

# The Prayer Book Office

*A form of the Daily Office for use in the Rivendell Community*

Morning and Evening Prayer

## Week Four

*Week Four is used for the weeks of the following Sundays:*

<b>4 Advent</b> (Sunday-Wednesday)	<b>Proper 5</b> (Sunday closest to June 8)
<b>4 Epiphany</b>	<b>Proper 12</b> (Sunday closest to July 27)
<b>2 Lent</b>	<b>Proper 19</b> (Sunday closest to September 14)
<b>5 Easter</b>	<b>Proper 26</b> (Sunday closest to November 2)

This form of the Daily Office is arranged for convenient recitation, both by those who pray the Office regularly and by those who are less familiar with it. By including the Psalms and Canticles in the text for each day, it avoids the need to announce page numbers, mark pages and flip from section to section of the prayer book.

Though it follows the *Book of Common Prayer 1979* closely, it has the following features:

It includes the antiphons on the Psalms and Canticles from the *Prayer Book Office* (compiled and edited by Howard Galley, Seabury, 1980), which was originally the form of the Office used by the Rivendell Community, but is no longer in print. In a few cases it supplies an additional seasonal antiphon; in particular, it includes the psalms traditionally associated with Christ's Passion in the regular cycle, rather than omitting them during Eastertide, with an antiphon that sets them in a post-Resurrection context.

It incorporates additional Canticles from *Enriching Our Worship I* and *Celebrating Common Prayer* (an English Franciscan version of the Office) for variety within the recommended cycle of canticles in the *Book of Common Prayer*.

While including the great majority of the Psalter, generally following the Daily Office Lectionary's seven-week cycle, it is selective in using psalms well suited for liturgical worship and personal devotion. In particular, the selection reflects the Community's sense that, while we appreciate the traditional understandings of the imprecatory psalms which have informed Christians who pray the entire Psalter, they are not very well suited for our prayer in the early 21<sup>st</sup> century American context, where the religions of Abraham's children are often misused to justify hatred and violence.

*Notes for use:*

The seven-week cycle of psalms and canticles is usable throughout the year, except for late Advent, Christmastide, Holy Week and Easter Week, and major Feasts. The special seasonal canticles noted for Advent, Lent and Eastertide are included at the back.

The Hallelujah psalms are used during Lent by omitting the word; this is indicated by putting it in brackets: [Hallelujah]. Since it is part of the original psalm, it should not be omitted at other times. The additional Hallelujahs and Alleluias which adorn Eastertide are generally noted in the form [ES: Alleluia].

*The Rivendell Community, 2006*

# Sunday, Week Four

## Morning Prayer

### The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

*Except in Lent:* Alleluia.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: *Come let us adore him.*

*In Advent*

Our King and Savior now draws near: Come let us adore him.

*In Lent*

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

*In Eastertide, the Pascha Nostrum may be used in place of the Invitatory, today and on subsequent weekdays*

### **Jubilate** *Psalms 100*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

### The Psalms

**24** *Domini est terra*

*Antiphon*

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it; the world and all who dwell therein.+

*Advent* Blow the trumpet in Zion, for the day of the Lord is near at hand. Behold, he comes to save us,  
hallelujah.

*Lent* Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? Those who have clean hands and a pure heart. 3

*Easter* He who came down from heaven has ascended far above all heavens. He is the King of glory,  
hallelujah.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, \*  
the world and all who dwell therein.

+ For it is he who founded it upon the seas \*  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

"Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? \*  
and who can stand in his holy place?"

"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, \*  
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.

They shall receive a blessing from the Lord \*  
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

Such is the generation of those who seek him, \*  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

"Who is this King of glory?" \*  
"The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle."

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

"Who is he, this King of glory?"  
"The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."

## 29 *Afferte Domino*

### *Antiphon*

Worship the Lord in his holy temple.

*Advent* There shall come forth a branch from the root of Jesse, and all the earth shall be filled with his glory,  
hallelujah.

*Lent* The Lord shall give strength to his people.

*Easter* The Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore, hallelujah.

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \*  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

*Silence may be kept after each Reading. A Canticle is sung or said after each Reading.*

*After the first Reading (or after second Reading in Advent and Lent):*

### **16 The Song of Zechariah**      *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

*Luke 1:68-79*

*Antiphon*

The Lord has come to his people and set them free.

*Advent*            In the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

*Lent*                God has given his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

*Easter*             The Lord, the God of Israel, has set his people free, alleluia.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

*After the second Reading:*

## Canticle 21

**We Praise You, O God** *Te Deum laudamus*

We praise you, O God,  
we acclaim you as Lord;  
all creation worships you,  
the Father everlasting.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:  
Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you took our flesh to set us free  
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come to be our judge.  
Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.

## The Prayers

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            And also with you.

*Officiant*        Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. *Amen.*

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
R. We praise your Name for ever.  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
R. For we put our trust in you.  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

*The Officiant then says*

### *The Collect of the Day*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*Here may be sung a hymn or anthem.  
Intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

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

*During Eastertide, "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added.*

# Sunday Evening Prayer

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.

