as it were a firebrand.

4 My heart is smitten down, and withered like grass; * so that I forget to eat my bread.

5 For the voice of my groaning, * my bones will scarce cleave to my flesh.

6 I am become like a pelican in the wilderness, * and like an owl that is in the desert.

7 I have watched, and am even as it were a sparrow, * that sitteth alone upon the housetop.

8 Mine enemies revile me
all the day long; * and they
that are mad upon me are
sworn together against me.

9 For I have eaten ashes as
it were bread, * and
mingled my drink with
weeping;

10 And that, because of
thine indignation and wrath;
* for thou hast taken me up,
and cast me down.

11 My days are gone like a
shadow, * and I am
withered like grass.

12 But thou, O LORD, shalt
endure for ever, * and thy
remembrance throughout all
generations.

13 Thou shalt arise, and
have mercy upon Sion; *
for it is time that thou have
mercy upon her, yea, the
time is come.

14 And why? thy servants
think upon her stones, * and
it pitieth them to see her in
the dust.

15 The nations shall fear
thy Name, O LORD; * and

all the kings of the earth thy
majesty;

16 When the LORD shall
build up Sion, * and when
his glory shall appear;

17 When he turneth him
unto the prayer of the poor
destitute, * and despiseth
not their desire.

18 This shall be written for
those that come after, * and
the people which shall be
born shall praise the LORD.

19 For he hath looked down
from his sanctuary; * out of
the heaven did the LORD
behold the earth;

20 That he might hear the
mournings of such as are in
captivity, * and deliver
them that are appointed
unto death;

21 That they may declare
the Name of the LORD in
Sion, * and his worship at
Jerusalem;

22 When the peoples are
gathered together, * and the
kingdoms also, to serve the
LORD.

23 He brought down my strength in my journey, * and shortened my days.
24 But I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of mine age; * as for thy years, they endure throughout all generations.
25 Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth, * and the heavens are the work of thy hands.
26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: * they all shall wax old as doth a garment;
27 And as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed; * but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.
28 The children of thy servants shall continue, * and their seed shall stand fast in thy sight.

Psalm 103.

PRAISE the LORD, O my soul; * and all that is within me, praise his holy Name.
2 Praise the LORD, O my soul, * and forget not all his benefits:
3 Who forgiveth all thy sin, * and healeth all thine infirmities;
4 Who saveth thy life from destruction, * and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;
5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, * making thee young and lusty as an eagle.
6 The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment * for all them that are oppressed with wrong.
7 He showed his ways unto Moses, * his works unto the children of Israel.
8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, * longsuffering, and of great goodness.

9 He will not alway be
chiding; * neither keepeth
he his anger for ever.

10 He hath not dealt with us
after our sins; * nor
rewarded us according to
our wickednesses.

11 For look how high the
heaven is in comparison of
the earth; * so great is his
mercy also toward them that
fear him.

12 Look how wide also the
east is from the west; * so
far hath he set our sins from
us.

13 Yea, like as a father
pitieth his own children; *
even so is the LORD
merciful unto them that fear
him.

14 For he knoweth whereof
we are made; * he
remembereth that we are
but dust.

15 The days of man are but
as grass; * for he flourisheth
as a flower of the field.

16 For as soon as the wind
goeth over it, it is gone; *

and the place thereof shall
know it no more.

17 But the merciful
goodness of the LORD
endureth for ever and ever
upon them that fear him; *
and his righteousness upon
children's children;

18 Even upon such as keep
his covenant, * and think
upon his commandments to
do them.

19 The LORD hath prepared
his seat in heaven, * and his
kingdom ruleth over all.

20 O praise the LORD, ye
angels of his, ye that excel
in strength; * ye that fulfil
his commandment, and
hearken unto the voice of
his word.

21 O praise the LORD, all ye
his hosts; * ye servants of
his that do his pleasure.

22 O speak good of the
LORD, all ye works of his, in
all places of his dominion: *
praise thou the LORD, O my
soul.

Evening Prayer.

Psalm 104.

PRAISE the LORD, O my soul: * O LORD my God, thou art become exceeding glorious; thou art clothed with majesty and honour.

2 Thou deckest thyself with light as it were with a garment, * and spreadest out the heavens like a curtain.

3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters, * and maketh the clouds his chariot, and walketh upon the wings of the wind.

4 He maketh his angels winds, * and his ministers a flaming fire.

5 He laid the foundations of the earth, * that it never should move at any time.

6 Thou coveredst it with the deep like as with a garment; * the waters stand above the hills.

7 At thy rebuke they flee; * at the voice of thy thunder they haste away.

8 They go up as high as the hills, and down to the valleys beneath; * even unto the place which thou hast appointed for them.

9 Thou hast set them their bounds, which they shall not pass, * neither turn again to cover the earth.

10 He sendeth the springs into the rivers, * which run among the hills.

11 All beasts of the field drink thereof, * and the wild asses quench their thirst.

12 Beside them shall the fowls of the air have their habitation, * and sing among the branches.

13 He watereth the hills from above; * the earth is filled with the fruit of thy works.

14 He bringeth forth grass for the cattle, * and green herb for the service of men;

15 That he may bring food out of the earth, and wine that maketh glad the heart of man; * and oil to make

him a cheerful countenance,
and bread to strengthen
man's heart.

16 The trees of the LORD
also are full of sap; * even
the cedars of Lebanon
which he hath planted;

17 Wherein the birds make
their nests; * and the firtrees
are a dwelling for the stork.

18 The high hills are a
refuge for the wild goats; *
and so are the stony rocks
for the conies.

19 He appointed the moon
for certain seasons, * and
the sun knoweth his going
down.

20 Thou makest darkness
that it may be night; *
wherein all the beasts of the
forest do move.

21 The lions, roaring after
their prey, * do seek their
meat from God.

22 The sun ariseth, and they
get them away together, *
and lay them down in their
dens.

23 Man goeth forth to his
work, and to his labour, *
until the evening.

24 O LORD, how manifold
are thy works! * in wisdom
hast thou made them all; the
earth is full of thy riches.

25 So is the great and wide
sea also; * wherein are
things creeping
innumerable, both small and
great beasts.

26 There go the ships, and
there is that leviathan, *
whom thou hast made to
take his pastime therein.

27 These wait all upon thee,
* that thou mayest give
them meat in due season.

28 When thou givest it
them, they gather it; * and
when thou openest thy
hand, they are filled with
good.

29 When thou hidest thy
face, they are troubled: *
when thou takest away their
breath, they die, and are
turned again to their dust.

30 When thou lettest thy
breath go forth, they shall
be made; * and thou shalt
renew the face of the earth.

31 The glorious majesty of
the LORD shall endure for
ever; * the LORD shall
rejoice in his works.

32 The earth shall tremble
at the look of him; * if he
do but touch the hills, they
shall smoke.

33 I will sing unto the LORD
as long as I live; * I will
praise my God while I have
my being.

34 And so shall my words
please him: * my joy shall
be in the LORD.

35 As for sinners, they shall
be consumed out of the
earth, * and the ungodly
shall come to an end.

36 Praise thou the LORD, O
my soul. * Praise the LORD.

THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY.

Morning Prayer.

Psalms 105.

GIVE thanks unto the LORD,
and call upon his Name; *
tell the people what things
he hath done.

2 O let your songs be of
him, and praise him; * and
let your talking be of all his
wondrous works.

3 Rejoice in his holy Name;
* let the heart of them
rejoice that seek the LORD.

4 Seek the LORD and his
strength; * seek his face
evermore.

5 Remember the marvellous
works that he hath done; *
his wonders, and the
judgments of his mouth;

6 O ye seed of Abraham his
servant, * ye children of
Jacob his chosen.

7 He is the LORD our God; *
his judgments are in all the
world.

8 He hath been alway
mindful of his covenant and

promise, * that he made to a thousand generations;

9 Even the covenant that he made with Abraham; * and the oath that he swore unto Isaac;

10 And appointed the same unto Jacob for a law, * and to Israel for an everlasting testament;

11 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, * the lot of your inheritance:

12 When there were yet but a few of them, * and they strangers in the land;

13 What time as they went from one nation to another, * from one kingdom to another people;

14 He suffered no man to do them wrong, * but reprov'd even kings for their sakes;

15 Touch not mine anointed, * and do my prophets no harm.

16 Moreover, he called for a dearth upon the land, * and

destroyed all the provision of bread.

17 But he had sent a man before them, * even Joseph, who was sold to be a bond-servant;

18 Whose feet they hurt in the stocks; * the iron entered into his soul;

19 Until the time came that his cause was known: * the word of the LORD tried him.

20 The king sent, and delivered him; * the prince of the people let him go free.

21 He made him lord also of his house, * and ruler of all his substance;

22 That he might inform his princes after his will, * and teach his senators wisdom.

23 Israel also came into Egypt, * and Jacob was a stranger in the land of Ham.

24 And he increased his people exceedingly, * and made them stronger than their enemies;

25 Whose heart turned so,
that they hated his people, *
and dealt untruly with his
servants.

26 Then sent he Moses his
servant, * and Aaron whom
he had chosen.

27 And these showed his
tokens among them, * and
wonders in the land of Ham.

28 He sent darkness, and it
was dark; * and they were
not obedient unto his word.

29 He turned their waters
into blood, * and slew their
fish.

30 Their land brought forth
frogs; * yea, even in their
kings' chambers.

31 He spake the word, and
there came all manner of
flies, * and lice in all their
quarters.

32 He gave them hailstones
for rain; * and flames of fire
in their land.

33 He smote their vines also
and fig-trees; * and
destroyed the trees that
were in their coasts.

34 He spake the word, and
the grasshoppers came, and
caterpillars innumerable, *
and did eat up all the grass
in their land, and devoured
the fruit of their ground.