*People* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

*Except in Lent:* Alleluia.

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

**O Gracious Light** *Phos hilaron*

O gracious Light,

pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,

O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,

and our eyes behold the vesper light,

we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,

O Son of God, O Giver of life,

and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## The Psalms

8 *Domine, Dominus noster*

*Antiphon*

How exalted is your Name, O Lord, in all the world.

*Advent* The Lord is at hand; go out to meet him and say: Great is his dominion, and of his kingdom there shall be no end: The mighty God, the Ruler, the Prince of peace, hallelujah.

*Lent* God has put all things under his feet, and made him the head of the Church, which is his body.

*Easter* We see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honor, hallelujah.

O Lord our Ruler, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Out of the mouths of infants and children \*  
your majesty is praised above the heavens.

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \*  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \*  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

What is man that you should be mindful of him? \*  
the son of man that you should seek him out?

You have made him but little lower than the angels; \*  
you adorn him with glory and honor;  
You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*  
you put all things under his feet:  
All sheep and oxen, \*  
even the wild beasts of the field,  
The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.  
O Lord our Ruler, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

## 84 *Quam dilecta!*

*Antiphon*

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!+

*Advent* Behold, the Desire of every nation shall come; and the house of the Lord shall be filled with  
glory, hallelujah!

*Lent* Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of your Anointed.

*Easter* My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God, hallelujah.

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For the Lord God is both sun and shield; \*  
he will give grace and glory;

No good thing will the Lord withhold \*  
from those who walk with integrity.

O Lord of hosts, \*  
happy are they who put their trust in you!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

### **The Song of Mary** *Magnificat*

*Luke 1:46-55*

*Antiphon*

The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

*Lent* God so greatly loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

*Easter* A new commandment I give to you: Love one another as I have loved you, says the Lord, alleluia.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

## The Prayers

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. *Amen.*

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

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

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

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and see you at last face to face,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your saints, entrusting  
one another and all our life to Christ,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects, adding a prayer for mission*

*The Collect of the Day*

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

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

*Here may be sung a hymn or anthem.  
Intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

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

*During Eastertide, "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added.*

# Monday Morning Prayer

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.  
*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

*Except in Lent:* Alleluia.

The earth is the Lord's, for he made it: *Come let us adore him.*

*In Lent*

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: *Come let us adore him.*

**Venite** *Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

## The Psalms

57 *Miserere mei, Deus*

*Antiphon*

Awake, lute and harp; I myself will waken the dawn.

*Easter* Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God; hallelujah.

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful, for I have taken refuge in you; \*  
in the shadow of your wings will I take refuge until this time of trouble has gone by.

I will call upon the Most High God, \*  
the God who maintains my cause.

Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, \*  
and your glory over all the earth.

My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; \*  
I will sing and make melody.

Wake up, my spirit; awake, lute and harp; \*  
I myself will waken the dawn.

I will confess you among the peoples, O Lord; \*  
I will sing praise to you among the nations.

For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, \*  
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, \*  
and your glory over all the earth.

## 67 *Deus misereatur*

### *Antiphon*

The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious to us.

*Lent* Let your ways be known upon earth, O Lord; your saving health among all nations.

*Easter* Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you, hallelujah.

May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Lessons

*Silence may be kept after each Reading. A Canticle is sung or said after each Reading.*

*After the first Reading:*

## 9 The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce, Deus*

*Isaiah 12:2-6*

*Antiphon*

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things.

*Advent* I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation.

*Lent* You have turned your anger away, O Lord, and have comforted me.

*Easter* You shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation, hallelujah.

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, \*

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*After the second Reading:*

## Canticle L **A Song of Christ's Humility**

*Philippians 2:6-11*

*Antiphon*

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow. (*ES Alleluia*)

Though in the form of God, \*

Christ Jesus did not cling to equality with God,

But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, \*  
and was born in human likeness.

Being found in human form, he humbled himself \*  
and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.

Therefore, God has highly exalted him \*

and given him the name above every name,

That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, \*

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, \*

to the glory of God the Father.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People together*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

## The Prayers

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            And also with you.

*Officiant*        Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. *Amen.*

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
R. We praise your Name for ever.  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
R. For we put our trust in you.  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects, adding a prayer for mission*

*The Collect of the Day*

*A Collect for the Renewal of Life*

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Here may be sung a hymn or anthem.*

*Intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

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

*During Eastertide, "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added.*

## Monday Evening Prayer

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. *Psalm 141:2*

*The following Confession of Sin may then be said; or the Office may continue at once with "O God make speed to save us."*

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together*

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

*The Priest alone says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through

Our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of

of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

*A deacon or lay person using the preceding form substitutes "us" for "you" and "our" for "your."*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant*        O God, make speed to save us.

*People*            O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

*Except in Lent: Alleluia.*

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

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!  
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## The Psalm

### 65 *Te decet hymnus*

#### *Antiphon*

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation.

*Easter* You visit the earth and water it abundantly, hallelujah.

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; \*  
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, \*  
because of their transgressions.

Our sins are stronger than we are, \*  
but you will blot them out.

Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! \*  
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, \*  
O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.

You make fast the mountains by your power; \*  
they are girded about with might.

You still the roaring of the seas, \*  
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; \*  
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; \*  
the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, \*  
for so you provide for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

You crown the year with your goodness, \*  
and your paths overflow with plenty.

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*  
and the hills be clothed with joy.

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,  
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \*  
let them shout for joy and sing.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lesson

*Silence may be kept after each Reading.*

### The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

*Luke 1:46-55*

*Antiphon*

God has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.

*Easter* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

## The Prayers

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. *Amen.*

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. And grant us your salvation.  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. Let your people sing with joy.  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. For only in you can we live in safety.  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. Your saving health among all nations.  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects, adding a prayer for mission*

*The Collect of the Day*

*A Collect for Peace*

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. *Amen.*

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

*Here may be sung a hymn or anthem.  
Intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

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

*During Eastertide, "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added.*

# Tuesday

## Morning Prayer

### The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.  
*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*  
*Except in Lent: Alleluia.*

### **Psalm 63:1-8** *Deus, Deus meus*

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.  
Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.  
For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.  
So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.  
My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,  
When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.  
For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.  
My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.

### **The Psalms**

**61** *Exaudi, Deus*

*Antiphon*

You, O Lord, have been my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy.  
*Easter* Let the King sit enthroned before God for ever, hallelujah.

Hear my cry, O God, \*  
and listen to my prayer.

I call upon you from the ends of the earth with heaviness in my heart; \*  
set me upon the rock that is higher than I.

For you have been my refuge, \*  
a strong tower against the enemy.

I will dwell in your house for ever; \*  
I will take refuge under the cover of your wings.

For you, O God, have heard my vows; \*  
you have granted me the heritage of those who fear your Name.

Add length of days to the king's life; \*  
let his years extend over many generations.

Let him sit enthroned before God for ever; \*  
bid love and faithfulness watch over him.

So will I always sing the praise of your Name, \*  
and day by day I will fulfill my vows.

## 62 *Nonne Deo?*

### *Antiphon*

We await our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our Savior.

*Easter* Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in me, hallelujah.

For God alone my soul in silence waits; \*  
from him comes my salvation.

He alone is my rock and my salvation, \*  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.

For God alone my soul in silence waits; \*  
truly, my hope is in him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation, \*  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

In God is my safety and my honor; \*  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

Put your trust in him always, O people, \*  
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, \*  
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

On the scales they are lighter than a breath, \*  
all of them together.

Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; \*  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, \*  
that power belongs to God.

Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, \*  
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

*Silence may be kept after each Reading. A Canticle is sung or said after each Reading.*

*After the first Reading:*

### **13 A Song of Praise**      *Benedictus es, Domine*

*Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34*

*Antiphon*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you. +

*Advent* Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the Cherubim; stir up your strength and come to help us.

*Lent* O Lord of hosts, enthroned upon the Cherubim, look with pity upon your servants.

*Easter* From him and through him and to him are all things; to him be glory for ever, alleluia.

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*

you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

+ Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*

on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*

in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

*After the second Reading:*

### **Canticle M A Song of Faith**

*1 Peter 1:3-4,18-21*

*Antiphon*

God raised Jesus from the dead, the Lamb without spot or stain. [ES: Alleluia.]

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, \*

by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;

Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, \*

we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.

The ransom that was paid to free us \*

was not paid in silver or gold,

But in the precious blood of Christ, \*

the Lamb without spot or stain.

God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory \*

so that we might have faith and hope in God.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

## The Prayers

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*         And also with you.

*Officiant*        Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. *Amen.*

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
R. We praise your Name for ever.  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
R. For we put our trust in you.  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects*

*The Collect of the Day*

*A Collect for Peace*

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

*Here may be sung a hymn or anthem.*

*Intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

*During Eastertide, "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added.*

## Tuesday Evening Prayer

### The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.

*People* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

*Except in Lent:* Alleluia.

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

**O Gracious Light** *Phos hilaron*

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!  
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

### The Psalm

68 *Exsurgat Deus*

*Antiphon*

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

*Easter* He is the God of our salvation, the Lord, by whom we escape death, hallelujah.

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
let those who hate him flee before him.

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
let them also be merry and joyful.

Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*  
Yahweh is his Name, rejoice before him!

Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
God in his holy habitation!

God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; \*  
but the rebels shall live in dry places.

O God, when you went forth before your people, \*  
when you marched through the wilderness,

The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \*  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \*  
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

Your people found their home in it; \*  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

The Lord gave the word; \*  
great was the company of women who bore the tidings:

“Kings with their armies are fleeing away; \*  
the women at home are dividing the spoils.”

Though you lingered among the sheepfolds, \*  
you shall be like a dove whose wings are covered with silver,  
whose feathers are like green gold.

When the Almighty scattered kings, \*  
it was like snow falling in Zalmon.

O mighty mountain, O hill of Bashan! \*  
O rugged mountain, O hill of Bashan!

Why do you look with envy, O rugged mountain,  
at the hill which God chose for his resting place? \*  
truly, the Lord will dwell there for ever.