35 He smote all the
firstborn in their land; *
even the chief of all their
strength.

36 He brought them forth
also with silver and gold; *
there was not one feeble
person among their tribes.

37 Egypt was glad at their
departing; * for they were
afraid of them.

38 He spread out a cloud to
be a covering, * and fire to
give light in the night
season.

39 At their desire he
brought quails; * and he
filled them with the bread
of heaven.

40 He opened the rock of
stone, and the waters
flowed out, * so that rivers
ran in the dry places.

41 For why? he remembered his holy promise; * and Abraham his servant.

42 And he brought forth his people with joy, * and his chosen with gladness;

43 And gave them the lands of the heathen; * and they took the labours of the people in possession;

44 That they might keep his statutes, * and observe his laws.

Evening Prayer.

Psalm 106.

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD; for he is gracious, * and his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Who can express the noble acts of the LORD, * or show forth all his praise?

3 Blessed are they that always keep judgment, * and do righteousness.

4 Remember me, O LORD, according to the favour that thou bearest unto thy

people; * O visit me with thy salvation;

5 That I may see the felicity of thy chosen, * and rejoice in the gladness of thy people, and give thanks with thine inheritance.

6 We have sinned with our fathers; * we have done amiss, and dealt wickedly.

7 Our fathers regarded not thy wonders in Egypt, neither kept they thy great goodness in remembrance; * but were disobedient at the sea, even at the Red Sea.

8 Nevertheless, he helped them for his Name's sake, * that he might make his power to be known.

9 He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it was dried up; * so he led them through the deep, as through a wilderness.

10 And he saved them from the adversary's hand, * and delivered them from the hand of the enemy.

11 As for those that
troubled them, the waters
overwhelmed them; * there
was not one of them left.
12 Then believed they his
words, * and sang praise
unto him.
13 But within a while they
forgot his works, * and
would not abide his
counsel.
14 But lust came upon them
in the wilderness, * and
they tempted God in the
desert.
15 And he gave them their
desire, * and sent leanness
withal into their soul.
16 They angered Moses
also in the tents, * and
Aaron the saint of the LORD.
17 So the earth opened, and
swallowed up Dathan, * and
covered the congregation of
Abiram.
18 And the fire was kindled
in their company; * the
flame burnt up the ungodly.

19 They made a calf in
Horeb, * and worshipped
the molten image.
20 Thus they turned their
glory * into the similitude
of a calf that eateth hay.
21 And they forgot God
their Saviour, * who had
done so great things in
Egypt;
22 Wondrous works in the
land of Ham; * and fearful
things by the Red Sea.
23 So he said he would
have destroyed them, had
not Moses his chosen stood
before him in the gap, * to
turn away his wrathful
indignation, lest he should
destroy them.
24 Yea, they thought scorn
of that pleasant land, * and
gave no credence unto his
word;
25 But murmured in their
tents, * and hearkened not
unto the voice of the LORD.
26 Then lift he up his hand
against them, * to

overthrow them in the wilderness;
27 To cast out their seed among the nations, * and to scatter them in the lands.
28 They joined themselves unto Baal-peor, * and ate the offerings of the dead.
29 Thus they provoked him to anger with their own inventions; * and the plague was great among them.
30 Then stood up Phinehas, and interposed; * and so the plague ceased.
31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness, * among all posterities for evermore.
32 They angered him also at the waters of strife, * so that he punished Moses for their sakes;
33 Because they provoked his spirit, * so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.
34 Neither destroyed they the heathen, * as the LORD commanded them;

35 But were mingled among the heathen, * and learned their works.
36 Insomuch that they worshipped their idols, which became a snare unto them; * yea, they offered their sons and their daughters unto devils;
37 And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, * whom they offered unto the idols of Canaan; and the land was defiled with blood.
38 Thus were they stained with their own works, * and went a whoring with their own inventions.
39 Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against his people, * insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance.
40 And he gave them over into the hand of the heathen; * and they that hated them were lords over them.

41 Their enemies oppressed them, * and had them in subjection.

42 Many a time did he deliver them; * but they rebelled against him with their own inventions, and were brought down in their wickedness.

43 Nevertheless, when he saw their adversity, * he heard their complaint.

44 He thought upon his covenant, and pitied them, according unto the multitude of his mercies; * yea, he made all those that led them away captive to pity them.

45 Deliver us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the heathen; * that we may give thanks unto thy holy Name, and make our boast of thy praise.

46 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, from everlasting, and world without end; * And let all the people say, Amen.

THE TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

Morning Prayer.

Psalm 107.

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD, for he is gracious, * and his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Let them give thanks whom the LORD hath redeemed, * and delivered from the hand of the enemy;

3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west; * from the north, and from the south.

4 They went astray in the wilderness out of the way, * and found no city to dwell in.

5 Hungry and thirsty, * their soul fainted in them.

6 So they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.

7 He led them forth by the right way, * that they might

go to the city where they dwelt.

8 O that men would therefore praise the LORD for his goodness; * and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!

9 For he satisfieth the empty soul, * and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

10 Such as sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, * being fast bound in misery and iron;

11 Because they rebelled against the words of the Lord, * and lightly regarded the counsel of the Most Highest;

12 He also brought down their heart through heaviness: * they fell down, and there was none to help them.

13 So when they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, * he delivered them out of their distress.

14 For he brought them out of darkness, and out of the shadow of death, * and brake their bonds in sunder.

15 O that men would therefore praise the LORD for his goodness; * and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men !

16 For he hath broken the gates of brass, * and smitten the bars of iron in sunder.

17 Foolish men are plagued for their offence, * and because of their wickedness.

18 Their soul abhorred all manner of meat, * and they were even hard at death's door.

19 So when they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, * he delivered them out of their distress.

20 He sent his word, and healed them; * and they were saved from their destruction.

21 O that men would
therefore praise the LORD
for his goodness; * and
declare the wonders that he
doeth for the children of
men !

22 That they would offer
unto him the sacrifice of
thanksgiving, * and tell out
his works with gladness!

23 They that go down to the
sea in ships, * and occupy
their business in great
waters;

24 These men see the works
of the LORD, * and his
wonders in the deep.

25 For at his word the
stormy wind ariseth, *
which lifteth up the waves
thereof.

26 They are carried up to
the heaven, and down again
to the deep; * their soul
melteth away because of the
trouble.

27 They reel to and fro, and
stagger like a drunken man,
* and are at their wit's end.

28 SO when they cry unto
the LORD in their trouble, *
he delivereth them out of
their distress.

29 For he maketh the storm
to cease, * so that the waves
thereof are still.

30 Then are they glad,
because they are at rest; *
and so he bringeth them
unto the haven where they
would be.

31 O that men would
therefore praise the LORD
for his goodness; * and
declare the wonders that he
doeth for the children of
men!

32 That they would exalt
him also in the congregation
of the people, * and praise
him in the seat of the elders!

33 He turneth the floods
into a wilderness, * and
drieth up the water-springs.

34 A fruitful land maketh
he barren, * for the
wickedness of them that
dwell therein.

35 Again, he maketh the wilderness a standing water, * and water-springs of a dry ground.

36 And there he setteth the hungry, * that they may build them a city to dwell in;

37 That they may sow their land, and plant vineyards, * to yield them fruits of increase.

38 He blesseth them, so that they multiply exceedingly; * and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

39 And again, when they are minished and brought low * through oppression, through any plague or trouble;

40 Though he suffer them to be evil entreated through tyrants, * and let them wander out of the way in the wilderness;

41 Yet helpeth he the poor out of misery, * and maketh him households like a flock of sheep.

42 The righteous will consider this, and rejoice; * and the mouth of all wickedness shall be stopped.

43 Whoso is wise, will ponder these things; * and they shall understand the loving-kindness of the LORD.

Evening Prayer.

Psalm 108.

O GOD, my heart is ready, my heart is ready; * I will sing, and give praise with the best member that I have.

2 Awake, thou lute and harp; * I myself will awake right early.

3 I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the peoples; * I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

4 For thy mercy is greater than the heavens, * and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

5 Set up thyself, O God,
above the heavens, * and
thy glory above all the
earth;

6 That thy beloved may be
delivered: * let thy right
hand save them, and hear
thou me.

7 God hath spoken in his
holiness; * I will rejoice
therefore, and divide
Shechem, and mete out the
valley of Succoth.

8 Gilead is mine, and
Manasseh is mine; *
Ephraim also is the strength
of my head; Judah is my
lawgiver;

9 Moab is my wash-pot;
over Edom will I cast out
my shoe; * upon Philistia
will I triumph.

10 Who will lead me into
the strong city? * and who
will bring me into Edom?

11 Hast not thou forsaken
us, O God? * and wilt not
thou, O God, go forth with
our hosts?

12 O help us against the
enemy: * for vain is the
help of man.

13 Through God we shall
do great acts; * and it is he
that shall tread down our
enemies.

Psalm 109.