The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of thousands; \*  
the Lord comes in holiness from Sinai.

You have gone up on high and led captivity captive;  
you have received gifts even from your enemies, \*  
that the Lord God might dwell among them.

Blessed be the Lord day by day, \*  
the God of our salvation, who bears our burdens.

He is our God, the God of our salvation; \*  
God is the Lord, by whom we escape death.

They see your procession, O God, \*  
your procession into the sanctuary, my God and my King.

The singers go before, musicians follow after, \*  
in the midst of maidens playing upon the hand-drums.

Bless God in the congregation; \*  
bless the Lord, you that are of the fountain of Israel.

There is Benjamin, least of the tribes, at the head; the princes of Judah in a company; \*  
and the princes of Zebulun and Naphtali.

Send forth your strength, O God; \*  
establish, O God, what you have wrought for us.

Kings shall bring gifts to you, \*  
for your temple's sake at Jerusalem.

Let tribute be brought out of Egypt; \*  
let Ethiopia stretch out her hands to God.

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
sing praises to the Lord.

He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God; \*  
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lesson

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

### **The Song of Mary**      *Magnificat*

*Luke 1:46-55*

*Antiphon*

My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

*Advent*      Drop down, you heavens, from above; and let the skies pour down righteousness; let  
the earth open, and let it bring forth salvation.

*Easter*      Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

## The Prayers

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            And also with you.

*Officiant*        Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. *Amen.*

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and see you at last face to face,

*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

*We entreat you, O Lord.*

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects, adding a prayer for mission*

*The Collect of the Day*

*A Collect for Aid against Perils*

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.  
*Amen.*

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

*Here may be sung a hymn or anthem.*

*Intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

*Then may be said*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

*During Eastertide, "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added.*

# Wednesday Morning Prayer

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.  
*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

*Except in Lent:* Alleluia.

The earth is the Lord's, for he made it: Come let us adore him.

*In Advent*

Our King and Savior now draws near: Come let us adore him.

*In Lent*

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

## **Venite** *Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

## The Psalm

72 *Deus, iudicium*

*Antiphon*

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor, and shall redeem their lives from oppression.

*Easter* All the peoples of the earth will be blessed in him, hallelujah.

Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;  
That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;  
That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.

He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

He shall rule from sea to sea, \*  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \*  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
and all the nations do him service.

For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*  
and the oppressed who has no helper.

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

Long may he live! and may there be given to him gold from Arabia; \*  
may prayer be made for him always, and may they bless him all the day long.

May there be abundance of grain on the earth, growing thick even on the hilltops; \*  
may its fruit flourish like Lebanon, and its grain like grass upon the earth.

May his Name remain for ever and be established as long as the sun endures; \*  
may all the nations bless themselves in him and call him blessed.

Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, \*  
who alone does wondrous deeds!

And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

*Silence may be kept after each Reading. A Canticle is sung or said after each Reading.*

*After the first Reading:*

**11 The Third Song of Isaiah** *Surge, illuminare*

*Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19*

*Antiphon*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you. +

*Lent* The Lord will comfort Zion, and will again choose Jerusalem.

*Easter* The glory of God is the light of the city, and its lamp is the Lamb, hallelujah.

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.  
+ For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.  
But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
and his glory will appear upon you.  
Nations will stream to your light, \*  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.  
Your gates will always be open; \*  
by day or night they will never be shut.  
They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  
Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.  
You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
and all your portals, Praise.  
The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.  
The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
and your God will be your glory.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

*After the second Reading:*

**16 The Song of Zechariah** *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

*Luke 1:68-79*

*Antiphon*

The Lord has come to his people and set them free.

*Lent* God has given his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

*Easter* The Lord, the God of Israel, has set his people free, alleluia.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

## The Prayers

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          And also with you.

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. *Amen.*

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your Name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects, adding a prayer for mission*

*The Collect of the Day*

*A Collect for Grace*

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

*Here may be sung a hymn or anthem.*

*Intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

*During Eastertide, "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added.*

## Wednesday Evening Prayer

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.  
*Psalm 96:9*

*The following Confession of Sin may then be said; or the Office may continue at once with "O God make speed to save us."*

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together*

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

*The Priest alone says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

*A deacon or lay person using the preceding form substitutes "us" for "you" and "our" for "your."*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant*            O God, make speed to save us.

*People*              O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

*Except in Lent: Alleluia.*

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

**O Gracious Light** *Phos hilaron*

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!  
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## The Psalm

### 119 Part IV

*Antiphon*

I have put my hope in your word. [ES: Hallelujah]

My soul has longed for your salvation; \*  
I have put my hope in your word.

My eyes have failed from watching for your promise, \*  
and I say, "When will you comfort me?"

I have become like a leather flask in the smoke, \*  
but I have not forgotten your statutes.

In your loving-kindness, revive me, \*  
that I may keep the decrees of your mouth.

Truly, I love your commandments \*  
more than gold and precious stones.

I hold all your commandments to be right for me; \*  
all paths of falsehood I abhor.

O Lord, your word is everlasting; \*  
it stands firm in the heavens.

Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another; \*  
you established the earth, and it abides.

By your decree these continue to this day, \*  
for all things are your servants.

If my delight had not been in your law, \*  
I should have perished in my affliction.

I will never forget your commandments, \*  
because by them you give me life.

I am yours; oh, that you would save me! \*  
for I study your commandments.

Though wickedness lies in wait for me to destroy me, \*  
I will apply my mind to your decrees.

I see that all things come to an end, \*  
but your commandment has no bounds.  
Oh, how I love your law! \*  
all the day long it is in my mind.  
Your commandment has made me wise, \*  
and it is always with me.  
I have more understanding than all my teachers, \*  
for your decrees are my study.  
I am wiser than the elders, \*  
because I observe your commandments.  
I restrain my feet from every evil way, \*  
that I may keep your word.  
I do not shrink from your judgments, \*  
because you yourself have taught me.  
How sweet are your words to my taste! \*  
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.  
Through your commandments I gain understanding; \*  
therefore I hate every lying way.  
Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.  
I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.  
I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.  
Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.  
My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.  
Wickedness has set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.  
Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.  
I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

*Silence may be kept after each Reading.*

### **The Song of Mary**

*Magnificat*

*Luke 1:46-55*

*Antiphon*

The Lord has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy.

*Easter* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

## The Prayers

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. *Amen.*

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. And grant us your salvation.  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. Let your people sing with joy.  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. For only in you can we live in safety.  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. Your saving health among all nations.  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects, adding the prayer for mission.*

*The Collect of the Day*

*A Collect for Protection*

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

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

*Here may be sung a hymn or anthem.  
Intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

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

*During Eastertide, "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added.*

# Thursday Morning Prayer

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

*Except in Lent:* Alleluia.

**Psalm 67:1-5** *Deus misereatur*

O God, be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of your countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.

## The Psalm

**71** *In te, Domine, speravi*

*Antiphon*

You are my hope, O Lord God; my confidence since I was young.

*Easter* You restore my life, O Lord; hallelujah.

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; \*  
let me never be ashamed.

In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; \*  
incline your ear to me and save me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; \*  
you are my crag and my stronghold.

For you are my hope, O Lord God, \*  
my confidence since I was young.

I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;  
from my mother's womb you have been my strength; \*  
my praise shall be always of you.

I have become a portent to many; \*  
but you are my refuge and my strength.

Let my mouth be full of your praise \*  
and your glory all the day long.

Do not cast me off in my old age; \*  
forsake me not when my strength fails.

O God, be not far from me; \*  
come quickly to help me, O my God.

But I shall always wait in patience, \*  
and shall praise you more and more.

My mouth shall recount your mighty acts and saving deeds all day long; \*  
though I cannot know the number of them.

I will begin with the mighty works of the Lord God \*  
I will recall your righteousness, yours alone.

O God, you have taught me since I was young, \*  
and to this day I tell of your wonderful works.

And now that I am old and gray-headed, O God, do not forsake me, \*  
till I make known your strength to this generation and your power to all who are to come.

Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the heavens; \*  
you have done great things; who is like you, O God?

You have showed me great troubles and adversities, \*  
but you will restore my life and bring me up again from the deep places of the earth.

You strengthen me more and more;  
you enfold and comfort me,

Therefore I will praise you upon the lyre for your faithfulness, O my God; \*  
I will sing to you with the harp, O Holy One of Israel.

My lips will sing with joy when I play to you, \*  
and so will my soul, which you have redeemed. Amen. Amen.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

*Silence may be kept after each Reading. A Canticle is sung or said after each Reading.*

*After the first Reading:*

### Canticle J: A Song of Judith

*Judith 16:13-16*

*Antiphon*

You sent forth your Spirit, O God, and you continue to show mercy to all. [ES: Hallelujah]

I will sing a new song to my God, \*  
for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.

Let the whole creation serve you, \*  
for you spoke and all things came into being.  
You sent your breath and it formed them, \*  
no one is able to resist your voice.  
Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, \*  
rocks melt like wax at your presence.  
But to those who fear you, \*  
you continue to show mercy.  
No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, \*  
but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

*After the second Reading:*

*[Advent and Lent: Canticle 19]*

## **20 Glory to God** *Gloria in excelsis*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

## The Prayers

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            And also with you.

*Officiant*        Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. *Amen.*

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your Name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
R. For we put our trust in you.  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects*

*The Collect of the Day*

*A Collect for Guidance*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*Here may be sung a hymn or anthem.  
Intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

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

*During Eastertide, "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added.*

## Thursday Evening Prayer

### The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.

*People* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

*Except in Lent: Alleluia.*

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

#### **O Gracious Light** *Phos hilaron*

O gracious Light,

pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,

O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,

and our eyes behold the vesper light,

we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,

O Son of God, O Giver of life,

and to be glorified through all the worlds.

### The Psalm

**74** *Ut quid, Deus?*

*Antiphon*

Remember your congregation, O Lord, that you purchased long ago.

*Easter* The Lord will rebuild Jerusalem, hallelujah.

O God, why have you utterly cast us off? \*

why is your wrath so hot against the sheep of your pasture?