HOLD not thy tongue, O
God of my praise; * for the
mouth of the ungodly, yea,
the mouth of the deceitful is
opened upon me.

2 And they have spoken
against me with false
tongues; * they compassed
me about also with words of
hatred, and fought against
me without a cause.

3 For the love that I had
unto them, lo, they take
now my contrary part; * but
I give myself unto prayer.

4 Thus have they rewarded
me evil for good, * and
hatred for my good will.

5 Set thou an ungodly man
to be ruler over him, * and

let an adversary stand at his right hand.

6 When sentence is given upon him, let him be condemned; * and let his prayer be turned into sin.

7 Let his days be few; * and let another take his office.

8 Let his children be fatherless, * and his wife a widow.

9 Let his children be vagabonds, and beg their bread; * let them seek it also out of desolate places.

10 Let the extortioner consume all that he hath; * and let the stranger spoil his labour.

11 Let there be no man to pity him, * nor to have compassion upon his fatherless children.

12 Let his posterity be destroyed; * and in the NEXT generation let his name be clean put out.

13 Let the wickedness of his fathers be had in remembrance in the sight of

the LORD; * and let not the sin of his mother be done away.

14 Let them alway be before the LORD, * that he may root out the memorial of them from off the earth;
15 And that, because his mind was not to do good; * but persecuted the poor helpless man, that he might slay him that was vexed at the heart.

16 His delight was in cursing, and it shall happen unto him; * he loved not blessing, therefore shall it be far from him.

17 He clothed himself with cursing like as with a raiment, * and it shall come into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones.

18 Let it be unto him as the cloak that he hath upon him, * and as the girdle that he is alway girded withal.

19 Let it thus happen from the LORD unto mine

enemies, * and to those that
speak evil against my soul.
20 But deal thou with me, O
LORD God, according unto
thy Name; * for sweet is thy
mercy.

21 O deliver me, for I am
helpless and poor, ~ and my
heart is wounded within me.

22 I go hence like the
shadow that departeth, *
and am driven away as the
grasshopper.

23 My knees are weak
through fasting; * my flesh
is dried up for want of
fatness.

24 I am become also a
reproach unto them: * they
that look upon me shake
their heads.

25 Help me, O LORD my
God; * O save me
according to thy mercy;

26 And they shall know
how that this is thy hand, *
and that thou, LORD, hast
done it.

27 Though they curse, yet
bless thou; * and let them

be confounded that rise up
against me; but let thy
servant rejoice.

28 Let mine adversaries be
clothed with shame; * and
let them cover themselves
with their own confusion, as
with a cloak.

29 As for me, I will give
great thanks unto the LORD
with my mouth, * and
praise him among the
multitude;

30 For he shall stand at the
right hand of the poor, * to
save his soul from
unrighteous judges.

THE TWENTY-THIRD DAY.

Morning Prayer.

Psalm 110.

THE LORD said unto my
Lord, * Sit thou on my right
hand, until I make thine
enemies thy footstool.

2 The LORD shall send the
rod of thy power out of
Sion: * be thou ruler, even

in the midst among thine enemies.

3 In the day of thy power shall thy people offer themselves willingly with an holy worship: * thy young men come to thee as dew from the womb of the morning.

4 The LORD swear, and will not repent, * Thou art a Priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

5 The Lord upon thy right hand * shall wound even kings in the day of his wrath.

6 He shall judge among the heathen; * he shall fill the places with the dead bodies, and smite in sunder the heads over divers countries.

7 He shall drink of the brook in the way; * therefore shall he lift up his head.

Psalm 111.

I WILL give thanks unto the LORD with my whole

heart, * secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.

2 The works of the LORD are great, * sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

3 His work is worthy to be praised and had in honour, * and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 The merciful and gracious LORD hath so done his marvellous works, * that they ought to be had in remembrance.

5 He hath given meat unto them that fear him; * he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.

6 He hath showed his people the power of his works, * that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

7 The works of his hands are verity and judgment; * all his commandments are true.

8 They stand fast for ever
and ever, * and are done in
truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption unto
his people; * he hath
commanded his covenant
for ever; holy and reverend
is his Name.

10 The fear of the LORD is
the beginning of wisdom; *
a good understanding have
all they that do thereafter;
his praise endureth for ever.

Psalm 112.

BLESSED is the man that
feareth the LORD; * he hath
great delight in his
commandments.

2 His seed shall be mighty
upon earth; * the generation
of the faithful shall be
blessed.

3 Riches and plenteousness
shall be in his house; * and
his righteousness endureth
for ever.

4 Unto the godly there
ariseth up light in the

darkness; * he is merciful,
loving, and righteous.

5 A good man is merciful,
and lendeth; * and will
guide his words with
discretion.

6 For he shall never be
moved: * and the righteous
shall be had in everlasting
remembrance.

7 He will not be afraid of
any evil tidings; * for his
heart standeth fast, and
believeth in the LORD.

8 His heart is stablished,
and will not shrink, * until
he see his desire upon his
enemies.

9 He hath dispersed abroad,
and given to the poor. * and
his righteousness remaineth
for ever; his horn shall be
exalted with honour.

10 The ungodly shall see it,
and it shall grieve him; * he
shall gnash with his teeth,
and consume away; the
desire of the ungodly shall
perish.

Psalm 113.

PRAISE the LORD, ye
servants; * O praise the
Name of the LORD.

2 Blessed be the Name of
the LORD * from this time
forth for evermore.

3 The LORD's Name is
praised * from the rising up
of the sun unto the going
down of the same.

4 The LORD is high above
all nations, * and his glory
above the heavens.

5 Who is like unto the LORD
our God, that hath his
dwelling so high, * and yet
humbleth himself to behold
the things that are in heaven
and earth!

6 He taketh up the simple
out of the dust, * and lifteth
the poor out of the mire;

7 That he may set him with
the princes, * even with the
princes of his people.

8 He maketh the barren
woman to keep house, * and
to be a joyful mother of
children.

Evening Prayer.

Psalm 114.

WHEN Israel came out of
Egypt, * and the house of
Jacob from among the
strange people,

2 Judah was his sanctuary, *
and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea saw that, and
fled; * Jordan was driven
back.

4 The mountains skipped
like rams, * and the little
hills like young sheep.

5 What aileth thee, O thou
sea, that thou fleddest? *
and thou Jordan, that thou
wast driven back?

6 Ye mountains, that ye
skipped like rams? * and ye
little hills, like young
sheep?

7 Tremble, thou earth, at the
presence of the Lord: * at
the presence of the God of
Jacob;

8 Who turned the hard rock
into a standing water, ' : and

the flint-stone into a
springing well.

Psalm 115.

NOT unto us, O LORD, not
unto us, but unto thy Name
give the praise; * for thy
loving mercy, and for thy
truth's sake.

2 Wherefore shall the
heathen say, * Where is
now their God?

3 As for our God, he is in
heaven: * he hath done
whatsoever pleased him.

4 Their idols are silver and
gold, * even the work of
men's hands.

5 They have mouths, and
speak not; * eyes have they,
and see not.

6 They have ears, and hear
not; * noses have they, and
smell not.

7 They have hands, and
handle not; feet have they,
and walk not; * neither
speak they through their
throat.

8 They that make them are
like unto them; * and so are
all such as put their trust in
them.

9 But thou, house of Israel,
trust thou in the LORD; * he
is their helper and defender.

10 Ye house of Aaron, put
your trust in the LORD; * he
is their helper and defender.

11 Ye that fear the LORD,
put your trust in the LORD; *
he is their helper and
defender.

12 The LORD hath been
mindful of us, and he shall
bless us; * even he shall
bless the house of Israel, he
shall bless the house of
Aaron.

13 He shall bless them that
fear the LORD, * both small
and great.

14 The LORD shall increase
you more and more, * you
and your children.

15 Ye are the blessed of the
LORD, * who made heaven
and earth.

16 All the whole heavens
are the LORD's; * the earth
hath he given to the
children of men.

17 The dead praise not thee,
O LORD, * neither all they
that go down into silence.

18 But we will praise the
LORD, * from this time forth
for evermore. Praise the
LORD.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH DAY.

Morning Prayer.

Psalm 116.

MY delight is in the LORD;
* because he hath heard the
voice of my prayer;

2 Because he hath inclined
his ear unto me; * therefore
will I call upon him as long
as I live.

3 The snares of death
compassed me round about,
* and the pains of hell gat
hold upon me.

4 I found trouble and
heaviness; then called I
upon the Name of the LORD;

* O LORD, I beseech thee,
deliver my soul.

5 Gracious is the LORD, and
righteous; * yea, our God is
merciful.

6 The LORD preserveth the
simple: * I was in misery,
and he helped me.

7 Turn again then unto thy
rest, O my soul; * for the
LORD hath rewarded thee.

8 And why? thou hast
delivered my soul from
death, * mine eyes from
tears, and my feet from
falling.

9 I will walk before the
LORD * in the land of the
living.

10 I believed, and therefore
will I speak; but I was sore
troubled: * I said in my
haste, All men are liars.

11 What reward shall I give
unto the LORD * for all the
benefits that he hath done
unto me?

12 I will receive the cup of
salvation, * and call upon
the Name of the LORD.

13 I will pay my vows now
in the presence of all his
people: * right dear in the
sight of the LORD is the
death of his saints.

14 Behold, O LORD, how
that I am thy servant; * I am
thy servant, and the son of
thine handmaid; thou hast
broken my bonds in sunder.

15 I will offer to thee the
sacrifice of thanksgiving, *
and will call upon the Name
of the LORD.

16 I will pay my vows unto
the LORD, in the sight of all
his people, * in the courts of
the LORD's house; even in
the midst of thee, O
Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.

Psalm 117.

O PRAISE the LORD, all ye
nations; * praise him, all ye
peoples.

2 For his merciful kindness
is ever more and more
toward us; * and the truth of
the LORD endureth for ever.
Praise the LORD.

Psalm 118.

O GIVE thanks unto the
LORD, for he is gracious; *
because his mercy endureth
for ever.

2 Let Israel now confess
that he is gracious, * and
that his mercy endureth for
ever.

3 Let the house of Aaron
now confess, * that his
mercy endureth for ever.

4 Yea, let them now that
fear the LORD confess, * that
his mercy endureth for ever.

5 I called upon the LORD in
trouble; * and the LORD
heard me at large.

6 The LORD is on my side; *
I will not fear what man
doeth unto me.

7 The LORD taketh my part
with them that help me; *
therefore shall I see my
desire upon mine enemies.

8 It is better to trust in the
LORD, * than to put any
confidence in man.

9 It is better to trust in the LORD, * than to put any confidence in princes.

10 All nations compassed me round about; * but in the Name of the LORD will I destroy them.

11 They kept me in on every side, they kept me in, I say, on every side; * but in the Name of the LORD will I destroy them.

12 They came about me like bees, and are extinct even as the fire among the thorns; * for in the Name of the LORD I will destroy them.

13 Thou hast thrust sore at me, that I might fall; * but the LORD was my help.

14 The LORD is my strength, and my song; * and is become my salvation.

15 The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous; * the right hand of the LORD bringeth mighty things to pass.

16 The right hand of the LORD hath the pre-

eminence; * the right hand of the LORD bringeth mighty things to pass.

17 I shall not die, but live, * and declare the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD hath chastened and corrected me; * but he hath not given me over unto death.

19 Open me the gates of righteousness, * that I may go into them, and give thanks unto the LORD.

20 This is the gate of the LORD, * the righteous shall enter into it.

21 I will thank thee; for thou hast heard me, * and art become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders refused, * is become the head-stone in the comer.

23 This is the LORD's doing, * and it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day which the LORD hath made; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Help me now, O LORD: *
O LORD, send us now
prosperity.

26 Blessed be he that
cometh in the Name of the
LORD: * we have wished
you good luck, we that are
of the house of the LORD.

27 God is the LORD, who
hath showed us light: * bind
the sacrifice with cords,
yea, even unto the horns of
the altar.

28 Thou art my God, and I
will thank thee; * thou art
my God, and I will praise
thee.

29 O give thanks unto the
LORD; for he is gracious, *
and his mercy endureth for
ever.

Evening Prayer.

Psalm 119. I.

BLESSED are those that are
undefiled in the way, and
walk in the law of the LORD.

2 Blessed are they that keep
his testimonies, * and seek
him with their whole heart;

3 Even they who do no
wickedness, * and walk in
his ways.

4 Thou hast charged * that
we shall diligently keep thy
commandments.

5 O that my ways were
made so direct, * that I
might keep thy statutes!

6 So shall I not be
confounded, * while I have
respect unto all thy
commandments.

7 I will thank thee with an
unfeigned heart, * when I
shall have learned the
judgments of thy
righteousness.

8 I will keep thy statutes; *
O forsake me not utterly.

II.

WHEREWITHAL shall a
young man cleanse his
way? * even by ruling
himself after thy word.

10 With my whole heart
have I sought thee; * O let
me not go wrong out of thy
commandments.

11 Thy word have I hid
within my heart, * that I
should not sin against thee.

12 Blessed art thou, O
LORD; * O teach me thy
statutes.

13 With my lips have I been
telling * of all the
judgments of thy mouth.

14 I have had as great
delight in the way of thy
testimonies, * as in all
manner of riches.

15 I will talk of thy
commandments, * and have
respect unto thy ways.

16 My delight shall be in
thy statutes, * and I will not
forget thy word.

III.

O DO well unto thy servant;
* that I may live, and keep
thy word.

18 Open thou mine eyes; *
that I may see the wondrous
things of thy law.

19 I am a stranger upon
earth; * O hide not thy
commandments from me.

20 My soul breaketh out for
the very fervent desire *
that it hath alway unto thy
judgments.

21 Thou hast rebuked the
proud; * and cursed are they
that do err from thy
commandments.

22 O turn from me shame
and rebuke; * for I have
kept thy testimonies.

23 Princes also did sit and
speak against me; * but thy
servant is occupied in thy
statutes.

24 For thy testimonies are
my delight, * and my
counsellors.

IV.

MY soul cleaveth to the
dust; * O quicken thou me,
according to thy word.

26 I have acknowledged my
ways, and thou heardest me:
* O teach me thy statutes.

27 Make me to understand
the way of thy
commandments; * and so

shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

28 My soul melteth away for very heaviness; * comfort thou me according unto thy word.

29 Take from me the way of lying, * and cause thou me to make much of thy law.

30 I have chosen the way of truth, * and thy judgments have I laid before me.

31 I have stuck unto thy testimonies; * O LORD, confound me not.

32 I will run the way of thy commandments, * when thou hast set my heart at liberty.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH DAY.

Morning Prayer.

V.

TEACH me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes, * and I shall keep it unto the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; *

yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; * for therein is my desire.

36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, * and not to covetousness.

37 O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity; * and quicken thou me in thy way.

38 O stablish thy word in thy servant, * that I may fear thee.

39 Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of; * for thy judgments are good.

40 Behold, my delight is in thy commandments; * O quicken me in thy righteousness.

VI.

LET thy loving mercy come also unto me, O LORD, * even thy salvation, according unto thy word.

42 So shall I make answer
unto my blasphemers; * for
my trust is in thy word.

43 O take not the word of
thy truth utterly out of my
mouth; * for my hope is in
thy judgments.

44 So shall I alway keep thy
law; * yea, for ever and
ever.

45 And I will walk at
liberty; * for I seek thy
commandments.

46 I will speak of thy
testimonies also, even
before kings, * and will not
be ashamed.

47 And my delight shall be
in thy commandments, *
which I have loved.

48 My hands also will I lift
up unto thy commandments,
which I have loved; * and
my study shall be in thy
statutes.

VII.

O THINK upon thy servant,
as concerning thy word, *

wherein thou hast caused
me to put my trust.

50 The same is my comfort
in my trouble; * for thy
word hath quickened me.

51 The proud have had me
exceedingly in derision; *
yet have I not shrunk from
thy law.

52 For I remembered thine
everlasting judgments, O
LORD, * and received
comfort.

53 I am horribly afraid, *
for the ungodly that forsake
thy law.

54 Thy statutes have been
my songs, * in the house of
my pilgrimage.

55 I have thought upon thy
Name, O LORD, in the night
season, * and have kept thy
law.

56 This I had, * because I
kept thy commandments.

VIII.

THOU art my portion, O
LORD; * I have promised to
keep thy law.

58 I made my humble
petition in thy presence with
my whole heart; * O be
merciful unto me, according
to thy word.

59 I called mine own ways
to remembrance, * and
turned my feet unto thy
testimonies.

60 I made haste, and
prolonged not the time, * to
keep thy commandments.

61 The snares of the
ungodly have compassed
me about; * but I have not
forgotten thy law.

62 At midnight I will rise to
give thanks unto thee, *
because of thy righteous
judgments.

63 I am a companion of all
them that fear thee, * and
keep thy commandments.

64 The earth, O LORD, is
full of thy mercy: * O teach
me thy statutes.

IX.

O LORD, thou hast dealt
graciously with thy servant,
* according unto thy word.

66 O teach me true
understanding and
knowledge; * for I have
believed thy
commandments.

67 Before I was troubled, I
went wrong; * but now
have I kept thy word.

68 Thou art good and
gracious; * O teach me thy
statutes.

69 The proud have
imagined a lie against me; *
but I will keep thy
commandments with my
whole heart.

70 Their heart is as fat as
brawn; * but my delight
hath been in thy law.

71 It is good for me that I
have been in trouble; * that
I may learn thy statutes.

72 The law of thy mouth is
dearer unto me * than
thousands of gold and
silver.

Evening Prayer.

X.

THY hands have made me
and fashioned me: * O give
me understanding, that I
may learn thy
commandments.

74 They that fear thee will
be glad when they see me; *
because I have put my trust
in thy word.

75 I know, O LORD, that thy
judgments are right, * and
that thou of very
faithfulness hast caused me
to be troubled.

76 O let thy merciful
kindness be my comfort, *
according to thy word unto
thy servant.

77 O let thy loving mercies
come unto me, that I may
live; * for thy law is my
delight.

78 Let the proud be
confounded, for they go
wickedly about to destroy
me; * but I will be occupied
in thy commandments.

79 Let such as fear thee,
and have known thy
testimonies, * be turned
unto me.

80 O let my heart be sound
in thy statutes, * that I be
not ashamed.

XI.