Remember your congregation that you purchased long ago, \*

the tribe you redeemed to be your inheritance, and Mount Zion where you dwell.

Turn your steps toward the endless ruins; \*

the enemy has laid waste everything in your sanctuary.

Your adversaries roared in your holy place; \*

they set up their banners as tokens of victory.

They were like men coming up with axes to a grove of trees; \*

they broke down all your carved work with hatchets and hammers.

They set fire to your holy place; \*

they defiled the dwelling-place of your Name and razed it to the ground.

They said to themselves, "Let us destroy them altogether." \*  
They burned down all the meeting-places of God in the land.

There are no signs for us to see; there is no prophet left; \*  
there is not one among us who knows how long.

How long, O God, will the adversary scoff? \*  
will the enemy blaspheme your Name for ever?

Why do you draw back your hand? \*  
why is your right hand hidden in your bosom?

Yet God is my King from ancient times, \*  
victorious in the midst of the earth.

You divided the sea by your might \*  
and shattered the heads of the dragons upon the waters;

You crushed the heads of Leviathan \*  
and gave him to the people of the desert for food.

You split open spring and torrent; \*  
you dried up ever-flowing rivers.

Yours is the day, yours also the night; \*  
you established the moon and the sun.

You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; \*  
you made both summer and winter.

Remember, O Lord, how the enemy scoffed, \*  
how a foolish people despised your Name.

Do not hand over the life of your dove to wild beasts; \*  
never forget the lives of your poor.

Look upon your covenant; \*  
the dark places of the earth are haunts of violence.

Let not the oppressed turn away ashamed; \*  
let the poor and needy praise your Name.

Arise, O God, maintain your cause; \*  
remember how fools revile you all day long.

Forget not the clamor of your adversaries, \*  
the unending tumult of those who rise up against you.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lesson

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## A Song of Divine Love

*I Corinthians 13:4-13*

*Antiphon*

Love bears all things and will never come to an end. (ES Alleluia)

Love is patient and kind,\*  
love is not jealous or boastful,  
it is not arrogant or rude.  
Love does not insist on its own way,\*  
it is not angry or resentful.  
It does not rejoice in wrongdoing\*  
but rejoices in the truth.  
Love bears all things and believes all things;\*  
love hopes all things and endures all things.  
Love will never come to an end,\*  
but prophecy will vanish,  
tongues cease and knowledge pass away.  
Now we know only in part\*  
and we prophesy only in part,  
But when the perfect comes,\*  
the imperfect shall pass away.  
When I was a child, I spoke like a child,\*  
I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child.  
But when I became mature,\*  
I put an end to childish ways.  
For now we see only puzzling reflections in a mirror,\*  
but then we will see face to face.  
Then I shall understand fully,\*  
even as I have been fully understood.  
There are three things that last forever,  
faith, hope and love,\*  
but the greatest of these is love.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

## The Prayers

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            And also with you.

*Officiant*        Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. *Amen.*

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

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

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

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and see you at last face to face,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

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

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects, adding a prayer for mission*

### *The Collect of the Day*

#### *A Collect for the Presence of Christ*

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

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

*Here may be sung a hymn or anthem.  
Intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

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

*During Eastertide, "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added.*

# Friday Morning Prayer

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.  
*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*  
*Except in Lent: Alleluia.*

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: *Come let us adore him.*  
*Lent* The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. *Come let us adore him.*

**Venite** *Psalms 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

## The Psalm

**69** *Salvum me fac*

*Antiphon*

Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.  
*Easter:* Every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father, alleluia.

Save me, O God, \*  
for the waters have risen up to my neck.

I am sinking in deep mire, \*  
and there is no firm ground for my feet.

I have come into deep waters, \*  
and the torrent washes over me.

I have grown weary with my crying; my throat is inflamed; \*  
my eyes have failed from looking for my God.

O God, you know my foolishness, \*  
and my faults are not hidden from you.

Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me, Lord God of hosts; \*  
let not those who seek you be disgraced because of me, O God of Israel.

Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, \*  
and shame has covered my face.

I have become a stranger to my own kindred, \*  
an alien to my mother's children.

Zeal for your house has eaten me up; \*  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

I humbled myself with fasting, \*  
but that was turned to my reproach.

I put on sack-cloth also, \*  
and became a byword among them.

Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, \*  
and the drunkards make songs about me.

But as for me, this is my prayer to you, \*  
at the time you have set, O Lord:

"In your great mercy, O God, \*  
answer me with your unfailing help.

Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; \*  
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.

Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up; \*  
do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.

Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; \*  
in your great compassion, turn to me.'

"Hide not your face from your servant; \*  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

Reproach has broken my heart, and it cannot be healed; \*  
I looked for sympathy, but there was none, for comforters, but I could find no one.

They gave me gall to eat, \*  
and when I was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink.

I am afflicted and in pain; \*  
your help, O God, will lift me up on high.

I will praise the Name of God in song; \*  
I will proclaim his greatness with thanksgiving.