MY soul hath longed for
thy salvation, * and I have a
good hope because of thy
word.

82 Mine eyes-long sore for
thy word; * saying, O when
wilt thou comfort me?

83 For I am become like a
bottle in the smoke; * yet do
I not forget thy statutes.

84 How many are the days
of thy servant? * when wilt
thou be avenged of them
that persecute me?

85 The proud have digged
pits for me, * which are not
after thy law.

86 All thy commandments
are true: * they persecute
me falsely; O be thou my
help.

87 They had almost made
an end of me upon earth; *
but I forsook not thy
commandments.

88 O quicken me after thy
loving-kindness; * and so
shall I keep the testimonies
of thy mouth.

XII.

O LORD, thy word *
endureth for ever in heaven.
90 Thy truth also remaineth
from one generation to
another; * thou hast laid the
foundation of the earth, and
it abideth.

91 They continue this day
according to thine
ordinance; * for all things
serve thee.

92 If my delight had not
been in thy law, * I should
have perished in my
trouble.

93 I will never forget thy
commandments; * for with
them thou hast quickened
me.

94 I am thine: O save me, *
for I have sought thy
commandments.

95 The ungodly laid wait
for me, to destroy me; * but
I will consider thy
testimonies.

96 I see that all things come
to an end; * but thy
commandment is exceeding
broad.

XIII.

LORD, what love have I unto
thy law! * all the day long
is my study in it.

98 Thou, through thy
commandments, hast made
me wiser than mine
enemies; * for they are ever
with me.

99 I have more
understanding than my
teachers; * for thy
testimonies are my study.

100 I am wiser than the
aged; * because I keep thy
commandments.

101 I have refrained my feet
from every evil way, * that
I may keep thy word.

102 I have not shrunk from
thy judgments; * for thou
teachest me.

103 O how sweet are thy
words unto my throat; *
yea, sweeter than honey
unto my mouth!

104 Through thy
commandments I get
understanding: * therefore I
hate all evil ways.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH DAY.

Morning Prayer.

XIV.

THY word is a lantern unto
my feet, * and a light unto
my paths.

106 I have sworn, and am
stedfastly purposed, * to
keep thy righteous
judgments.

107 I am troubled above
measure: * quicken me, O
LORD, according to thy
word.

108 Let the free-will
offerings of my mouth
please thee, O LORD; * and
teach me thy judgments.

109 My soul is alway in my
hand; * yet do I not forget
thy law.

110 The ungodly have laid
a snare for me; * but yet I
swerved not from thy
commandments.

111 Thy testimonies have I
claimed as mine heritage for
ever; * and why? they are
the very joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart
to fulfil thy statutes alway,
* even unto the end.

XV.

I HATE them that imagine
evil things; * but thy law do
I love.

114 Thou art my defence
and shield; * and my trust is
in thy word.

115 Away from me, ye
wicked; * I will keep the
commandments of my God.

116 O stablish me
according to thy word, that I
may live; * and let me not
be disappointed of my hope.

117 Hold thou me up, and I
shall be safe; * yea, my
delight shall be ever in thy
statutes.

118 Thou hast trodden
down all them that depart
from thy statutes; * for they
imagine but deceit.

119 Thou putttest away all
the ungodly of the earth like
dross; * therefore I love thy
testimonies.

120 My flesh trembleth for
fear of thee; * and I am
afraid of thy judgments.

XVI.

I DEAL with the thing that
is lawful and right; * O give
me not over unto mine
oppressors.

122 Make thou thy servant
to delight in that which is
good, * that the proud do
me no wrong.

123 Mine eyes are wasted
away with looking for thy
health, * and for the word
of thy righteousness.

124 O deal with thy servant
according unto thy loving
mercy, * and teach me thy
statutes.

125 I am thy servant; O
grant me understanding, *
that I may know thy
testimonies.

126 It is time for thee,
LORD, to lay to thine hand; *
for they have destroyed thy
law.

127 For I love thy
commandments * above
gold and precious stones.

128 Therefore hold I
straight all thy
commandments; * and all
false ways I utterly abhor.

XVII.

THY testimonies are
wonderful; * therefore doth
my soul keep them.

130 When thy word goeth
forth, * it giveth light and

understanding unto the simple.

131 I opened my mouth,
and drew in my breath; *
for my delight was in thy
commandments.

132 O look thou upon me,
and be merciful unto me, *
as thou usest to do unto
those that love thy Name.

133 Order my steps in thy
word; * and so shall no
wickedness have dominion
over me.

134 O deliver me from the
wrongful dealings of men; *
and so shall I keep thy
commandments.

135 Show the light of thy
countenance upon thy
servant, * and teach me thy
statutes.

136 Mine eyes gush out
with water, * because men
keep not thy law.

XVIII.

RIGHTEOUS art thou, O
LORD; * and true are thy
judgments.

138 The testimonies that
thou hast commanded * are
exceeding righteous and
true.

139 My zeal hath even
consumed me; * because
mine enemies have
forgotten thy words.

140 Thy word is tried to the
uttermost, * and thy servant
loveth it.

141 I am small and of no
reputation; * yet do I not
forget thy commandments.

142 Thy righteousness is an
everlasting righteousness, *
and thy law is the truth.

143 Trouble and heaviness
have taken hold upon me; *
yet is my delight in thy
commandments.

144 The righteousness of
thy testimonies is
everlasting: * O grant me
understanding, and I shall
live.

Evening Prayer.

XIX.

I CALL with my whole heart; * hear me, O LORD; I will keep thy statutes.

146 Yea, even unto thee do I call; * help me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.

147 Early in the morning do I cry unto thee; * for in thy word is my trust.

148 Mine eyes prevent the night watches; * that I might be occupied in thy word.

149 Hear my voice, O LORD, according unto thy lovingkindness; * quicken me, according to thy judgments.

150 They draw nigh that of malice persecute me, * and are far from thy law.

151 Be thou nigh at hand, O LORD; * for all thy commandments are true.

152 As concerning thy testimonies, I have known long since, * that thou hast grounded them for ever.

XX.

O CONSIDER mine adversity, and deliver me, * for I do not forget thy law.

154 Avenge thou my cause, and deliver me; * quicken me according to thy word. 155 Health is far from the ungodly; * for they regard not thy statutes.

156 Great is thy mercy, O LORD; * quicken me, as thou art wont.

157 Many there are that trouble me, and persecute me; * yet do I not swerve from thy testimonies.

158 It grieveth me when I see the transgressors; * because they keep not thy law.

159 Consider, O LORD, how I love thy commandments; * O quicken me, according to thy loving-kindness.

160 Thy word is true from everlasting; * all the judgments of thy righteousness endure for evermore.

XXI.

PRINCES have persecuted me without a cause; * but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

162 I am as glad of thy word, * as one that findeth great spoils.

163 As for lies, I hate and abhor them; * but thy law do I love.

164 Seven times a day do I praise thee; * because of thy righteous judgments.

165 Great is the peace that they have who love thy law; * and they have none occasion of stumbling.

166 LORD, I have looked for thy saving health, * and done after thy commandments.

167 My soul hath kept thy testimonies, * and loved them exceedingly.

168 I have kept thy commandments and testimonies; * for all my ways are before thee.

XXII.

LET my complaint come before thee, O LORD; * give me understanding according to thy word.

170 Let my supplication come before thee; * deliver me according to thy word.

171 My lips shall speak of thy praise, * when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

172 Yea, my tongue shall sing of thy word; * for all thy commandments are righteous.

173 Let thine hand help me; * for I have chosen thy commandments.

174 I have longed for thy saving health, O LORD; * and in thy law is my delight.

175 O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; * and thy judgments shall help me.

176 I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost; * O seek thy servant, for I do not forget thy commandments.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH
DAY.

Morning Prayer.

Psalm 120.

WHEN I was in trouble, I
called upon the LORD, * and
he heard me.

2 Deliver my soul, O LORD,
from lying lips, * and from
a deceitful tongue.

3 What reward shall be
given or done unto thee,
thou false tongue? * even
mighty and sharp arrows,
with hot burning coals.

4 Woe is me, that I am
constrained to dwell with
Meshech, * and to have my
habitation among the tents
of Kedar!

5 My soul hath long dwelt
among them * that are
enemies unto peace.

6 I labour for peace; but
when I speak unto them
thereof, * they make them
ready to battle.

Psalm 121.

I WILL lift up mine eyes
unto the hills; * from
whence cometh my help?

2 My help cometh even
from the LORD, * who hath
made heaven and earth.

3 He will not suffer thy foot
to be moved; * and he that
keepeth thee will not sleep.

4 Behold, he that keepeth
Israel * shall neither
slumber nor sleep.

5 The LORD himself is thy
keeper; * the LORD is thy
defence upon thy right
hand;

6 So that the sun shall not
burn thee by day, * neither
the moon by night.

7 The LORD shall preserve
thee from all evil; * yea, it
is even he that shall keep
thy soul.

8 The LORD shall preserve
thy going out, and thy
coming in, * from this time
forth for evermore.

Psalm 122.

I WAS glad when they said
unto me, * We will go into
the house of the LORD.

2 Our feet shall stand in thy
gates, * O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city
* that is at unity in itself.

4 For thither the tribes go
up, even the tribes of the
LORD, * to testify unto
Israel, to give thanks unto
the Name of the LORD.

5 For there is the seat of
judgment, * even the seat of
the house of David.

6 O pray for the peace of
Jerusalem; * they shall
prosper that love thee.

7 Peace be within thy walls,
* and plenteousness within
thy palaces.

8 For my brethren and
companions' sakes, * I will
wish thee prosperity.

9 Yea, because of the house
of the LORD our God, * I
will seek to do thee good.

Psalm 123.

UNTO thee lift I up mine
eyes, * O thou that dwellest
in the heavens.

2 Behold, even as the eyes
of servants look unto the
hand of their masters, and
as the eyes of a maiden unto
the hand of her mistress, *
even so our eyes wait upon
the LORD our God, until he
have mercy upon us.

3 Have mercy upon us, O
LORD, have mercy upon us;
* for we are utterly
despised.

4 Our soul is filled with the
scornful reproof of the
wealthy, * and with the
despitefulness of the proud.

Psalm 124.

IF the LORD himself had not
been on our side, now may
Israel say; * if the LORD
himself had not been on our
side, when men rose up
against us;

2 They had swallowed us
up alive; * when they were

so wrathfully displeased at us.

3 Yea, the waters had drowned us, * and the stream had gone over our soul.

4 The deep waters of the proud * had gone even over our soul.

5 But praised be the LORD, * who hath not given us over for a prey unto their teeth.

6 Our soul is escaped even as a bird out of the snare of the fowler; * the snare is broken, and we are delivered.

7 Our help standeth in the Name of the LORD, * who hath made heaven and earth.

Psalm 125.

THEY that put their trust in the LORD shall be even as the mount Sion, * which may not be removed, but standeth fast for ever.

2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; * even so

standeth the LORD round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

3 For the sceptre of the ungodly shall not abide upon the lot of the righteous; * lest the righteous put their hand unto wickedness.

4 Do well, O LORD, * unto those that are good and true of heart.

5 As for such as turn back unto their own wickedness, * the LORD shall lead them forth with the evil doers; but peace shall be upon Israel.

Evening Prayer.

Psalm 126.

WHEN the LORD turned again the captivity of Sion, then were we like unto them that dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with joy.

3 Then said they among the
heathen, * The LORD hath
done great things for them.
4 Yea, the LORD hath done
great things for us already;
* whereof we rejoice.
5 Turn our captivity, O
LORD, * as the rivers in the
south.
6 They that sow in tears *
shall reap in joy.
7 He that now goeth on his
way weeping, and beareth
forth good seed, * shall
doubtless come again with
joy, and bring his sheaves
with him.

Psalm 127.

EXCEPT the LORD build the
house, * their labour is but
lost that build it.
2 Except the LORD keep the
city, * the watchman
waketh but in vain.
3 It is but lost labour that ye
haste to rise up early, and so
late take rest, and eat the
bread of carefulness; * for

so he giveth his beloved
sleep.

4 Lo, children, and the fruit
of the womb, * are an
heritage and gift that
cometh of the LORD.

5 Like as the arrows in the
hand of the giant, * even so
are the young children.

6 Happy is the man that
hath his quiver full of them;
* they shall not be ashamed
when they speak with their
enemies in the gate.

Psalm 128.

BLESSED are all they that
fear the LORD, * and walk in
his ways.

2 For thou shalt eat the
labours of thine hands: * O
well is thee, and happy shalt
thou be.

3 Thy wife shall be as the
fruitful vine * upon the
walls of thine house;

4 Thy children like the
olive-branches * round
about thy table.

5 Lo, thus shall the man be
blessed * that feareth the
LORD.

6 The LORD from out of
Sion shall so bless thee, *
that thou shalt see
Jerusalem in prosperity all
thy life long;

7 Yea, that thou shalt see
thy children's children, *
and peace upon Israel.

Psalm 129.

MANY a time have they
fought against me from my
youth up, * may Israel now
say;

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

3 The plowers plowed upon
my back, * and made long
furrows.

4 But the righteous LORD *
hath hewn the snares of the
ungodly in pieces.

5 Let them be confounded
and turned backward, * as

many as have evil will at
Sion.

6 Let them be even as the
grass upon the housetops, *
which withereth afore it be
grown up;

7 Whereof the mower filleth
not his hand, * neither he
that bindeth up the sheaves
his bosom.

8 So that they who go by
say not so much as, The
LORD prosper you; * we
wish you good luck in the
Name of the LORD.

Psalm 130.

OUT of the deep have I
called unto thee, O LORD; *
Lord, hear my voice.

2 O let thine ears consider
well * the voice of my
complaint.

3 If thou, LORD, wilt be
extreme to mark what is
done amiss, * O Lord, who
may abide it?

4 For there is mercy with
thee; * therefore shalt thou
be feared.

5 I look for the LORD; my
soul doth wait for him; * in
his word is my trust.

6 My soul fleeth unto the
Lord before the morning
watch; * I say, before the
morning watch.

7 O Israel, trust in the LORD;
for with the LORD there is
mercy, * and with him is
plenteous redemption.

8 And he shall redeem
Israel * from all his sins.

Psalm 131.

LORD, I am not high-
minded; * I have no proud
looks.

2 I do not exercise myself in
great matters * which are
too high for me.

3 But I refrain my soul, and
keep it low, like as a child
that is weaned from his
mother: * yea, my soul is
even as a weaned child.

4 O Israel, trust in the LORD
* from this time forth for
evermore.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY.

Morning Prayer.

Psalm 132.

LORD, remember David, *
and all his trouble:

2 How he sware unto the
LORD, * and vowed a vow
unto the Almighty God of
Jacob:

3 I will not come within the
tabernacle of mine house, *
nor climb up into my bed;

4 I will not suffer mine eyes
to sleep, nor mine eyelids to
slumber; * neither the
temples of my head to take
any rest;

5 Until I find out a place for
the temple of the LORD; * an
habitation for the Mighty
God of Jacob.

6 Lo, we heard of the same
at Ephratah, * and found it
in the wood.

7 We will go into his
tabernacle, * and fall low on
our knees before his
footstool.

8 Arise, O LORD, into thy resting-place; * thou, and the ark of thy strength.

9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; * and let thy saints sing with joyfulness.

10 For thy servant David's sake, * turn not away the face of thine anointed.

11 The LORD hath made a faithful oath unto David, * and he shall not shrink from it:

12 Of the fruit of thy body * shall I set upon thy throne.

13 If thy children will keep my covenant, and my testimonies that I shall teach them; * their children also shall sit upon thy throne for evermore.

14 For the LORD hath chosen Sion to be an habitation for himself; * he hath longed for her.

15 This shall be my rest for ever: * here will I dwell, for I have a delight therein.

16 I will bless her victuals with increase, * and will satisfy her poor with bread.

17 I will deck her priests with health, * and her saints shall rejoice and sing.

18 There shall I make the horn of David to flourish: * I have ordained a lantern for mine anointed.

19 As for his enemies, I shall clothe them with shame; * but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

Psalm 133.

BEHOLD, how good and joyful a thing it is, * for brethren to dwell together in unity!

2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, that ran down unto the beard, * even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing.

3 Like as the dew of Hermon, * which fell upon the hill of Sion.

4 For there the LORD
promised his blessing, * and
life for evermore.

Psalm 134.

BEHOLD now, praise the
LORD, * all ye servants of
the LORD;

2 Ye that by night stand in
the house of the LORD, *
even in the courts of the
house of our God.

3 Lift up your hands in the
sanctuary, * and praise the
LORD.

4 The LORD that made
heaven and earth * give
thee blessing out of Sion.

Psalm 135.

O PRAISE the LORD, laud
ye the Name of the LORD; *
praise it, O ye servants of
the LORD;

2 Ye that stand in the house
of the LORD, * in the courts
of the house of our God.

3 O praise the LORD, for the
LORD is gracious; * O sing

praises unto his Name, for it
is lovely.

4 For why? the LORD hath
chosen Jacob unto himself,
* and Israel for his own
possession.

5 For I know that the LORD
is great, * and that our Lord
is above all gods.

6 Whatsoever the LORD
pleased, that did he in
heaven, and in earth; * and
in the sea, and in all deep
places.

7 He bringeth forth the
clouds from the ends of the
world, * and sendeth forth
lightnings with the rain,
bringing the winds out of
his treasures.

8 He smote the firstborn of
Egypt, * both of man and
beast.

9 He hath sent tokens and
wonders into the midst of
thee, O thou land of Egypt;
* upon Pharaoh, and all his
servants.

10 He smote divers nations,
* and slew mighty kings:

11 Sihon, king of the
Amorites; and Og, the king
of Bashan; * and all the
kingdoms of Canaan;
12 And gave their land to be
an heritage, * even an
heritage unto Israel his
people.
13 Thy Name, O LORD,
endureth for ever; * so doth
thy memorial, O LORD, from
one generation to another.
14 For the LORD will avenge
his people, * and be
gracious unto his servants.
15 As for the images of the
heathen, they are but silver
and gold; * the work of
men's hands.
16 They have mouths, and
speak not; * eyes have they,
but they see not.
17 They have ears, and yet
they hear not; * neither is
there any breath in their
mouths.
18 They that make them are
like unto them; * and so are
all they that put their trust in
them.