This will please the Lord more than an offering of oxen, \*  
more than bullocks with horns and hoofs.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

*Silence may be kept after each Reading. A Canticle is sung or said after each Reading.*

*After the first Reading:*

### 10 The Second Song of Isaiah *Quaerite Dominum*

*Isaiah 55:6-11*

*Antiphon*

Let us turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion; and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

*Easter:* Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the water, alleluia.

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \*  
call upon him when he draws near.  
+ Let the wicked forsake their ways \*  
and the evil ones their thoughts;  
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \*  
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \*  
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \*  
so are my ways higher than your ways,  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \*  
and return not again, but water the earth,  
Bringing forth life and giving growth, \*  
seed for sowing and bread for eating,  
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \*  
it will not return to me empty;  
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \*  
and prosper in that for which I sent it.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

*After the second Reading:*

### A Song of God's Children

*Romans 8*

*Antiphon*

The Spirit of the Father, who raised Christ Jesus from the dead, gives life to the people of God! [ES: Alleluia]

In Christ Jesus, the life-giving law of the Spirit\*  
has set us free from the law of sin and death.  
All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God;\*  
it is the Spirit that enables us to cry, "Abba! Father!"  
The Spirit itself bears witness that we are God's children;\*  
and if God's children, then heirs of God.  
We are heirs of God and fellow-heirs with Christ;\*  
if we share his sufferings now we shall be glorified with him hereafter.  
These sufferings that we now endure\*  
are not worth comparing with the glory that shall be revealed.  
For the creation waits with eager longing\*  
for the revealing of the children of God.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

## The Prayers

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            And also with you.  
*Officiant*        Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. *Amen.*

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
R. We praise your Name for ever.  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
R. For we put our trust in you.  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects*

*The Collect of the Day*

*A Collect for Fridays*

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 Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

*Here may be sung a hymn or anthem.  
Intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

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

*During Eastertide, "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added.*

## Friday Evening Prayer

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. *Psalm 139:10, 11*

*The following Confession of Sin may then be said; or the Office may continue at once with "O God make speed to save us."*

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together*

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

*The Priest alone says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

*A deacon or lay person using the preceding form substitutes "us" for "you" and "our" for "your."*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.

*People* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

*Except in Lent: Alleluia.*

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

**O Gracious Light** *Phos hilaron*

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!  
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## The Psalm

73 *Quam bonus Israel!*

*Antiphon*

You will guide me by your counsel, and afterwards receive me with glory. [ES: Hallelujah]

Truly, God is good to Israel, \*  
to those who are pure in heart.  
But as for me, my feet had nearly slipped; \*  
I had almost tripped and fallen;  
Because I envied the proud \*  
and saw the prosperity of the wicked:  
For they suffer no pain, \*  
and their bodies are sleek and sound;  
In the misfortunes of others they have no share; \*  
they are not afflicted as others are;  
Therefore they wear their pride like a necklace \*  
and wrap their violence about them like a cloak.  
Their iniquity comes from gross minds, \*  
and their hearts overflow with wicked thoughts.  
They scoff and speak maliciously; \*  
out of their haughtiness they plan oppression.  
They set their mouths against the heavens, \*  
and their evil speech runs through the world.  
And so the people turn to them \*  
and find in them no fault.  
They say, "How should God know? \*  
is there knowledge in the Most High?"  
So then, these are the wicked; \*  
always at ease, they increase their wealth.

In vain have I kept my heart clean, \*  
and washed my hands in innocence.  
I have been afflicted all day long, \*  
and punished every morning.  
Had I gone on speaking this way, \*  
I should have betrayed the generation of your children.  
When I tried to understand these things, \*  
it was too hard for me;  
Until I entered the sanctuary of God \*  
and discerned the end of the wicked.  
Oh, how suddenly do they come to destruction, \*  
come to an end, and perish from terror!  
Like a dream when one awakens, O Lord, \*  
when you arise you will make their image vanish.  
When my mind became embittered, \*  
I was sorely wounded in my heart.  
I was stupid and had no understanding; \*  
I was like a brute beast in your presence.  
Yet I am always with you; \*  
you hold me by my right hand.  
You will guide me by your counsel, \*  
and afterwards receive me with glory.  
Whom have I in heaven but you? \*  
and having you I desire nothing upon earth.  
Though my flesh and my heart should waste away, \*  
God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.  
It is good for me to be near God; \*  
I have made the Lord God my refuge.  
I will speak of all your works \*  
in the gates of the city of Zion.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

*Silence may be kept after each Reading.*

### **The Song of Mary**      *Magnificat*

*Luke 1:46-55*

*Antiphon*

My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

*Easter* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant

From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

## The Prayers

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            And also with you.  
*Officiant*        Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*  
Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. *Amen.*

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. And grant us your salvation.  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. For only in you can we live in safety.  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. Your saving health among all nations.  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects, adding the prayer for mission*

*The Collect of the Day*

*A Collect for Fridays*

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

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

*Here may be sung a hymn or anthem.  
Intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

*Then may be said  
Let us bless the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.*

*During Eastertide, "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added.*

# Saturday Morning Prayer

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant*        Lord, open our lips.  
*People*            And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*  
*Except in Lent: Alleluia.*

The earth is the Lord's, for he made it: Come let us adore him.  
*In Lent*

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

## **Jubilate**        *Psalm 100*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

## The Psalms

75 *Confitebimur tibi*

*Antiphon*

God does not judge by what the eyes see, but in truth and equity. (ES Hallelujah)

We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks, \*  
calling upon your Name and declaring all your wonderful deeds.