19 Praise the LORD, ye
house of Israel; * praise the
LORD, ye house of Aaron.
20 Praise the LORD, ye
house of Levi; * ye that fear
the LORD, praise the LORD.
21 Praised be the LORD out
of Sion, * who dwelleth at
Jerusalem.

Evening Prayer.
Psalm 136.

O GIVE thanks unto the
LORD, for he is gracious: *
and his mercy endureth for
ever.
2 O give thanks unto the
God of all gods: * for his
mercy endureth for ever.
3 O thank the Lord of all
lords: * for his mercy
endureth for ever.
4 Who only doeth great
wonders: * for his mercy
endureth for ever.
5 Who by his excellent
wisdom made the heavens:
for his mercy endureth for
ever.

6 Who laid out the earth
above the waters: * for his
mercy endureth for ever.
7 Who hath made great
lights: * for his mercy
endureth for ever:
8 The sun to rule the day: *
for his mercy endureth for
ever;
9 The moon and the stars to
govern the night: * for his
mercy endureth for ever.
10 Who smote Egypt, with
their firstborn: * for his
mercy endureth for ever;
11 And brought out Israel
from among them: * for his
mercy endureth for ever;
12 With a mighty hand and
stretched-out arm: * for his
mercy endureth for ever.
13 Who divided the Red
Sea in two parts: * for his
mercy endureth for ever;
14 And made Israel to go
through the midst of it: * for
his mercy endureth for ever.
15 But as for Pharaoh and
his host, he overthrew them

in the Red Sea: * for his
mercy endureth for ever.
16 Who led his people
through the wilderness: *
for his mercy endureth for
ever.
17 Who smote great kings:
* for his mercy endureth for
ever;
18 Yea, and slew mighty
kings: * for his mercy
endureth for ever:
19 Sihon, king of the
Amorites: * for his mercy
endureth for ever;
20 And Og, the king of
Bashan: * for his mercy
endureth for ever;
21 And gave away their
land for an heritage: * for
his mercy endureth for ever;
22 Even for an heritage
unto Israel his servant: * for
his mercy endureth for ever.
23 Who remembered us
when we were in trouble: *
for his mercy endureth for
ever;

24 And hath delivered us
from our enemies: * for his
mercy endureth for ever.

25 Who giveth food to all
flesh: * for his mercy
endureth for ever.

26 O give thanks unto the
God of heaven: * for his
mercy endureth for ever.

27 O give thanks unto the
Lord of lords: * for his
mercy endureth for ever.

Psalm 137.

BY the waters of Babylon
we sat down and wept, *
when we remembered thee,
O Sion.

2 As for our harps, we
hanged them up * upon the
trees that are therein.

3 For they that led us away
captive, required of us then
a song, and melody in our
heaviness: * Sing us one of
the songs of Sion.

4 How shall we sing the
LORD's song * in a strange
land?

5 If I forget thee, O
Jerusalem, * let my right
hand forget her cunning.

6 If I do not remember thee,
let my tongue cleave to the
roof of my mouth; * yea, if
I prefer not Jerusalem above
my chief joy.

7 Remember the children of
Edom, O LORD, in the day
of Jerusalem; * how they
said, Down with it, down
with it, even to the ground.

8 O daughter of Babylon,
wasted with misery; * yea,
happy shall he be that
rewardeth thee as thou hast
served us.

9 Blessed shall he be that
taketh thy children, * and
throweth them against the
stones.

Psalm 138.

I WILL give thanks unto
thee, O Lord, with my
whole heart; * even before
the gods will I sing praise
unto thee.

2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy Name, because of thy loving-kindness and truth; * for thou hast magnified thy Name, and thy word, above all things.

3 When I called upon thee, thou heardest me; * and enduedst my soul with much strength.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD; * for they have heard the words of thy mouth.

5 Yea, they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, * that great is the glory of the LORD.

6 For though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly; * as for the proud, he beholdeth them afar off.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh me; * thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the furiousness of

mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

8 The LORD shall make good his loving-kindness toward me; * yea, thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever; despise not then the works of thine own hands.

THE TWENTY-NINTH DAY.

Morning Prayer.

Psalm 139.

O LORD, thou hast searched me out, and known me. * Thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine uprising; thou understandest my thoughts long before.

2 Thou art about my path, and about my bed; * and art acquainted with all my ways.

3 For lo, there is not a word in my tongue, * but thou, O LORD, knowest it altogether.

4 Thou hast beset me behind and before, * and laid thine hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me; * I cannot attain unto it.

6 Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit? * or whither shall I go then from thy presence?

7 If I climb up into heaven, thou art there; * if I go down to hell, thou art there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning, * and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;

9 Even there also shall thy hand lead me, * and thy right hand shall hold me.

10 If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me; * then shall my night be turned to day.

11 Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day; * the darkness and light to thee are both alike.

12 For my reins are thine; * thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

13 I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: * marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.

14 My bones are not hid from thee, * though I be made secretly, and fashioned beneath in the earth.

15 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; * and in thy book were all my members written;

16 Which day by day were fashioned, * when as yet there was none of them.

17 How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God; * O how great is the sum of them!

18 If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand: * when I wake up, I am present with thee.

19 Wilt thou not slay the wicked, O God? * Depart

from me, ye blood-thirsty men.

20 For they speak unrighteously against thee; * and thine enemies take thy Name in vain.

21 Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? * and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?

22 Yea, I hate them right sore; * even as though they were mine enemies.

23 Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart; * prove me, and examine my thoughts.

24 Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me; * and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalms 140.

DELIVER me, O LORD, from the evil man; * and preserve me from the wicked man;

2 Who imagine mischief in their hearts, * and stir up strife all the day long.

3 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; * adder's poison is under their lips.

4 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the ungodly; * preserve me from the wicked men, who are purposed to overthrow my goings.

5 The proud have laid a snare for me, and spread a net abroad with cords; * yea, and set traps in my way.

6 I said unto the LORD, Thou art my God, * hear the voice of my prayers, O LORD.

7 O LORD God, thou strength of my health; * thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.

8 Let not the ungodly have his desire, O LORD; * let not his mischievous imagination prosper, lest they be too proud.

9 Let the mischief of their own lips fall upon the head

of them * that compass me about.

10 Let hot burning coals fall upon them; * let them be cast into the fire, and into the pit, that they never rise up again.

11 A man full of words shall not prosper upon the earth: * evil shall hunt the wicked person to overthrow him.

12 Sure I am that the LORD will avenge the poor, * and maintain the cause of the helpless.

13 The righteous also shall give thanks unto thy Name; * and the just shall continue in thy sight.

Evening Prayer.

Psalm 141.

LORD, I call upon thee; haste thee unto me, * and consider my voice, when I cry unto thee.

2 Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense; * and let the lifting up of my

hands be an evening sacrifice.

3 Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth, * and keep the door of my lips.

4 O let not mine heart be inclined to any evil thing; * let me not be occupied in ungodly works with the men that work wickedness, neither let me eat of such things as please them.

5 Let the righteous rather smite me friendly, and reprove me; * yea, let not my head refuse their precious balms.

6 As for the ungodly, * I will pray yet against their wickedness.

7 Let their judges be overthrown in stony places, * that they may hear my words; for they are sweet.

8 Our bones lie scattered before the pit, * like as when one breaketh and heweth wood upon the earth.

9 But mine eyes look unto thee, O LORD God; * in thee is my trust; O cast not out my soul.

10 Keep me from the snare that they have laid for me, * and from the traps of the wicked doers.

11 Let the ungodly fall into their own nets together, * and let me ever escape them.

Psalm 142.

I CRIED unto the LORD with my voice; * yea, even unto the LORD did I make my supplication.

2 I poured out my complaints before him, * and showed him of my trouble.

3 When my spirit was in heaviness, thou knewest my path; * in the way wherein I walked, have they privily laid a snare for me.

4 I looked also upon my right hand, * and saw there

was no man that would know me.

5 I had no place to flee unto, * and no man cared for my soul.

6 I cried unto thee, O LORD, and said, * Thou art my hope, and my portion in the land of the living.

7 Consider my complaint; * for I am brought very low.

8 O deliver me from my persecutors; * for they are too strong for me.

9 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks unto thy Name; * which thing if thou wilt grant me, then shall the righteous resort unto my company.

Psalm 143.

HEAR my prayer, O LORD, and consider my desire; * hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness' sake.

2 And enter not into judgment with thy servant;

* for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; * he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead.

4 Therefore is my spirit vexed within me, * and my heart within me is desolate.

5 Yet do I remember the time past; I muse upon all thy works; * yea, I exercise myself in the works of thy hands.

6 I stretch forth my hands unto thee; * my soul gaspeth unto thee as a thirsty land.

7 Hear me, O LORD, and that soon; for my spirit waxeth faint: * hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

8 O let me hear thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning; for in thee is my trust: * show thou me the

way that I should walk in; for I lift up my soul unto thee.

9 Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies; * for I flee unto thee to hide me.

10 Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee; for thou art my God: * let thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.

11 Quicken me, O LORD, for thy Name's sake; * and for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

12 And of thy goodness slay mine enemies, * and destroy all them that vex my soul; for I am thy servant.

THE THIRTIETH DAY.
Morning Prayer.
Psalm 144.