"I will appoint a time," says God; \*  
"I will judge with equity.

Though the earth and all its inhabitants are quaking, \*  
I will make its pillars fast.

I will say to the boasters, 'Boast no more,' \*  
and to the wicked, 'Do not toss your horns;

Do not toss your horns so high, \*  
nor speak with a proud neck.'"

For judgment is neither from the east nor from the west, \*  
nor yet from the wilderness or the mountains.

It is God who judges; \*  
he puts down one and lifts up another.

For in the Lord's hand there is a cup,  
full of spiced and foaming wine, which he pours out, \*  
and all the wicked of the earth shall drink and drain the dregs.

But I will rejoice for ever; \*  
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

He shall break off all the horns of the wicked; \*  
but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

## 76 *Notus in Judea*

### *Antiphon*

The earth was afraid and was still, when God rose up to judgment.

*Easter* The Name of the Lord is great in Israel, hallelujah.

In Judah is God known; \*  
his Name is great in Israel.

At Salem is his tabernacle, \*  
and his dwelling is in Zion.

There he broke the flashing arrows, \*  
the shield, the sword, and the weapons of battle.

How glorious you are! \*  
more splendid than the everlasting mountains!

The strong of heart have been despoiled; they sink into sleep; \*  
none of the warriors can lift a hand.

At your rebuke, O God of Jacob, \*  
both horse and rider lie stunned.

What terror you inspire! \*  
who can stand before you when you are angry?

From heaven you pronounced judgment; \*  
the earth was afraid and was still;

When God rose up to judgment \*  
and to save all the oppressed of the earth.

Truly, wrathful Edom will give you thanks, \*  
and the remnant of Hamath will keep your feasts.

Make a vow to the Lord your God and keep it; \*  
let all around him bring gifts to him who is worthy to be feared.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

*Silence may be kept after each Reading. A Canticle is sung or said after each Reading.*

*After the first Reading:*

**Canticle 12 A Song of Creation** *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini*  
*Song of the Three Young Men, 35-65*

*Antiphon*

God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.

*Lent* The whole creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.

*Easter* Worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the fountains of water, alleluia.

*Invocation*

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \*

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \*

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

*I The Cosmic Order*

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, \*

O heavens and all waters above the heavens.

Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, \*

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, \*

all winds and fire and heat.

Winter and summer, glorify the Lord, \*

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, \*

drops of dew and flakes of snow.

Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, \*

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, \*

O shining light and enfolding dark.

Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, \*

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

*Doxology*

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

*After the second Reading:*

**Canticle 19 The Song of the Redeemed** *Magna et mirabilia*

*Revelation 15:3-4*

*Antiphon*

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, O King of all the ages.

Lent: All nations whom you have made shall come and shall worship before you, O Lord.

Easter: The Lord is my strength and my song; the Lord has become my Savior, alleluia.

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done,\*  
surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth,\*  
O King of all the ages.  
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the Holy One.  
All nations will draw near and fall down before you,\*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,\*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

## The Prayers

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            And also with you.

*Officiant*        Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. *Amen.*

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your Name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects*

*The Collect of the Day*

*A Collect for Saturdays*

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Here may be sung a hymn or anthem.*

*Intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

*During Eastertide, "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added.*

## Saturday Evening Prayer

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." *John 8:12*

### The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.

*People* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

*Except in Lent:* Alleluia.

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

### **O Gracious Light** *Phos hilaron*

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!  
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

### The Psalms

**23** *Dominus regit me*

*Antiphon*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.+

*Lent* Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me.

*Easter* I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever, hallelujah.

The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.

+ He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## 27 *Dominus illuminatio*

### *Antiphon*

I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness.

*Lent* Hearken to my voice, O Lord; have mercy on me and answer me.

*Easter* I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living, hallelujah.

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?

Though an army should encamp against me, \*  
yet my heart shall not be afraid;

And though war should rise up against me, \*  
yet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; \*  
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 seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

You have been my helper; cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Though my father and my mother forsake me, \*  
the Lord will sustain me.

What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord \*  
in the land of the living!

O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; \*  
wait patiently for the Lord.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

**The Song of Mary**      *Magnificat*

*Luke 1:46-55*

*Antiphon*

The Lord has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy.

*Lent*      The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him.

*Easter*      I saw the Tree of Life, with its twelve kinds of fruit; and the leaves of the Tree were for the healing of the nations, alleluia.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

## The Prayers

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      And also with you.

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. *Amen.*

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

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

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

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and see you at last face to face,  
*We entreat you, O Lord.*

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

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects*

*The Collect of the Day*

*A Collect for Saturdays*

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

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

*Here may be sung a hymn or anthem.*

*Intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

*During Eastertide, "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added.*