BLESSED be the LORD my strength, * who teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight:

2 My hope and my fortress,
my castle and deliverer, my
defender in whom I trust; *
who subdueth my people
that is under me.

3 LORD, what is man, that
thou hast such respect unto
him? * or the son of man,
that thou so regardest him?

4 Man is like a thing of
nought; * his time passeth
away like a shadow.

5 Bow thy heavens, O
LORD, and come down; *
touch the mountains, and
they shall smoke.

6 Cast forth thy lightning,
and tear them; * shoot out
thine arrows, and consume
them.

7 Send down thine hand
from above; * deliver me,
and take me out of the great
waters, from the hand of
strangers;

8 Whose mouth talketh of
vanity, * and their right
hand is a right hand of
wickedness.

9 I will sing a new song
unto thee, O God; * and
sing praises unto thee upon
a ten-stringed lute.

10 Thou hast given victory
unto kings, * and hast
delivered David thy servant
from the peril of the sword.

11 Save me, and deliver me
from the hand of strangers,
* whose mouth talketh of
vanity, and their right hand
is a right hand of iniquity:

12 That our sons may grow
up as the young plants, *
and that our daughters may
be as the polished corners
of the temple;

13 That our garners may be
full and plenteous with all
manner of store; * that our
sheep may bring forth
thousands, and ten
thousands in our fields;

14 That our oxen may be
strong to labour; that there
be no decay, * no leading
into captivity, and no
complaining in our streets.

15 Happy are the people
that are in such a case; *
yea, blessed are the people
who have the LORD for their
God.

Psalm 145.

I WILL magnify thee, O
God, my King; * and I will
praise thy Name for ever
and ever.

2 Every day will I give
thanks unto thee; * and
praise thy Name for ever
and ever.

3 Great is the LORD, and
marvellous worthy to be
praised; * there is no end of
his greatness.

4 One generation shall
praise thy works unto
another, * and declare thy
power.

5 As for me, I will be
talking of thy worship, * thy
glory, thy praise, and
wondrous works;

6 So that men shall speak of
the might of thy marvellous

acts; * and I will also tell of
thy greatness.

7 The memorial of thine
abundant kindness shall be
showed; * and men shall
sing of thy righteousness.

8 The LORD is gracious and
merciful; * long-suffering,
and of great goodness.

9 The LORD is loving unto
every man; * and his mercy
is over all his works.

10 All thy works praise
thee, O LORD; * and thy
saints give thanks unto thee.

11 They show the glory of
thy kingdom, * and talk of
thy power;

12 That thy power, thy
glory, and mightiness of thy
kingdom, * might be known
unto men.

13 Thy kingdom is an
everlasting kingdom, * and
thy dominion endureth
throughout all ages.

14 The LORD upholdeth all
such as fall, * and lifteth up
all those that are down.

15 The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord; * and thou givest them their meat in due season.

16 Thou openest thine hand, * and fillest all things living with plenteousness.

17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways, * and holy in all his works.

18 The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him; * yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.

19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him; * he also will hear their cry, and will help them.

20 The LORD preserveth all them that love him; * but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.

21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; * and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

Psalm 146.

PRAISE the LORD, O my soul: while I live, will I praise the LORD; * yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.

2 O put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man; * for there is no help in them.

3 For when the breath of man goeth forth, he shall turn again to his earth, * and then all his thoughts perish.

4 Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, * and whose hope is in the LORD his God:

5 Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is; * who keepeth his promise for ever;

6 Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong; * who feedeth the hungry.

7 The LORD looseth men out of prison; * the LORD giveth sight to the blind.

8 The LORD helpeth them
that are fallen; * the LORD
careth for the righteous.
9 The LORD careth for the
strangers; he defendeth the
fatherless and widow: * as
for the way of the ungodly,
he turneth it upside down.
10 The LORD thy God, O
Sion, shall be King for
evermore, * and throughout
all generations.

Evening Prayer.

Psalm 147.

PRAISE the LORD, for it is a
good thing to sing praises
unto our God; * yea, a
joyful and pleasant thing it
is to be thankful.

2 The LORD doth build up
Jerusalem, * and gather
together the outcasts of
Israel.

3 He healeth those that are
broken in heart, * and
giveth medicine to heal
their sickness.

4 He telleth the number of
the stars, * and calleth them
all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord, and
great is his power; * yea,
and his wisdom is infinite.

6 The LORD setteth up the
meek, * and bringeth the
ungodly down to the
ground.

7 O sing unto the LORD with
thanksgiving; * sing praises
upon the harp unto our God:

8 Who covereth the heaven
with clouds, and prepareth
rain for the earth; * and
maketh the grass to grow
upon the mountains, and
herb for the use of men;

9 Who giveth fodder unto
the cattle, * and feedeth the
young ravens that call upon
him.

10 He hath no pleasure in
the strength of an horse; *
neither delighteth he in any
man's legs.

11 But the LORD's delight is
in them that fear him, * and
put their trust in his mercy.

12 Praise the LORD, O
Jerusalem; * praise thy
God, O Sion.

13 For he hath made fast the
bars of thy gates, * and hath
blessed thy children within
thee.

14 He maketh peace in thy
borders, * and filleth thee
with the flour of wheat.

15 He sendeth forth his
commandment upon earth,
* and his word runneth very
swiftly.

16 He giveth snow like
wool, * and scattereth the
hoarfrost like ashes.

17 He casteth forth his ice
like morsels: * who is able
to abide his frost?

18 He sendeth out his word,
and melteth them: * he
bloweth with his wind, and
the waters flow.

19 He showeth his word
unto Jacob, * his statutes
and ordinances unto Israel.

20 He hath not dealt so with
any nation; * neither have

the heathen knowledge of
his laws.

Psalms 148.

O PRAISE the LORD from
the heavens: * praise him in
the heights.

2 Praise him, all ye angels
of his: * praise him, all his
host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon:
* praise him, all ye stars
and light.

4 Praise him, all ye
heavens, * and ye waters
that are above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name
of the LORD: * for he spake
the word, and they were
made; he commanded, and
they were created.

6 He hath made them fast
for ever and ever: * he hath
given them a law which
shall not be broken.

7 Praise the LORD from the
earth, * ye dragons and all
deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and
vapours, * wind and storm,
fulfilling his word;

9 Mountains and all hills; *

fruitful trees and all cedars;

10 Beasts and all cattle; *
creeping things and flying
fowls;

11 Kings of the earth, and
all peoples; * princes, and
all judges of the world;

12 Young men and
maidens, old men and
children, praise the Name of
the LORD: * for his Name
only is excellent, and his
praise above heaven and
earth.

13 He shall exalt the horn of
his people: all his saints
shall praise him; * even the
children of Israel, even the
people that serveth him.

Psalm 149.

O SING unto the LORD a
new song; * let the
congregation of saints
praise him.

2 Let Israel rejoice in him
that made him, * and let the
children of Sion be joyful in
their King.

3 Let them praise his Name
in the dance: * let them sing
praises unto him with tabret
and harp.

4 For the LORD hath
pleasure in his people, * and
helpeth the meek-hearted.

5 Let the saints be joyful
with glory; * let them
rejoice in their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be
in their mouth; * and a two-
edged sword in their hands;

7 To be avenged of the
nations, * and to rebuke the
peoples;

8 To bind their kings in
chains, * and their nobles
with links of iron;

9 To execute judgment
upon them; as it is written,
* Such honour have all his
saints.

Psalm 150.

O PRAISE God in his
sanctuary: * praise him in
the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him in his noble
acts: * praise him according
to his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him in the sound of
the trumpet: * praise him
upon the lute and harp.

4 Praise him in the timbrels
and dances: * praise him
upon the strings and pipe.

5 Praise him upon the well-
tuned cymbals: * praise him
upon the loud cymbals.

6 Let every thing that hath
breath * praise the LORD.

SELECTED HYMNS.

At Night.

BEFORE the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That with thy wonted favour thou
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
From nightly fears and fantasies;
Tread underfoot our ghostly foe,
That no pollution we may know.

O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
Doth live and reign eternally.

—*9th C., tr. J. M. Neale, 1852. LM.*

For Inner Peace.

DEAR Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise—
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow thee—
Rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity
Interpreted by love—
Interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness
Till all our strivings cease:
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace—
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm—
O still, small voice of calm.

—*J. G. Whittier, 1872. 86.88.66.*

Of the Holy Eucharist.

ONCE, only once, and once for all,
His precious life he gave;
Before the Cross in faith we fall,
And own it strong to save.

“One off’ring, single and complete,”
With lips and hearts we say;
But what he never can repeat
He shows forth day by day.

For as the priest of Aaron's line
Within the holiest stood,
And sprinkled all the mercy-shrine
With sacrificial blood;

So he, who once atonement wrought,
Our Priest of endless pow'r,
Presents himself for those he bought
In that dark noontide hour.

His Manhood pleads where now it lives
On heav'n's eternal throne,
And where in mystic rite he gives
Its presence to his own.

And so we show thy death, O Lord,
Till thou again appear,
And feel, when we approach thy board,
We have an altar here.

—*William Bright, 1866. CM.*

Of Death.

ABIDE with me: fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away,
Change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless:
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes:
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee:
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

—*H. F. Lyte, 1847. 10.10.10.10*